

Ferrybank

Draft Local Area Plan 2017-2023

**PROPOSED MATERIAL ALTERATIONS –
STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
SCREENING REPORT**

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1 INTRODUCTION

Material Alterations to the Draft Ferrybank-Belview Local Area Plan (LAP) 2017-2023 have been proposed by the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council. These alterations have arisen following a review of the Chief Executive's Report on submissions received during the public display period of the LAP by the Elected Members of the Council.

The Draft Ferrybank-Belview Local Area Plan (LAP) 2017-2023 was placed on public display from the 9th June 2017 until 4th August 2017. An Environmental Report, outlining the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process was also placed on display with the LAP.

A total of 41 submissions were received on the LAP. The issues raised by the submissions were summarised and the response and recommendation of the Chief Executive was provided in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Following consideration of the Chief Executive's Report on the submissions, the Elected Members decided to make a number of changes which are considered to be Material Alterations in response to a number of issues raised in the submissions.

As part of the SEA process, all land use plans, such as this Draft LAP, must undergo a formal 'test' or be screened to see if they would have likely significant effects on the environment. In accordance with Section 20(3)(f) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Planning Authority shall determine if a SEA is required "to be carried out as respects one or more than one proposed material alteration of the draft local area plan".

A SEA Screening exercise was carried out which identified if any of the proposed material alterations, as outlined in the public consultation document entitled 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Ferrybank Belview Local Area Plan 2017-2023', would be likely to have significant impacts on the environment.

This report also includes, as Appendix 1, an addendum to the Environmental Report of the Draft Plan, to incorporate the issues raised in the submissions received to the Draft Plan and Environmental Report.

1.1 APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING

Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening has been undertaken on the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan. AA is an assessment process relating to Natura 2000, or European, sites - these sites have been designated or proposed for designation by virtue of their ecological importance.

The Habitats Directive, its transposing Birds and Natural Habitats Regulations 2011 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provide the requirement to screen the alterations for effects on European Sites. If the effects are deemed to be

significant, potentially significant or if the potential for impact cannot be ruled out, then the alterations must undergo Stage 2 AA.

The AA Screening process has determined that the Proposed Material Alterations would not affect the integrity of the Natura 2000 network of sites and, therefore, Stage 2 AA is not necessary.

1.2 FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) has been undertaken on Proposed Material Alterations relating to land use zoning. The findings of this assessment are provided in an Addendum to the FRA that was prepared for the Draft Plan. The requirement for FRA is provided under 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DECLG, 2009).

2 SEA SCREENING ANALYSIS

Table 1 examines whether each part of the Proposed Material Alterations would be likely to have significant environmental effects (and thus would warrant the undertaking of Strategic Environmental Assessment). The text of the Draft LAP is shown in its normal font. Proposed deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough~~ text. Proposed additions are shown as *red italic* text.

Effects encompass the full range of effects, including those arising cumulatively – such as those potentially arising as a result of interactions with other Proposed Material Alterations, the provisions of the Draft Plan and other plans and programmes.

The examination takes account of the relevant criteria as set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the SEA Regulations, as amended.

Table 1: Screening of Proposed Alterations for Draft Ferrybank Belview LAP 2017-2023

Alteration No.	Proposed Material Alteration	Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening
Map Reference		Changes to Figure 2.3 Land Use Zoning
1	Include "Passive Open Space" land in the Milepost Infill zone.	This alteration provides for limited, well located additional residential development on 0.25Ha within the current Passive Open Space zoning, where such development will accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and include for the restoration and bringing back into residential use of the protected cottages at this location. On review of the proposed location, this change would not give rise to any significant environmental effects. Further SEA is not required.
2	Change the zoning in Belview from PFI to RAB	This alteration changes the zoning of a parcel of 0.1 hectares from Port Facilities and Industry to Residential Amenity Belview. Given the proposed location, this change would not give rise to any significant environmental effects. Further SEA is not required.
3	Change the zoning on Glasshouse Road from PFI to RAB	This alteration changes the zoning of a parcel of 0.3 hectares from Port Facilities and Industry to Residential Amenity Belview. Given the proposed location, this change would not give rise to any significant environmental effects. Further SEA is not required.
4	Change Abbey gate development to include within the existing residential zoning 8 existing bases to the south west of the lands numbered 26 to 33 on fig 24 (See CE's Report).	This alteration is an increase to the Residential land of 0.16 hectares. Given the proposed location, with the bases in place, this change would not give rise to any significant environmental effects. Further SEA is not required.
5	Change zoning of car park site at District Centre from Residential to Urban Village.	This site is already developed as a car park. Therefore the change would not give rise to any significant environmental effects. Further SEA is not required.
6	Change Clover Meadows site - change phases 4 and 5 to	This alteration is an increase to the Residential land of 1.1 hectares. Given

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	Residential and phases 1 and 2 to Strategic Reserve	the proposed location, this change would not give rise to any significant environmental effects. Further SEA is not required.
Changes to Figure 2.4 Development Objectives		
7	Insert site specific objective 2A at Abbeygate: <i>Following completion of the services and more than 75% of the houses (i.e. more than 42 units), consideration will be given to additional housing on the adjacent strategic reserve lands notwithstanding the strategic reserve designation subject to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.</i>	This alteration includes the possibility of an increase to the Residential units at this location, within the Strategic Reserve zone. Given the proposed location, this change would not give rise to any significant environmental effects. Further SEA is not required.
8	Amend 10F to reflect change in text objective, see 9 below	This alteration includes a connection on the map to the Clover Meadows development. This is a conceptual route, and the change would not give rise to any significant environmental effects.
Changes to Figure 10.1 Transport Concept		
9	Objective 10F To provide a link northward across the New Ross railway line/Greenway at the Ross Abbey housing development to connect through to the Belmont Road (R711), and to the Clover Meadows development.	This alteration includes a connection on the map to the Clover Meadows development. This is a conceptual route, and the change would not give rise to any significant environmental effects.
Changes to Draft Plan text		
Ch. 1	Introduction and Strategic Context 1D To maximise the connectivity between Ferrybank, <i>the City Centre</i> and the North Quays SDZ and to take account of the <i>opportunities afforded by</i> impacts of the planning scheme when full detail is available for the SDZ. <i>1Eb To engage with the NTA in the preparation of any Transportation Strategy for the area.</i> <i>1F To examine the recommendations of the National</i>	The alterations to Chapter 1 are all minor in nature, and relate to the relationship between the Plan and other contextual documents, and will not result in any significant environmental effects.

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	<p><i>Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Assembly and establish any implications for the local area plan and make amendments as appropriate.</i></p>	
<p>Ch. 2</p>	<p>Chapter 2. Core Strategy & Zoning</p> <p>Changes to Section 2.6 to update zoning changes outlined above, and changes to Table 2.3 Capacity of land zoned for housing units.</p> <p>Additional section <i>2.8 Core Strategy Objectives 2A: Following completion of the services and more than 75% of the houses (i.e. more than 42 units), consideration will be given to additional housing on the adjacent strategic reserve lands notwithstanding the strategic reserve designation subject to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.</i></p>	<p>These changes are minor edits to the table, reflecting the changes to zoning as outlined under the Changes to Figure 2.3 Zoning above.</p> <p>This alteration includes the possibility of an increase to the Residential units at this location, within the Strategic Reserve zone. Given the proposed location, this change would not give rise to any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>Further SEA is not required.</p>
<p>Ch. 3</p>	<p>Chapter 3. Area identity</p> <p>Section 3.3.3 Signage and approach roads</p> <p>The Belmont Road <i>Ferrybank District Centre/Bellfield</i> roundabout (R711) contains a number of metal daisy sculptures which contributes to the sense of arrival and creation of a sense of place.</p> <p>3.4 Area Identity Objectives</p> <p>3A To prepare an Enhancement Scheme for the Ferrybank Main Street/Belmount Road (R711) <i>in</i></p>	<p>These changes are minor in nature, relating to correction of references and would not give rise to any significant environmental effects.</p>

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	<p><i>accordance with the Design Manual on Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS).</i></p> <p>3B To examine a Sallypark Road Enhancement scheme for the Ferrybank Main Street/Belmount Road <i>improve the presentation of the national road network on the approach roads to Waterford City,</i> to include the possibility of a landmark feature at the Newrath roundabout, in collaboration with Waterford City and County Council and the private sector</p>	<p>This change is a broadening of this objective to include more than the Sallypark Road. Given the nature of the area in question, adjoining a national route, this would not give rise to any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>Further SEA is not required.</p>
<p>Ch. 4</p>	<p>Chapter 4: Economic Development and Retailing</p> <p>4.1.1 Christendom</p> <p>The 2009 LAP sought to encourage the relocation of these food processing industries to other locations within the area, thereby freeing up these lands for residential and mixed-use development. Although Christendom is not earmarked for significant residential development in this Plan, this LAP envisions that it will be the next logical expansion for the plan area, over the longer term. As the industries continue to operate here, the objective of the last Plan in relation to encouraging their relocation is considered inappropriate for this current Plan, but may form part of the next Plan strategy. In the meantime, to <i>To</i> avoid any inappropriate development that may hinder future redevelopment, the area around the industries has been designated as Strategic Reserve, <i>and these food processing industries will be encouraged to relocate to</i></p>	<p>This text change states that the food processing industries at Christendom will be encouraged to relocate. No location or timeframe has been specified. This policy is not anticipated to give rise to any significant environmental effects.</p>

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	<p><i>more suitable locations.</i></p> <p>4.2 Commercial/Office Development</p> <p>Permission exists for over 5,000sqm of office space within the District Centre and this can contribute to meeting overall demand for office and service uses over the life of the Plan. <i>Furthermore, office capacity here could be expanded, either through reconfiguration or amalgamation of existing permitted units or in additional office space if considered appropriate.</i></p> <p>4.4.1 Retail Impact Assessment</p> <p>2. All applications for significant retail development should be assessed against a range of criteria, <i>as outlined in Section 4.9 Retail Impact Assessment of the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012</i></p> <p>4.6 Economic Development and Retail Objectives</p> <p><i>4A To encourage the relocation of Industrial activities from Christendom to a more suitable location within the area.</i></p>	<p>This policy relates to additional office capacity at the District Centre. Given its location, this is not anticipated to result in any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>This change is minor in nature, relating to a correction of references and would not give rise to any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>This relates to the first point above.</p> <p>Further SEA is not required.</p>
<p>Ch. 5</p>	<p>5. Belview Industrial Area</p> <p>5.5 Development Management Standards SDM3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscaping schemes for any development should form an integral part of the overall development proposal. A five metre buffer 	<p>These changes are all intended as mitigation for any development proposal at Belview, to reduce impacts on residential amenity, and will not give rise to any significant environmental effects.</p>

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	<p><i>woodland planting buffer of 15-20 metres</i> will generally be required inside any industrial site boundary unless a suitable alternative mitigation measure is agreed with the Planning Authority. This landscape buffer will be required to be densely planted with a mix of coniferous and deciduous species. <i>In all cases the Council encourages advance planting which it considers would be beneficial to ensure some plant maturation prior to construction.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings and other structures shall be located so as to provide optimum screening and noise buffering to surrounding land-uses, particularly to existing residential properties. <i>In cases where structures are to be constructed proximate to existing residential structures, the potential for these structures to impose on the neighbouring residential amenity by virtue of their heights and bulk should be appropriately mitigated in the assessment of all planning applications.</i> <p><i>5DM4 To require that all significant industrial developments in the Belview area must submit a Construction Management Plan prior to commencement of development.</i></p>	<p>Further SEA is not required.</p>
<p>Ch. 6</p>	<p>6. Community and Housing</p> <p>6.4.1 Housing on lands Zoned for Agriculture</p> <p>a) Persons whose primary employment is in</p>	<p>This is a change to the requirements to qualify under the rural housing</p>

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	<p>agriculture, horticulture, forestry or bloodstock, or other rural based activity, in the area which they wish to build,</p> <p><i>b) Sons and daughters of the landowner, all of whom are long standing residents in the immediate rural area*</i></p> <p>c) Persons who are long standing residents in the immediate rural* area,</p> <p>d) Persons who owned land prior to the adoption of the previous Local Area Plan on the 16th March, 2009 (This date is a definitive time frame which will not be revised in subsequent LAPs).</p> <p><i>e) Nephews and nieces (who live outside the plan area) of landowners</i></p> <p>*Immediate rural area is considered to be the lands zoned for agriculture within the plan area.</p>	<p>policy. This is not expected to result in any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>Further SEA is not required.</p>
<p>Ch. 7</p>	<p>7. Heritage</p> <p>7.2.2 Protected Areas of International Importance: Natura 2000</p> <p>There are currently two Natura 2000 sites in the <i>immediate vicinity of the</i> Plan area, the Lower River Suir (Site Code 002137) <i>within the Plan area</i>, and the River Barrow and River Nore (Site Code 002162), <i>located just outside the boundary</i>.</p> <p>7.4 Heritage Development Management Standards</p> <p><i>7DMC Ensure that an ecological assessment is carried out for any proposed development likely to have a significant</i></p>	<p>This is a clarification relating to the boundary of the LAP area and the location of the SACs.</p> <p>These two development management standards are intended as</p>

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	<p><i>impact on rare and threatened species including those species protected by law and their habitats. Ensure appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures are incorporated into development proposals as part of any ecological impact assessment.</i></p> <p><i>7DMD All lighting within the Plan area will be directional lighting designed specifically in relation to biodiversity.</i></p>	<p>additional protective measures for the SAC and will not result in significant environmental effects.</p> <p>Further SEA is not required.</p>
Ch. 8	<p>8 Recreation, Tourism and the Arts</p> <p>8.2.5 Árd Rí Hotel site</p> <p><i>The Council will support appropriate tourism attractions and or innovative links /connectivity with the North Quays and onto the city centre.</i></p>	<p>This is a statement of support, but no specific project is outlined. This statement is not expected to result in any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>Further SEA is not required.</p>
Ch. 9	<p>9 Infrastructure and Environment</p> <p>9.1.2 Wastewater Services</p> <p>This has a Population Equivalent (PE) of 190,600. <i>The Gorteens WWTP has a capacity of 190,600 Population Equivalent.</i></p> <p>9.6 Control of Major Accident Hazards Directive (Seveso</p>	<p>This is a clarification in relation to the capacity of the WWTP.</p>

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	<p>#### Directive)</p> <p>The Major Accidents Directive¹ (known as the Seveso #### Directive), seeks to reduce the risk and to limit the consequences to both man and the environment, of accidents at manufacturing and storage facilities involving dangerous substances.</p> <p>Article 12-13 of the Directive provides that appropriate consultation procedures must be put in place so as to ensure that, before decisions are taken, technical advice is available to Planning Authorities in respect of relevant establishments.</p>	<p>This is a correction to references in relation to the Seveso Directive.</p> <p>Further SEA is not required.</p>
<p>Ch. 10</p>	<p>10. Transport</p> <p>10.8 Transport Objectives</p> <p>10C Provide cycle lanes on the following routes (<i>in accordance with the National Cycle Manual (www.cyclemanual.ie)</i>)</p> <p>10F To provide a link northward across the New Ross railway line/Greenway at the Ross Abbey housing development to connect through to the Belmont Road (R711), <i>and to the Clover Meadows development</i>, see Figure 10.1 of LAP.</p>	<p>This change is to insert a reference to the National Cycle Manual. This will not result in any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>This alteration includes a connection to the Clover Meadows development. This is a conceptual route, and the change would not give rise to any significant environmental effects.</p>

¹ EU, Major Accidents Directive (96/82/EC), 1996-2012/18/EU

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	<p>10.9 Transport Development Management Standard</p> <p>10DMB To require Workplace Travel Plans <i>and School Travel Plans</i> for proposed trip intensive development <i>and schools</i>.</p> <p><i>10DMC To require Construction Environment Management Plans in advance of the construction of transportation infrastructure, including bridges and cycleways, to incorporate relevant and reliable mitigation measures which have been integrated into the Development Plans and any lower tier Environmental Impact Assessment Report or Appropriate Assessment.</i></p>	<p>This change is to insert a reference to School Travel Plans. This will not result in any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>This development management standard is intended as additional mitigation measures to lessen effects on residential amenity and the environment, and will not result in significant environmental effects.</p> <p>Further SEA is not required.</p>
<p>Ch. 12</p>	<p>12. Implementation and Finance</p> <p>Section 12.2 Implementation and Infrastructure Delivery Schedule</p> <p>Site 3 Arbourmount – To provide two <i>an</i> access points to the open space, both north and east of the site, to cater for cycle and pedestrian access through the site (See Figure 2.4 Development Objectives, WCW3).</p>	<p>This change is to reflect a recent planning application reference 16/872, and removes reference to one access point.</p> <p>Further SEA is not required.</p>
<p>Appendix 1</p>	<p>Land use zones</p> <p>Milepost Infill Zone</p> <p>Objective: To allow for residential development to consolidate the existing village form <i>and to provide for limited, well located additional residential development</i></p>	<p>This change is to allow for one house within the Milepost Infill zone, on the basis that the three protected cottages will be brought back into residential use. Given its location and the fact that three protected structures will be brought back into use, this would not give rise to any significant environmental effects.</p>

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	<p><i>on 0.25Ha within the current Passive Open Space zoning, where such development will accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and include for the restoration and bringing back into residential use of the protected cottages.</i></p> <p>Passive Open Space/Green Links/Biodiversity Conservation</p> <p>Open for Consideration:</p> <p>Include <i>essential infrastructure</i></p>	<p>This change is allow for essential infrastructure within the Passive Open Space zone. There are numerous policies and development management standards in the LAP to ensure protection of the environment, and these will ensure that any permission for essential infrastructure within the POS zone will not give rise to any significant environmental effects.</p> <p>Further SEA is not required.</p>
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3 SCHEDULE 2A ASSESSMENT

PART 1

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 changes proposed by the Material Alterations relate to the provisions of the Draft LAP which provides a framework for land use planning in Ferrybank and Belview. Proposed Material Alterations encompass changes to the text and maps of the Draft Plan.

Taking the above and the examination of the various Proposed Alterations provided under Section 2 into account, arising from the degree to which the Proposed Material Alterations set a framework for projects and other activities, there are no proposed Material Alterations that would be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

2. The characteristics of the plan having regard, in particular, to: the degree to which the plan influences other plans, including those in a hierarchy.

The proposed Material Alterations are being made to the Draft Ferrybank Belview LAP which is directly influenced by the County Development Plan and higher tier land use plans.

On examination of the various proposed Material Alterations provided under Section 2, arising from the degree to which the proposed Material Alterations and associated Draft LAP influence other plans, there are no proposed Material Alterations that would be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

3. The characteristics of the plan having regard, in particular, to: the relevance of the plan for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.

The Draft LAP, to which the Proposed Material Alterations relate, has undergone SEA. This process integrated environmental considerations into the Draft Plan and found that the Draft Plan contributes to environmental protection and management and sustainable development.

Taking the above and the examination of the various proposed Material Alterations provided under Section 2 into account, arising from the degree to which the proposed Material Alterations and associated LAP are relevant for the integration of environmental considerations with a view to promoting sustainable development, there are no Proposed Material Alterations that would be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

4. The characteristics of the plan having regard, in particular, to: environmental problems relevant to the plan.

Environmental problems arise where there is a conflict between current environmental conditions and legislative targets. Through its provisions relating to environmental protection and management, the Draft Plan contributes towards ensuring environmental conditions do not worsen and, where possible, contributes towards their amelioration.

Taking the above and the examination of the various Proposed Material Alterations provided under Section 2 into account, arising from environmental problems relevant to the Proposed Material Alterations and associated Draft LAP, there are no Proposed Material Alterations that would be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

5. The characteristics of the plan having regard, in particular, to: the relevance of the plan for the implementation of European Union legislation on the environment (e.g. plans linked to waste-management or water protection)

The Draft LAP relates to the land use sector and has undergone SEA. This process integrated considerations with regard to EU and national legislation on the environment into the Plan, including those relating to the waste management and the Water Framework Directive.

Taking the above and the examination of the various Proposed Material Alterations provided under Section 2 into account, arising from the relevance of the Proposed Material Alterations for the implementation of European Union legislation on the environment, there are no proposed Material Alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

PART 2

1. 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

The Proposed Material Alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects (see responses under Schedule 2A Part 1 above and the examination of the various Proposed Material Alterations provided under Section 2).

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

Proposed Material Alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects or cumulative impacts (see responses under Schedule 2A Part 1 above and the examination of the various Proposed Material Alterations provided under Section 2).

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

The Proposed Material Alterations would not be likely to result in significant transboundary environmental effects (see responses under Schedule 2A Part 1 above and the examination of the various Proposed Material Alterations provided under Section 2).

4. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to: the risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents)

The Proposed Material Alterations would not be likely to result in significant human health effects or to the environment (see responses under Schedule 2A Part 1 above and the examination of the various Proposed Material Alterations provided under Section 2).

5. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to: the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)

The Proposed Material Alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects (see responses under Schedule 2A Part 1 above and the examination of the various Proposed Material Alterations provided under Section 2).

6. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to: the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:

a) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage;

The Proposed Material Alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects (see responses under Schedule 2A Part 1 above and the examination of the various Proposed Material Alterations provided under Section 2).

b) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values, and;

The Proposed Material Alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects (see responses under Schedule 2A Part 1 above and the examination of the various Proposed Material Alterations provided under Section 2).

c) intensive land-use.

The Proposed Material Alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects (see responses under Schedule 2A Part 1 above and the examination of the various Proposed Material Alterations provided under Section 2).

7. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to: the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, European Union or international protection status.

The Proposed Material Alterations would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects (see responses under Schedule 2A Part 1 above and the examination of the various Proposed Material Alterations provided under Section 2).

4 CONCLUSION

This screening takes into account relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (as amended). Taking into account the content of the Proposed Material Alterations and the measures that have already been integrated into the Draft Plan that contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, it is determined that potential effects arising from the Proposed Material Alterations will not result in significant environmental impacts.

Therefore, it is determined that Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required for the Proposed Material Alterations.

Appendix 1: Addendum to the Environmental Report

This section should be read in conjunction with the Environmental Report on the Draft Plan. Proposed deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough~~ text. Proposed additions are shown as *red italic* text.

Table 4.1 SEA Objectives

Environmental Parameter	International, European, National policy documents/strategies/guidelines	No.	Objective (EPO)	Broad Planning Policy Objective (PPO)
Biodiversity, fauna and flora	EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) EU Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) UN Convention on Biological Diversity Actions for Biodiversity 2011-2016, Ireland's National Biodiversity Plan (2011)	B1	Protect, and where appropriate, enhance biodiversity, particularly protected areas and protected species including ecological linkages/corridors.	Protect designated sites (SACs & NHAs) and <i>protected</i> species from development. Identify locally important habitats for protection. Provide for green infrastructure. Concentrate development in areas with least sensitivities.

Chapter	Development objective	Assessment of impact on SEA objectives (See Chapter 4)			
		Significant beneficial impact	Uncertain impact	Significant adverse impact	No relationship or insignificant impact
8	8A Reserve a system of linear open space and encourage the creation of public access points as opportunities arise, as follows (See Figure 2.3):	B1 P1 S1 W1 W2 W3 C4 L1	<i>B1</i>		P2 S2 S3 W4 A1 C1 C2 C3 M1 H1
	8C To complete the Greenway and investigate and encourage the creation of access points in any significant future development proposal adjoining the Greenway.	P1 P2 A1 C2 C3 M1	<i>B1</i>		B1 S1 S2 S3 W1 W2 W3 W4 C1 C4 H1 L1

7.2 Development Objectives

Chapter 8	
Development Objective	Uncertain effects on SEA objectives
<i>8A Reserve a system of linear open space and encourage the creation of public access points as opportunities arise, as follows (See Figure 2.3)</i>	<i>B1</i>
Mitigation included in Plan: See Chapters 1, 7 <i>The development of the walkways and access points may have impacts on natural heritage, particularly in relation to walkways adjacent to the River Suir. However the Plan contains numerous mitigation measures to ensure no negative effects. This includes objectives and development management standards in relation to lighting and ecological assessments (Chapter 7), water quality (Chapter 9) and Construction Management Plans (Chapter 10). Therefore any adverse effects are unlikely.</i>	
<i>8C To complete the Greenway and investigate and encourage the creation of access points in any significant future development proposal adjoining the Greenway.</i>	<i>B1</i>
Mitigation included in Plan: See Chapters 1, 7 <i>The development of the Greenway and access points may have impacts on natural heritage. However the Plan contains numerous mitigation measures to ensure no negative effects. This includes objectives and development management standards in relation to lighting and ecological assessments (Chapter 7), water quality (Chapter 9) and Construction Management Plans (Chapter 10). Therefore any adverse effects are unlikely.</i>	

Table 8.1 Monitoring proposals for environmental categories

Environmental Category	Targets	Selected indicators	Data Sources	Monitoring frequency
Biodiversity - Flora and Fauna	No deterioration in the quality of protected areas	Overall conservation status of habitats in Co. Kilkenny	The NPWS; For all European sites: Report on Overall Conservation Status of Habitats in Ireland listed under the Habitats Directive (NPWS). <i>The Status of EU protected Habitats and Species in Ireland (NPWS)</i>	Every 6 years
	No loss of protected species	Overall conservation status of species in Co. Kilkenny, distribution of protected species in Co. Kilkenny	NPWS, Report on Overall Conservation Status of Habitats in Ireland listed under the Habitats Directive. <i>The Status of EU protected Habitats and Species in Ireland (NPWS)</i> National Biodiversity Data Centre	Every 6 years

Appendix 2: Determination

Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh

Halla an Chontae, Sráid Eoin, Cill Chainnigh, R95 A39T.

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TO: Mary Mulholland, Director of Services
FROM: Nicolaas Louw, Senior Executive Planner
SUBJECT: Strategic Environmental Assessment of Material Alterations to the Ferrybank-Belview Draft Local Area Plan

I refer to the requirement under article 14A(2) of the Planning and Development Regulations (Strategic Environmental Assessment) 2004 in relation to considering whether or not implementation of a Local Area Plan would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, and to the requirements under Section 20 (3) (f) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2017 in relation to determining if a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required to be carried out as respects proposed Material Alterations.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 20(3)(f), a 'screening' of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Ferrybank Belview Local Area Plan was undertaken in respect of SEA.

The screening took into account relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (as amended). Having regard to the content of the Proposed Material Alterations and the measures that have already been integrated into the Draft Plan that contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, it is determined that potential effects arising from the Proposed Material Alterations will not result in significant environmental impacts.

Recommendation

I therefore recommend that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is **not required** for the proposed Material Alterations.


Mary Mulholland,
Director of Services

Date: 28/9/2017

