

Energy Upgrade Works to Watergate Theatre at Parliament Street, Kilkenny.

To: Kilkenny City Engineer

From: Nicolaas Louw: Senior Executive Planner

Proposal: Energy Upgrade Works to Watergate Theatre at Parliament Street, Kilkenny.

Re: Environmental Impact Assessment – Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).

Planning Legislation:

Planning and Development Regulations 2001-as amended, Schedule 5 and 7, Part 1 and 2
European Union (Planning and Development) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2018
Article 75 which amends Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-as amended
Planning and Development Act 2000 – as amended

Characteristics of Project

Under this proposal, Kilkenny County Council are proposing an energy upgrade to an existing theatre building which include:

- Provision of external wall insulation to auditorium and stage/fly tower, finished with render, rainscreen cladding panels and powder-coated Vertical aluminium fins;
- Raising of parapets to screen existing plant;
- New membrane coverings to auditorium and fly tower roofs, trims;
- Rainwater goods and ancillary related works..

Location

Parliament Street, Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny.

Type and characteristics of potential impact

From assessing the documentation associated and considering schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2023, it is considered that the proposed development works are below sub threshold Part 2 activities and having regard to the environmental sensitivities of this area and the potential impacts based on the following environmental factors;

- Population and human health
- Biodiversity, with particular attention to special and habitats protected under the Birds and Habitats Directives
- Land, soil, water, air and the landscape
- Climate
- Interaction between above
- Expected effects from relevant major accidents and / or disasters

it is determined that there is no potential for likely significant effects on the environment. Accordingly, the project can be screened out and **no** Environmental Impact Assessment Report is required.

Conclusion

It is determined that based on the above preliminary examination, there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development works and therefore it is recommended that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required for this proposal.

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11/10/24

N. Louw
Senior Executive Planner

I agree with the above

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D. Malone
Senior Planner