

**Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination under the  
Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended for:  
Proposed Variation no.7 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 7. 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.7 to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021 - 2027 is set out below:

Change of zoning of three sites:

- 1) Upper Patrick St. / Jacob St in Kilkenny city (area of 0.014 hectares). Proposal is to **zone 145m<sup>2</sup> of land currently part of the public realm as Existing Residential.**
- 2) Leggettsrath West in Kilkenny city (are of 1.56 hectares). Proposal to change the zoning of this site **from 'Existing Residential' to 'Agricultural'**, as part of the implementation of the Residential Zoned Land Tax.
- 3) Kilcreene in Kilkenny city (area of 2 hectares). Proposal to change the zoning of this site **from 'New Residential' to 'Open Space'** as part of the implementation of the Residential Zoned Land Tax.

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 responses received from the EPA and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage 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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