

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

	<b>Questions to be Considered</b>	<b>Yes / No . Briefly describe.</b>	<b>Is this likely to result in a significant effect? Yes/No - Why?</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Characteristics of the Proposed Development:</b>		
a	Will construction of the project exceed 400+ car park spaces (Sub-Threshold EIA)	No.	No
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 mostly existing roadway and a total surface area of 0.36
c	Will construction or operation of the Project involve the nature of any demolition works	Yes.	No - Only existing roadside kerb and roadway edge will be removed
d	Will construction or operation of the Project use natural resources such as land, soil, water and biodiversity	Yes Approximately 700 sqm of existing woodland will be impacted	No - Vegetation impacted will be mostly of low quality along the verge of the existing roadway. Finished levels will be as high as feasible in order to minimise impact on tree roots. While some trees will have to be removed and although there is no preservation order on the trees, a route for the new path will be selected to minimise this. The woodland will remain
e	Will the Project involve the production of waste	Yes. There will be some waste generated from the excavation for the kerbs and roadway edge. There will be also soil and vegetation removal.	No - Level of waste generated will be minimal.
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	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 have live traffic and traffic management will be required. There are also no significant environmental	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.
<b>2</b>	<b>Location of Proposed Development</b>		

a	Will the project affect the existing approved land use?	No. The land serves primarily as a public road and its function will be enhanced for te benefit of	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	Yes. The new footpath will infringe on an existing woodland at surface level	No. The woodland will remain substantially in tact. Above the surface level, the tree canopy will re-establish wherever disturbed.
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.
(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.

**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.**

Signed :

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