



**Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination under the
Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended for:
Proposed Variation 2 to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021**

A Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening determination has been made by Kilkenny County Council regarding Proposed Variation 2. Article 13 (K) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended (the Regulations), requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether the Proposed Variation warrants the undertaking of environmental assessment.

The Proposed Variation is proposed to clarify the settlement hierarchy in relation to small settlements in the City and County Development Plan 2021 (CCDP). Specifically, the changes are as follows:

- to change the terms 'Rural Towns and Villages', and 'Smaller towns and villages', to 'Small towns and villages'
- to remove the term 'Rural Node'
- to include villages previously designated as 'Rural Nodes' as 'Small towns and villages without settlement boundaries' in the settlement hierarchy

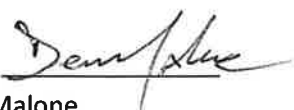
These changes primarily affect Chapter 4 Core Strategy, however the changes will be made wherever the terms appear throughout the CCDP.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 13K, a 'screening' of the proposed Variation was undertaken in respect of SEA. Notice was submitted to the environmental authorities specified in Article 13A(4) of the Regulations.

None of the authorities advised that a Strategic Environmental Assessment should be carried out; the information contained in the response received from the EPA has been taken into account.

The SEA screening, which had regard to the criteria set out in schedule 2A of the Regulations, did not indicate that that the proposed Variation was likely to have significant impacts on the environment.

Taking into account the findings of the SEA process that are detailed in an SEA Screening Report that accompanies this Determination, Kilkenny County Council have determined that the Proposed Variation to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021 would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment, therefore an environmental assessment is not required.

Signed 
Denis Malone,
Acting Director of Services

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