

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS****South Dublin County Council****Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Orders****Climate Action – Active Travel**

Planning and Development Regulations, 2001(Part 8) (as amended)

**Knocklyon to Ballyboden Active and Sustainable Travel Scheme****Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, South Dublin County Council is proposing to construct an active travel route with new and improved walking facilities from Knocklyon to Ballyboden, known as the Knocklyon to Ballyboden Active and Sustainable Travel Scheme.

Having regard to EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (the EIA Directive), the guidance contained in the Department of Housing Planning Community and Local Government's "Impact Assessment Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-Threshold Development" (2003) and other guidance, Screening of the development for Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and was carried out and reported on in January 2026 by MKO, Tuam Road, Galway, H91 VW84.

The Screening has been carried out in accordance with the EIA Directive and to the relevant Annexes of that Directive, which sets out requirements for mandatory and sub-threshold EIA. The proposal is not mandatory under Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. The proposal has been assessed in accordance with the criteria for sub-threshold development to determine the potential impact on the environment of the project.

The subsequent EIA Screening Report determines that the development has been assessed under the environmental criteria outlined in Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and it does not have the potential to have significant effects to the environment.

In the case of the subject development, it can be seen on preliminary examination the small size of the development and the distance and lack of pathways to Natura 2000 sites. An EclA completed by MKO for the proposed development has outlined mitigation measures to be put in place for the construction phase which will mitigate potential impacts to surface water and ecology. With these mitigation measures in place, no significant impacts will result from the proposed development. A CEMP will be prepared by the appointed contractor, incorporating these mitigation measures.

For the reasons outlined above it is considered that no Environmental Impact Assessment Report is required for the Knocklyon to Ballyboden Active and Sustainable Travel Scheme. This conclusion is based on an objective review of the proposed development, including its characteristics, location and the likelihood of it causing significant environmental effects. The screening has followed the relevant legislation and has had regard to the relevant guidance.

  
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**Senior Planner**

**ORDER:** That South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the EIA Screening Report prepared by MKO, Tuam Road, Galway, H91 VW84, makes a determination that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report will not be required for the proposed Knocklyon to Ballyboden Active and Sustainable Travel Scheme.

  
\_\_\_\_\_**Director of Services**Date: 15/01/2026

To whom the appropriate powers have been delegated by order number **DELG 2825** of the Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council