



**Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination under the  
Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended for:  
Proposed Variation no.3 to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021- 2027**

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 No.3 to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021 - 2027 is set out below:

This Variation, specifically known as Variation no. 3, is proposed to change the zoning of 0.18 hectares (0.45 acres) of lands within an existing green space / neighbourhood park in Loughboy, Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021 (KCCDP).

This variation entails the following:

*To change the zoning of an area of green space, covering approx. 0.18 hectares (0.45 acres), at Loughboy in Kilkenny City from 'Open Space' to 'Existing Residential', in order to accommodate housing suitable for older persons / persons with disabilities.*

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 - 2027 would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment, therefore an environmental assessment is not required.

Signed

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