

**EIA Screening - Stage 1  
Preliminary Examination\***

<b>Planning Ref:</b>	P8/21/006	
<b>Development Proposal:</b>	<p>The construction of a greenway as a cycle and pedestrian route along the eastern outskirts of Ballinrobe Town, in the townlands of Friarsquarter West, Cornaroya and Knockfereen.</p> <p>The proposed greenway is 909m in length and will comprise of three sections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) From the Primary Care Centre/Slí na Róba Housing Est. on the R331 to the L1611 Convent Road</li> <li>2) From the National School on Convent Road to the L16111 Cornaroya road</li> <li>3) From Cornaroya Road to the L16173 Station Road</li> </ol> <p>The proposal includes; pavement construction, fencing, boundary treatments, and erection of Footbridge over the Bulkan River. The area of the site is 0.53ha.</p>	
<b>Introduction</b>		
Is the proposed development listed under Schedule 5-Development for the purposes of part 10 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). <b>(If yes, Proceed to next step) (If no, an EIAR is not required)</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Development
Is the proposed development subthreshold? <b>(If Yes, proceed to next step) (If no, an EIAR is required)</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 10 hecatres

<b>Examination</b>		
What size is the development in the context of the existing environment?	Exceptional <input type="checkbox"/> Significant <input type="checkbox"/> Insignificant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>
Is the development located on, in adjoining or have the potential to impact on an environmental sensitive site or location?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>
Will the development result in the production of any significant wastes / residues or result in any emissions or pollutants or result in the use of any significant natural resources?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>
<b>Conclusion</b>		
<b>Based on a preliminary examination of the nature, size or location of the development, Mayo County Council have concluded that:</b>		
<del>There is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment</del>	<del>EIAR not required</del>	
There is significant and realistic doubt in regard to the likelihood of significant effects on the environment	Stage 2 Screening Determination required	Unvertain
	Schedule 7A information submitted	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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	<p><b>If Yes:</b> Proceed to Screening Determination (Stage 2)</p>
	<p><b>If No:</b> Request applicant in accordance with Section 172 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended) and under Article 103 (1)(b)(ii) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, (as amended) to submit the information specified and in the format of Schedule 7A of the regulations for the purposes of making a screening determination.</p>
<p>There is a real likelihood of significant effects on the environment</p>	<p>EIAR is required</p>
	<p>Request applicant in accordance with Section 172 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended) and under Article 103 (1)(b)(iii) (II) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, (as amended) to submit and EIAR and to comply with the requirements of article 105 of the regulations.</p>

As the project is not listed under Schedule 5 – Development for the purposes of part 10 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). Mayo County Council has determined that an EIAR is not required.

Signature: 

Senior Executive Planner

Date: 10/05/2021

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**EIA Screening - Stage 2  
Screening Determination**

Case Details		
<b>Planning Reference:</b>	P8/21/006	
<b>Development Summary:</b>	<p>The construction of a greenway as a cycle and pedestrian route along the eastern outskirts of Ballinrobe Town, in the townlands of Friarsquarter West, Cornaroya and Knockfereen.</p> <p>The proposed greenway is 909m in length and will comprise of three sections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) From the Primary Care Centre/Slí na Róba Housing Est. on the R331 to the L1611 Convent Road</li> <li>2) From the National School on Convent Road to the L16111 Cornaroya road</li> <li>3) From Cornaroya Road to the L16173 Station Road</li> </ol> <p>The proposal includes; pavement construction, fencing, boundary treatments, and erection of Footbridge over the Bulkan River. The area of the site is 0.53ha.</p>	
Has all information required under Schedule 7A been submitted?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>Comment</u></b> The information has been provide by the Claremorris MD
Has an AA Screening report or NIS been completed?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>Comment</u></b> AA Screening Report Carried out
Is an IED/ IPC or Waste Licence (or review of licence) required from the EPA? If YES has the EPA commented on the need for an EIAR?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>
Have any other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment carried out pursuant to other relevant Directives? – for example, SEA	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>

In relation to Schedule 7A has information been provided by the applicant in regards, to proposed development:		
1. Description of Proposed Development	Yes/ No	Comment
a. Has a description of the physical characteristics of the whole development been provided by applicant? (including demolition works, etc.)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	

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b. Has a description of the location of the proposed development with particular regard to the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected, been provided?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	No Areas Likely to be Affected
<b>2. Has a description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the proposed development been provided?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	No Areas likely to be affected by the proposed development
<b>3. A description of any likely significant effects, to the extent of the information available on such effects, of proposed developments on the environment resulting from-</b>		
a. The expected residues and emissions and the production of waste, where relevant?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	None Expected
b. The use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	Use of Natural resources for construction of project, but scale is not significant
<b>4. The compilation of the information at paragraphs 1 to 3 shall take into account, where relevant, the criteria set out in Schedule 7.</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Details Provided

**Conclusion**

	Yes/ No	Comment
Mayo County Council are satisfied that the information submitted in in accordance with Schedule 7A.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Schedule 7**

EXAMINATION	Yes/No/ Uncertain	<p><b>Briefly describe the characteristics of any likely significant effects</b> (having regard to the probability, magnitude. (Including population size affected), complexity, duration, frequency, intensity and reversibility of impact))</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures-</b> If a conclusion of no significant effects on the environment is based on specific features or measures proposed by the applicant to avoid or prevent a significant effect, these should be specified.</p>
<b>1. Characteristics of proposed development</b> (including demolition, construction, operation or decommissioning)		
a. Is the design/ scale significantly out of character with the surrounding environment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed development extends to an area of approximately 0.53 hectares. The substantive part of the overall site comprises of greenfield sites where it is proposed to provide a greenway extending from the townland of Friarsquarter West to Knockfereen.
b. (1) Will the project combined with existing and proposed projects form part of a wider scale change that could result in a cumulative effect in the environment?  (2) Is the project part of a wider large scale change that could result in cumulative effects on the environment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>  Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	None are identified.
c. Will the nature of any demolition works cause physical changes to the locality or the environment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	No demolition work is anticipated.
d. Will construction or operations use natural resources such as land, soil, water and biodiversity, materials/ minerals or energy, in particular resources which are non- renewable?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	It is anticipated to re-use natural resources where possible throughout the project to preserve the existing environment.  The proposed greenway will tie into existing footpath and roads, to minimise need for natural resources.  Nevertheless, some natural resources will be required for the construction of the greenway through greenfield locations, this will consist pavement construction material and fencing material.

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		Steel and concrete will also be required for the proposed bridge construction.
e. (1) Will the project produce any waste, such as solid waste, liquid waste, hazardous substances?  (2) Will project involve use, storage, transport handling or production of substance which would be harmful to the environment	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>  Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	Construction of the proposed greenway will result in minimal waste production. It is anticipated to re-use material where possible – which primarily consist of soil and surface material.  Any excess waste produced during the construction phase will be moved from site by a licenced contractor for recycling or disposal depending on the type of waste.
f. Will project release pollutants or lead to a risk combined of land or water from released pollutants	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	Construction of the proposed development will be subject to standard controls and construction management plans and will not result in pollution and nuisances.  During operation, the proposed Greenway will reduce air pollutant emission levels in the area through the encouraging the switch from the use of cars to the sue of bicycle and walking facilities.
g. Will there be any risk to major accidents that could affect human health or the environment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	The potential impacts are anticipated to be negligible given the nature of the proposed development.
h. (1) Will there be any risk to human health, (for example due to water contamination or air pollution?)  (2) Will the project involve the use of storage, transport handling or production of any substance which could be harmful to human health?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>  Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	Due to the nature of the proposed development, no specific risks to human health have been identified.  Positive impacts on human health are likely to arise at operational stage through the provision and use of amenity corridor.  General construction material will be used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions, safety data sheets and the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) guidance documents.

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<b>2. Location of proposed development</b>		
a. Is the proposed development located in an environmentally sensitive geographical area?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed development is located primarily in greenfield sites currently used for agriculture purposes. These lands are zoned for recreational/amenity, residential, and community services facilities.
b. (i) Would the proposed development have an effect on any of the following: abundance, availability, quality and the regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water and biodiversity) in the area?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	The impacts are anticipated to be negligible given the scale of the proposed development and the fact that the area constitutes primarily of greenfield sites.
(ii) Would the proposed development have an effect on any of the following: abundance, availability, quality and the regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water and biodiversity) underground?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	The greenway by its nature and design will not result in significant effects on natural resources in the area and underground.
(c) Will the location of the proposed development affect the absorption capacity of the natural environment paying particular attention to-		An Appropriate Screening Assessment has been conducted on the proposed greenway and concludes that the development will have no significant effects.
(i) Wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	A footbridge will be erected where the proposed development crosses over the Bulkan River. A setback area will be provided to prevent any interference with the river embankment.
(ii) Coastal zones and the marine environment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
(iii) mountain and forest areas?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
(iv) nature reserves and parks	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
(v) Is the proposed development located on, in adjoining or have a potential	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	(If yes, please specify) N/A

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<p>impact on any of the following:          → European Site (SAC/ SPA/ pSAC)          → NHA/pNHA          → Designated Nature Reserve          → Designated refuge for flora and fauna</p> <p>Place, site or feature of ecological interest, the preservation/conservation/protection of which is an objective of a development plan/LAP/ draft plan or variation of a plan</p>	<p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>(vi) Is the proposed development located on an area which has already failed to meet the environmental quality standards laid down by legislation of the European Union and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>(vii) is the proposed development located in a densely populated area?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Proposed development is located in greenfield sites.</p>
<p>(viii) Is the proposed development located in an area where other features of landscape, historic, archaeological or cultural significance could be affected?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>An Archaeology Assessment has been carried out and concludes that there is no significant impact on archaeological features. Mitigation measures will be put in place in relation to the one recorded monument which was found (RMP No MA118-032) adjacent to the proposed development.</p>
<p><b>3. Types and characteristics of potential impacts</b></p> <p>The likely significant effects on the environment of proposed development in relation to criteria set out under paragraphs 1 and 2, with regard to the impact of the project on the factors specified in paragraph (b)(i)(I) to (V) of the definition of ‘environmental impact assessment report’ in section 171A of the Act, taking into account:</p>		
<p>a. the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (for example, geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)</p>	<p>Likely <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Unlikely <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The impact is anticipated to insufficient given the scale of the proposed development at 0.53ha.</p> <p>The proposed development is 0.9km long and will be confined to a narrow corridor. Therefore, with the possible exception of the impacts within the water environment (for a pedestrian bridge over the Bulkan River), it is expected that the impacts will be insignificant.</p>

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b. the nature of the impact	Likely <input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	None anticipated, majority of works involves topsoil stripping to formation level of proposed corridor.
c. the transboundary nature of the impact	Likely <input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	All works to take place above water table level, with dust and noise mitigation measures to form part of the construction stage environmental plan. No transboundary environmental impact anticipated.
d. the intensity and complexity of the impact	Likely <input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	The impacts are anticipated to be insignificant given the scale and nature of the development.
e. the probability of the impact	Likely <input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	The probability is considered low given the nature and scale of the development.
f. the expected onset, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact	Likely <input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	The impact will primarily be during the construction stage with no long-term impacts expected.
g. the cumulation of the impact with the impact of other existing and/or development the subject of a consent for proposed development for the purposes of section 172(1A) (b) of the Act and/or development the subject of any development consent for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive by or under any other enactment	Likely <input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	There are no significant environment effects anticipated.
h. the possibility of effectively reducing the impact.	Likely <input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	There are no significant environment effects anticipated.

CONCLUSION	
No real likelihood of a significant effects on the environment. EIAR Not Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<del>Real likelihood of significant effects on the environment. EIAR Required</del>	<del><input type="checkbox"/></del>

Conclusion to be included in Planner's Report
<b>Where an EIAR is Required</b>  <del>On the basis of the information on the file, which I consider adequate in order to issue a screening determination, it is reasonable to conclude that there is a real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. An EIAR must, therefore, be submitted to Mayo County Council and must comply with the requirements of article 112 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).</del>
<b>Where an EIAR is not Required</b>  On the basis of the information on the file, which I consider adequate in order to issue a screening determination, it is reasonable to conclude that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and an environmental impact assessment report is not required.

Signature 

Senior Executive Planner

Date: 10/05 2021

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