

# Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment Final Determination

**Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination under:**

**Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004), as amended, and the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended**

**for:**

**Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028**

A Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening determination as to whether Variation No. 1 to the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 to be adopted<sup>1</sup> is likely to have significant effects on the environment is being made under the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004), as amended, and the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

In making the determination, the information contained in the accompanying Screening for SEA Report (including an examination of the need to undertake SEA against relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the above Regulations) is being taken into account. That information has been carefully considered and its reasoning and conclusion agreed with and adopted – allowing a determination to be made that the Variation to be adopted not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

The existing Cork City Development Plan 2022 has been subject to SEA, which identified various environmental effects arising from implementation. Proposed Variation No. 1 is a short-term measure to provide a lower car parking demand management framework until such time as CMATS projects are delivered. Proposed Variation No. 1 would contribute towards the proper planning and sustainable development of the City and consequential environmental effects that have been identified by the SEA for the existing Plan. Taking into account the measures that have already been integrated into the Plan that provide for and contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, any potential effects arising from the Variation to be adopted, would either: be present already (beneficial) and would further contribute towards, but not to a significant extent; and/or would be mitigated so as not to be significant (adverse).

Furthermore, the accompanying Screening for AA report identifies that there are no additional sources presented by the Variation that have not been considered by the AA for the existing Plan. Taking into account this and the mitigation measures that have already been integrated into the existing Plan it was concluded that the Variation to be adopted<sup>2</sup> will not give rise to any effects on any European sites, alone or in combination with any other plans, programmes and projects.

Taking into account all of the above, it is determined that SEA is not required to be undertaken on the Variation to be adopted.

  
**Signatory:**

**Date: 08<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

<sup>1</sup> Incorporating: the Proposed Variation that was placed on display; and changes to the original Proposed Variation following display.

<sup>2</sup> Incorporating: the Proposed Variation that was placed on display; and changes to the original Proposed Variation following display.