

## Ballywaltrim Skate Park

Preliminary Examination in accordance with S.120 (1)(a) of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

	Comment:	Yes/No/ Uncertain:
<p><b>Nature of the development:</b> <i>Is the nature of the proposed development exceptional in the context of the existing environment?</i></p> <p><i>Will the development result in the production of any significant waste, or result in significant emissions or pollutants?</i></p>	<p>The proposed development comprises the construction of a skate park on an existing brownfield site. The works will entail the relocation of an existing bring facility (9 bottle banks) to an adjacent site, the excavation of existing macadam surfacing, pouring of in-situ concrete slab &amp; installation of skate park features/furniture. All on a site of c480sq.m</p> <p>The nature of the proposed development is not exceptional in the context of the existing environment. I note that the surrounding lands contain sports courts &amp; a childrens playground while there are playing fields to the north of the site and Shoreline Leisure Centre to the north east. The closest residential developments are further removed from the site than these recreational &amp; leisure facilities</p> <p>The proposals will not give rise to any significant waste or result in significant emissions or pollutants. The bring facility that it is proposed to relocate has been in-situ for many years, the new location for the bottle banks is close by &amp; the relocation will not give rise to changes in noise, traffic &amp; volumes of waste associated with the facility.</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>
<p><b>Size of the development:</b> <i>Is the size of the proposed development exceptional in the context of the existing environment?</i></p> <p><i>Are there cumulative considerations having regard to other existing and/or permitted projects?</i></p>	<p>The size of the proposed development is not exceptional in the context of the existing environment. The footprint of the skate park will be constrained to the existing brownfield site measuring c480 sq.m</p> <p>There will be no changes to the size of the bring facility</p> <p>There are no cumulative considerations, the proposals will not entail the loss of additional greenfield lands</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>
<p><b>Location:</b> <i>Is the proposed development located on, in, adjoining or does it have the potential to impact on an ecologically sensitive site or location?<sup>1</sup></i></p> <p><i>Does the proposed development have the potential to affect other significant environmental sensitivities in the area?</i></p>	<p>The proposed development is not located on, in or adjoining an ecologically sensitive site or location, nor does it have the potential to impact on an ecologically sensitive site or location.</p> <p>The proposed development does not have the potential to affect other significant environmental sensitivities in the area.</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>

<sup>1</sup> Sensitive locations or features includes European sites, NHA/pNHA, Designated Nature Reserves, land designated as a refuge for flora and fauna, and any other ecological site which is the objective of a CDP/LAP (including draft plans).

**Preliminary Examination Conclusion:**

Based on a preliminary examination of the **nature, size or location** of the development.  
 (Tick as appropriate)

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There is <b>no real likelihood</b> of significant effects on the environment.  EIA is not required.	There is <b>real likelihood of</b> significant effects on the environment.  An <b>EIAR is required.</b>	There is <b>significant and realistic doubt</b> regarding the likelihood of significant effects on the environment.  Request the applicant to submit the <b>Information specified in Schedule 7A</b> for the purposes of a screening determination.  Proceed to Screening Determination.