

Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment Determination

Under Article 8 (14A) (3) Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (SI No 436 of 2004), as amended by the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (SI No 201 of 2011) for the:

Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Patrickswell Local Area Plan 2024-2030

The Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) determination regarding whether or not implementation of the proposed material alterations to the Draft Patrickswell Local Area Plan 2024-2030 would be likely to have significant effects on the environment is being made under the above Regulations.

As part of this determination, the Council is considering whether or not implementation of the proposed material alterations to the local area plan would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, taking account of relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A of the above Regulations. These criteria are taking into account as follows:

1. The characteristics of the plan having regard, in particular, to:

the degree to which the Plan sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources,

The Draft LAP will set the six year framework for the sustainable development of Patrickswell and material alterations as shown and assessed in the preceding section do not significantly alter the findings of the SEA screening, AA screening and SFRA of the Draft LAP to date.

the degree to which the Plan influences other plans, including those in a hierarchy,

The Plan is prepared in the context of new national and regional planning frameworks, namely the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) and Limerick City and County Development Plan 2022-2028 (CDP). The LAP includes a written statement comprising development objectives, policies, standards and maps including land use zoning. Taking the above and the examination of likely significant environmental effects in Section 2 of this SEA Screening report, the material alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

the relevance of the Plan in the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development,

The Draft Patrickswell LAP has been subject to SEA screening, AA screening and SFRA and has integrated environmental considerations with a view to promoting sustainable development at local plan level in the plan area. Taking the above and the examination of likely significant environmental effects in Section 2 of the SEA Screening report, the material alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

Environmental problems relevant to the plan

Environmental problems relevant to the plan have been identified and measures to address same have informed the LAP development. Taking the above and the examination of likely significant environmental effects in Section 2 of this SEA Screening report, the material alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

the relevance of the plan to the implementation of European Union legislation on the environment (e.g. plans linked to waste-management or water protection).

The plan provides a landuse framework for the plan area and is subject to SEA and AA and SFRA. The plan considers and integrates European Union legislation on the environment including those relating to topics such as Waste Management and Water protection. Taking the above and the examination of likely significant environmental effects in Section 2 of this SEA Screening report, the material alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to:

the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects,

Taking the above and the examination of likely significant environmental effects in Section 2 of this SEA Screening report, the material alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects

the cumulative nature of the effects,

Taking the above and the examination of likely significant environmental effects in Section 2 of this SEA Screening report, the material alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental cumulative effects.

the transboundary nature of the effects

No such effects are identified through the examination of the material alterations. Taking the above and the examination of likely significant environmental effects in Section 2 of this SEA Screening report, the material alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental cumulative effects.

the risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents),

As above, taking the above and the examination of likely significant environmental effects in Section 2 of this SEA Screening report, the material alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected).

As above, taking the above and the examination of likely significant environmental effects in Section 2 of this SEA Screening report, the material alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:

(a) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage

Taking the above and the examination of likely significant environmental effects in Section 2 of this SEA Screening report, the material alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

(b) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values,

Taking the above and the examination of likely significant environmental effects in Section 2 of the SEA Screening report, the material alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

(c) intensive land-use,

The Draft Plan provides in line with national, regional and county policies the provision of relatively intensive landuse within the urban setting. Taking the above and the examination of likely significant environmental effects in Section 2 of the SEA Screening report, the material alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

(d) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, European Union or international protection status.

Taking the above and the examination of likely significant environmental effects in Section 2 of the SEA Screening report, the material alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects. The Screening Statement for appropriate assessment has examined the material alterations and a finding of no likely significant effects on the conservation management objectives of European Sites was concluded.

With reference to the foregoing information, it is determined that the material alterations to the Draft Patrickswell LAP 2024-2030 would not be likely to result in significant effects and that SEA is not required to be undertaken on the Draft Patrickswell Local Area Plan 2024 to 2030.

Signed  _____

Position: DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Date: 7th NOVEMBER 2023.

