



Mayo County Council

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination

Appropriate Assessment for Development to be undertaken by Mayo County Council under Section 179A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) of: **The Construction of 37 no. dwellings, together with all associated site development works including site access, boundaries, drainage, associated earthworks, utilities and services connections and all ancillary site works, at Lios na Circe, Saleen / Milebush, Castlebar, Co Mayo. The development will also include the construction of a temporary construction access onto the proposed development from the existing access road serving existing Lios Na Circe housing and Regional Training Center.**

Mayo County Council, appointed **AONA Environmental Consulting Ltd** to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report for the proposed development of **37no. houses and associated works as listed above**, to determine the requirement for mandatory or subthreshold EIA for the Development, per the mandatory screening criteria transposed into Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and the sub-threshold screening assessment criteria transposed into Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Mayo County Council has received and read the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report containing a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the project on the environment. and has considered its content, conclusions and recommendations set out therein.

Mayo County Council has noted that the report provides the following information:

- A description of the Project for concluding, with reference to Part 1 and Part 2 of Schedule 5 of PDR 2001, if the proposal is a 'project', and if it is:
 - of a type where the requirement for EIA is mandatory, or
 - of a type and scale that meets or exceeds a stated threshold at or above which the requirement for EIA is mandatory.
- Consideration for the requirement for the proposal / proposed development to be subject to sub-threshold EIA, including the provision of information required and as set out in Schedule 7A of PDR 2001.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report has determined that the characteristics of the proposed development are considered not significant due to the scale and nature of the proposed development, the characteristics and sensitivities of the receiving environment and design and standard proven construction measures that will be implemented as part of the construction and operational phase of the proposed development.

Mayo County Council agrees with the conclusions and recommendations as set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report. It is considered, given the scale and nature of the proposed provision of 37 No. Units at Lois Na Circe, Saleen, Castlebar, Co. Mayo and taking into account all available information, the Council can determine that an EIAR is not required for the development as it would not be likely that the development would have significant impact on the environment.

Mayo County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the Environmental Impact Assessment Report prepared by AONA Environmental Consulting Ltd makes a determination that, when considered either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, an Environmental Impact Assessment will not be required to accompany the proposal for Social Housing Development consisting of 38 no. housing units at Lios na Circe, Saleen / Milebush, Castlebar, Co Mayo.

Signed on behalf of the Competent Authority (Mayo County Council):



Director of Services – Planning and Corporate Development

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