

Criteria for a Preliminary Examination of a Sub-Threshold Development to determine a Conclusion regarding an Environmental Impact Assessment.

	Questions to be Considered	Yes / No . Briefly describe.	Is this likely to result in a significant effect? Yes/No - Why?
1	Characteristics of the Proposed Development:		
a	Will construction of the project exceed 400+ car park spaces (Sub-Threshold EIA)	No. The project consists of upgrade works to an existing car park which will result in 52 spaces.	No - The area in question is currently used as a car park.
b	or will the accumulation of the project exceed 400+ car park spaces or involve an urban area greater than 2 hectares.	No.	No - The project involves upgrades to the existing car park, the area of which is
c	Will construction or operation of the Project involve the nature of any demolition works	Yes. Approximately 10m of existing boundary wall will need to be removed.	No - The section of wall is approximately 10m long and 1m high of stone
d	Will construction or operation of the Project use natural resources such as land, soil, water and biodiversity	No additional land will be required. The existing carpark will be upgraded.	No - Although two existing mature trees will need to be removed. All other existing trees and plants will be maintained.
e	Will the Project involve the production of waste	Yes. There will be some waste generated from the excavation for the kerbs. The stone from the demolition of a section of the wall will be removed from site and stored for use in other projects in the area, where appropriate.	No - Level of waste generated will be minimal and stone from wall can be reused.
f	Will the Project release pollutants or nuisances	Yes. There will be some construction related noise and emissions will be produced throughout the construction phase. These will be managed as part of the standard construction management plan.	No.
g	Will there be any risk of accidents during construction or operation of the Project which could affect human health or the environment?	Yes. H&S and workplace accidents will be managed by the PSCS. There will be a H&S Plan in place based on a risk assessment to ensure that there are adequate measures in place to minimise risks. The works areas will be secured and monitored to ensure the project does not have significant impact on the general public. There are also no significant environmental receptors within the	No.
h	Will the Project lead to risks of contamination of land, air or water from releases of pollutants onto the ground or into surface waters, groundwater, coastal waters or the sea?	No. Workplace incidents will be managed by the PSCS, the works do not have significant impact in respect to release of pollutants.	No.
2	Location of Proposed Development		
a	Will the project affect the existing approved land use?	No. The project comprises upgrades to the existing car park.	No.

b	Will the Project affect the relative abundance of, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of the natural resources in the area and its underground	No. The land is currently a car park.	No.
c	The absorptive capacity of the natural environment paying particular attention to the following areas:		
(i)	wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths	No.	No.
(ii)	costal zones and the marine environment	No.	No.
(iii)	mountain and forest areas	No.	No.
(iv)	nature reserves and parks	No.	No.
(v)	areas classified or protected by legislation including Natura 2000 areas	No.	No. The existing carpark is adjacent to an SAC but the works proposed are to improve the facilities within the carpark. The size and extent will not be affected.
(vi)	areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards laid down in legislation	No.	No.
(vii)	densely populated areas	No.	No.
(viii)	landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.	No.	No. Existing car park to be upgraded.

Conclusion: Having carried out a Preliminary Examination of the nature, size and location of the proposed development as outlined above, it has been determined that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and it is concluded that an EIA is not required.

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