Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report

Bawn Street and Church Street, Strokestown Public Realm Enhancement

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1. Introduction

This Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening report has been prepared for the proposed Strokestown Public Realm Enhancement Project, Co. Roscommon by BDP. The purpose of this report is to undertake a screening of the proposed development to establish whether or not it requires an EIA and as a result, if an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) should be prepared in respect of it.

The screening process includes an assessment of the details of the proposal with reference to the relevant EIA legislation including the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended1), the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU) and relevant EU Guidance including Interpretation of definitions of project categories of Annex I and II of the EIA Directive, EU, 2015 and Environmental Impact Assessment of Projects - Guidance on Screening, EU, 2017.

This screening report includes:

- 1. A description of the proposed development, including in particular;
 - a description of the physical characteristics of the whole proposed development and, where relevant, of demolition works.
- 2. A description of the location of the proposed development;
 - with particular regard to the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected.
- 3. The legislative basis for EIA;
- 4. A description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the proposed development;
- 5. Screening rationale including a description of any likely significant effects, to the extent of the information available on such effects, of the proposed development on the environment resulting from;
 - the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste, where relevant, and
 - the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity.
 Where relevant, items 1 to 5 above take account of the criteria set out in Schedule 7. Schedule 7 sets out the criteria for determining whether 'sub-threshold' developments should be subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment; and
- 6. Conclusion.

2. Proposed Development

The Bawn St and Church St Public Realm enhancement project will provide the following opportunities for Strokestown:

- Creation of a reimagined public realm scheme developed for Bawn St and Church St which will provide a visual and physical link to Strokestown Park House recognising the traditional/period character of the house and sympathetic to this in terms of lighting, street furniture, materiality and style.
- Space for events, festivals, markets, and outdoor dining.
- Shared surface arrangements including redesigned formal off-street parking areas, recognising the need for safer vehicular and pedestrian movements.
- Clear and appropriately sited public information and way-finding signage.
- Landscaping and street furniture.
- Upgrading of all associated services and utilities.
- Address the function and form of the existing roundabout, associated crossing points, infrastructure, and signage.
- Creation of a "transition" between the new public realm on Bawn St and the existing Church St area.

2.1. Details of proposal

The proposal aims to enhance the existing streetscape of Bawn St and Church St and its connectivity to Bridge St and Elphin St. The proposals include (Figure 2.3.2):

- Alternation to existing road carriageway widths & roundabout dimensions
- Provision of footpaths, along with shared pedestrian & cycle routes
- Provision of controlled & uncontrolled pedestrian crossing facilities
- Relocation of Bus Stops Provision from Bridge Street to Church Street
- Alteration to existing parking provision to include the provision of disabled parking spaces.
- Soft Landscaping work to include provision of trees, shrubs & green space through the scheme.
- Provision of street furniture throughout the scheme to include, benches, seating, picnic tables, bollards, cycle stands, etc
- Provision of new road & wayfinding signage, road marking & public lighting
- All other ancillary site works.



Figure 2.3.1. Site Plan

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Figure 2.3.2. Proposed plan

3. The location of the proposed development

Strokestown is a small settlement in an agricultural landscape. The town of Strokestown is located at the convergence of a number of regional and local roads – N5 National Primary Route, the R368 regional road and Bawn Street (local road). The main street is Church Street (the N5) which turns into Bawn St at the roundabout, which is the second widest road in Ireland. Bawn St is bound by the Strokestown Park House and Gardens which is a preserved Georgian mansion with landscaped grounds which has become home to The National Famine Museum. The town centre remains the primary residential and retail area in Strokestown along with providing a range of services including a medical centre and school.

The proposed public realm scheme site comprises Bawn St, Church St and the R368 where these roads meet. The site is characterised by hard paved surfaces and surface level car parking with limited ecological value, aside from the street trees which line either side of Bawn St and Church St.

In line with the emerging Town Centre First Plan, the vision for Strokestown is to rejuvenate the town as a unique cultural, tourism and heritage destination through the further development of its physical, economic and social infrastructure.

Within the plan boundary area, the majority of the site comprises of buildings and artificial surfaces with very few trees present in the town. The parkland is outside of the redline boundary. The area within the redline boundary has negligible ecological value as it is so intensively built up.

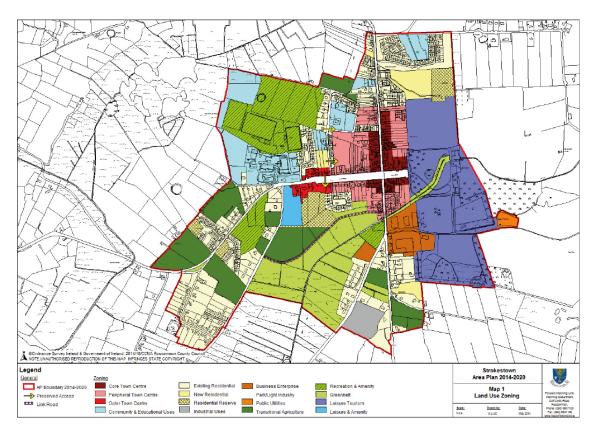


Figure 3.1. Strokestown Land Use Zoning, Strokestown Area Plan (Roscommon Council, 2014)

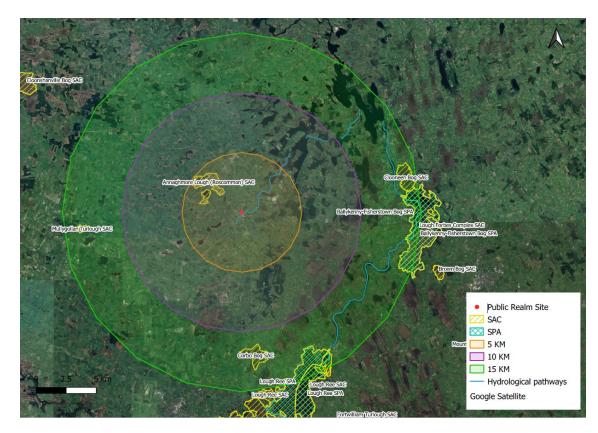


Figure 3.3. European sites within 15km of the proposed public realm scheme



Figure 3.3. Hydrological connectivity to the European sites



Figure 3.3. Hydrological connectivity to the European sites

4. Legislative basis for EIA

EIA requirements derive from the EIA Directive (Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended)). These requirements have been transposed into domestic planning legislation in Part X of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2019 and Part 10 and Schedules 5, 6 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended6. Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations lists project types included the Directive which require EIA. Schedule 5 contains two parts. Projects listed in Part 1 are the same as included in Annex I of the Directive and these automatically require EIA. Part 2 lists project types included in Annex I. Corresponding developments automatically require EIA if no threshold is given or if they exceed a given threshold. Developments which correspond to Part 2 project types but are below the given threshold are termed sub-threshold and must be screened to determine whether they require EIA or not. This is done by consideration of criteria set out in Schedule 7.

5. Aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the proposed development

This screening has considered the environmental factors set out in Schedule 6 and the criteria for determining whether a proposed development would or would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment set out in Schedule 7 (see Tables (a) to (h) below). It finds that no aspects of the environment are likely to be significantly affected.

6. Screening rationale

6.1. Class of Development (Schedule 5)

In the first instance it is necessary to determine whether the project is of a type (or 'class') that requires an EIAR. The project does not align with any of the descriptions found in Schedule 5. A specific focus was placed on Schedule 5 Part 2 under sub section 7 'infrastructure projects' due to the nature of the proposed works.

Schedule 5, Part 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 includes this project type:

10. Infrastructure projects

(b) (iv) Urban development which would involve an area greater than 2 hectares in the case of a business district, 10 hectares in the case of other parts of a built-up area and 20 hectares elsewhere. (In this paragraph, "business district" means a district within a city or town in which the predominant land use is retail or commercial use.)

The EU Guidance on 'Interpretation of definitions of project categories of Annex I and II of the EIA Directive' (2015) interprets 'urban development' as taking 'account of, Inter alia, the following:

i. Projects with similar characteristics to car parks and shopping centres could be considered to fall under Annex II (IO}(b). This could be the case, for example, of bus garages or train depots, which are not explicitly mentioned in the EIA Directive, but have similar characteristics to car parks.

ii. Construction projects such as housing developments, hospitals, universities, sports stadiums, cinemas, theatres, concert halls and other cultural centres could also be assumed to fall within this category. The underlying principle is that all these project categories are of an urban nature and that they may cause similar types of environmental impact.

iii. Projects to which the terms 'urban' and 'infrastructure' can relate, such as the construction of sewerage and water supply networks, could also be included in this category.

In relation to the other elements of the project there are no direct project comparisons present in schedule 5. Given that the project in its entirety does not correspond to any prescribed project type, and is sub threshold where the corresponding descriptions match, and considering its scale and the site location, it is reasonable to consider that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment and that EIA is not required. However, in order to provide a comprehensive assessment, this screening proceeds to consider it against the Schedule 5 criteria, nonetheless.

6.2. Criteria for determining whether the development would or would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment (Schedule 7)

Out of an abundance of caution this screening nonetheless includes a review of the proposal against the Schedule 7 'Criteria for determining whether a development would or would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment'. This review is documented in Tables (a) to (h) below.

The schedule 7 criteria are set out under three headings:

1. Characteristics of proposed development.

Eight characteristics are specified, (a) to (h).

2. Location of proposed development

Three different sensitivity categories are specified, (a) to (c).

3. Types and characteristics of potential impacts

Eight impact significance considerations are provided, (a) to (h)

A separate table is provided below for each characteristic, (a) to (h).

The location sensitivity categories are set out across the top rows of each table.

The impact significance rating provided in the bottom rows of each table take account of the considerations set out in part 3 of the Schedule. Impacts are rated as:

- 0 No impact / insignificant impact
- 1 Impact(s) of low significance
- 2 Significant impact(s)
- ? Unknown

Table (a) S	ize & Design		WILL THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT?												
	NTAL SENSITIVITY	LANDUSES	NATURAL RESOURCES				NATUR	AL ABSORPTION CAPACIT	Y						
LIKELY TO B	_	The existing and	The relative		The absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas										
Annex III Crit	eria	approved land use	abundance, availability, quality	wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths	coastal zones and the marine	mountain and forest areas	nature reserves and parks	areas classified or protected under	areas in which there has already been a	densely populated	landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or				
Notes		Are there any existing land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the project? Are there any plans for future land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the project?	and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water, and biodiversity) in the area and its underground Will construction or the operation of the project affect natural resources such as land, water, materials, or energy, especially any resources which are	Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or other beneficial uses such as water supply, assimilative capacity, landscape or amenity that could be affected by the project?	environment Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or amenity value that could be affected by the project?	Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology, amenity value or commercial forestry activity that could be affected by the project?	Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or amenity value that could be affected by the project?	legislation,includingNatura2000areasdesignated pursuant tothetheHabitatsDirectiveand the BirdsDirectiveCould any such areas beaffected by the project?In the case of EuropeanSites, will such effects beaddressed by assessmentcarried out in compliancewith the HabitatsDirective?	failure to meet the environmental quality standards, laid down in Union legislation and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure Are there any areas within or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage e.g., where existing legal	areas Are there densely populated or built-up areas around the location which could be affected by the project?	archaeological significance Could any such areas be affected by the project?				
Project characteristics Annex III Criteria / Notes	significant elements during the construction, and decommissioning, as relevant. 'Whole project' also includes any significant elements which are integral to the project, e.g., infrastructure	The operational phase elements of the project will be consistent with existing land use. Therefore, there will be no change in this regard.	non-renewable or are in short supply? The proposed development does not include the extensive use of resources.	- - 0√ 1	- - 0√ 1	- - - - -	- mpact Significance 0 √ 1	The AA screening submitted as part of the planning application concludes that the proposed development will not give rise to any effect on the ecological integrity of any European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects.	environmental standards are exceeded, which could be affected by the Project? - 0 √ 1	- - 0√ 1	The proposed development will be contained within existing hard surfaced areas. Therefore, there are no interactions with any landscape or archaeological features. The proposed scheme will affect the setting of the protected structures along Bawn St and Church St, enhancing the streetscape and sensitivity improving the public realm. Also, the scheme will affect the setting of the protected structure Strokestown Park House, by providing an improved visual and physical link to this from Bawn St.				
	connections.	2 ?	2 ?	2 ?	2	2	2	2 ?	2	2	2 ?				

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Table (effects	b) Cumulative		WIL	L THE PROPOSED DEVELO	PMENT SIGNIFICANTLY	AFFECT THE FOLLOV		TICS OF THE EXISTIN	G ENVIRONMENT?						
	ENTAL SENSITIVITY	LANDUSES	NATURAL RESOURCES			I	NATURAL ABSORPT	TION CAPACITY							
	RAPHICAL AREAS	The existing and	The relative	The absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas											
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LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED Annex III Criteria Notes		Are there any existing land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the project? Are there any plans for future land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the project?	abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water, and biodiversity) in the area and its underground Will construction or the operation of the project affect natural resources such as land, water, materials, or energy, especially any resources which are non-renewable or	wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or other beneficial uses such as water supply, assimilative capacity, landscape or amenity that could be affected by the project?	coastal zones and the environmentAre there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or amenity value that could be affected by the project?	mountain and forest areas Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology, amenity value or commercial forestry activity that could be affected by the project?	nature reserves and parks Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or amenity value that could be affected by the project?	areas classified or protected under legislation, including Natura 2000 areas designated pursuant to the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive Could any such areas be affected by the project? In the case of European Sites, will such effects be addressed by	areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards, laid down in Union legislation and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure Are there any areas within or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage e.g., where existing legal environmental standards	densely populated areas Are there densely populated or built-up areas around the location which could be affected by the project?	Could any such areas				
Project characteristics Annex III Criteria / Notes	(b) cumulation with other existing development and/or development the subject of a consent for proposed development for the purposes of section 172 (1A) (b) of the Act and/or development the subject of any development consent for the purposes of the EIA Directive by or under any other enactment	proposed as part of the public realm improvement scheme, taken in conjunction with any recent surrounding works, would result in the accumulative impacts being anticipated as negligible given the nature and scale of the proposed public realm improvement development. $0 \sqrt{1}$	0 √ 1	- - 0√ 1 2	- - 0√ 1 2	- Impact Significand 0 √ 1	0√ 1	assessment carried out in compliance with the Habitats Directive? The AA screening submitted as part of the planning application concludes that the proposed development will not give rise to any effect on the ecological integrity of any European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects.	are exceeded, which could be affected by the Project? - - 0 √ 1	- - 0√ 1 2	The proposed development will be contained within existing hard surfaced areas. Therefore, there are no interactions with any landscape or archaeological features.				
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Table (c) Demoli works	ion	W	ILL THE PROPOSED DEVI	ELOPMENT SIGNIFICANTL	Y AFFECT THE FOLLOW	ING CHARACTERISTIC	S OF THE EXISTING E	NVIRONMENT?						
WOINS	LANDUSES	NATURAL RESOURCES				NATURAL ABSORPTIC		CAPACITY						
ENVIRONMENTAL	The existing and	The relative abundance,	The absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas											
ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS LIKELY TO AFFECTED Annex III Criteria Notes	OF approved land use	availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water, and biodiversity) in the area and its underground Will construction or the operation of the project affect natural resources	wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or other beneficial uses such as water supply, assimilative capacity, landscape or amenity that could be affected by the project?	Coastal zones and the marine environment Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or amenity value that could be affected by the project?	Are there any such areas Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology, amenity value or commercial forestry activity that could be affected by the project?	atural environment, pay nature reserves and parks Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or amenity value that could be affected by the project?	ving particular attentio areas classified or protected under legislation, including Natura 2000 areas designated pursuant to the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive Could any such areas be affected by the project? In the case of European Sites, will such effects be addressed by assessment carried out in compliance with the Habitats Directive?	n to the following areas areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards, laid down in Union legislation and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure Are there any areas within or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage e.g., where existing legal environmental standards are exceeded, which could be affected by the Project?	densely populated areas Are there densely populated or built-up areas around the location which could be affected by the project?	landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance Could any such areas be affected by the project?				
(c) the na of associ demol works Nature of demolition v	any ated associated with small scale extensions to existing buildings during any construction. There will		- is no demolition phase o		ent and all demolition w		•	- e extension works, there is works.	- no potential for	- significant				
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Table Resourc	(d) Natural ces		WILL THE	PROPOSED DEVELOPM	IENT SIGNIFICANTLY	AFFECT THE FOLLO		STICS OF THE EXISTING EI	NVIRONMENT?		
		LANDUSES	NATURAL RESOURCES				NATURAL ABS	ORPTION CAPACITY			
ENVIRON	MENTAL	The existing and approved	The relative abundance,		The ab	sorption capacity of	the natural environm	ent, paying particular atten	tion to the following areas	5	
SENSITIVI	TY OF	land use	availability, quality and	wetlands, riparian	coastal zones and	mountain and	nature reserves	areas classified or	areas in which there	densely	landscapes and
GEOGRAF	PHICAL AREAS		regenerative capacity of	areas, river mouths	the marine	forest areas	and parks	protected under	has already been a	populated	sites of historical,
LIKELY TO	D BE AFFECTED	Are there any existing land	natural resources		environment			legislation, including	failure to meet the	areas	cultural or
		uses on or around the location	(including soil, land, water,	Are there any such		Are there any such	Are there any such	Natura 2000 areas	environmental quality	urouo	archaeological
Annex III C	Criteria	which could be affected by the	and biodiversity) in the	areas on or around the	Are there any such	areas on or around	areas on or around	designated pursuant to	standards, laid down	Are there	significance
		project?	area and its underground	location that are	areas on or around	the location that	the location that	the Habitats Directive	in Union legislation	densely	orginitearies
Notes				important or sensitive	the location that are	are important or	are important or	and the Birds Directive	and relevant to the	populated or	Could any such areas
		Are there any plans for future	Will construction or the	for reasons of their	important or	sensitive for	sensitive for		project, or in which it	built-up areas	be affected by the
		land uses on or around the	operation of the project affect	ecology or other	sensitive for reasons	reasons of their	reasons of their	Could any such areas be	is considered that	around the	project?
		location which could be	natural resources such as	beneficial uses such as	of their ecology or	ecology, amenity	ecology or amenity	affected by the project?	there is such a failure	location which	[···]
		affected by the project?	land, water, materials, or	water supply,	amenity value that	value or	value that could be	In the case of European		could be	
			energy, especially any	assimilative capacity,	could be affected by	commercial	affected by the	Sites, will such effects be	Are there any areas	affected by the	
			resources which are non-	landscape or amenity	the project?	forestry activity	project?	addressed by assessment	within or around the	project?	
			renewable or are in short	that could be affected	[]	that could be	[···]	carried out in compliance	location which are	F J	
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									environmental damage		
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									legal environmental		
									standards are		
									exceeded, which could		
									be affected by the		
									Project?		
	(d) the use of	The proposed development is	All development works will be	-	-	-	-	The AA screening report	-	-	The proposed
	natural resources,	in line with existing urban land	contained within existing					submitted as part of the			development will be
	in	use and an extension to	hard surfaced areas.					planning application			contained within
	particular land, soil,	existing facilities on site and all	Therefore, the potential					concludes that the			existing hard
(0	water and biodiversity	development will be contained	impacts are anticipated to be					proposed development			surfaced areas.
characteristic Criteria / Notes	biodiversity	within existing hard surfaced	negligible given the nature of					will not give rise to any			Therefore, there are
teris / N	What natural	areas.	the proposed development.					effect on the ecological			no interactions with
teria	resources will be							integrity of any European			any landscape or
cha Crij	used by the	It does not include the						sites, alone or in			archaeological
Project characteristic Annex III Criteria / Note	construction and	extensive use of any other						combination with other			features.
Pro	operation of the	natural resources.						plans or projects.			
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Table (e) Wastes			WILL THE P	ROPOSED DEVELOPM	ENT SIGNIFICAN	ITLY AFFECT TH	IE FOLLOWING C	HARACTERISTICS OF THE	EXISTING ENVIRONMENT	?			
ENVIRONMENTAL GEOGRAPHICAL ARI	SENSITIVITY OF EAS LIKELY TO BE	LANDUSES	NATURAL RESOURCES				NATUR	AL ABSORPTION CAPACIT	Y				
AFFECTED		The existing and approved	The relative		The absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas								
Annex III Criteria		land use	abundance, availability, quality	wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths	coastal zones and the	mountain and forest areas	nature reserves and	areas classified or protected under	areas in which there has already been a	densely populated	landscapes and sites of historical,		
Notes		Are there any existing land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the project? Are there any plans for future land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the project?	and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water, and biodiversity) in the area and its underground Will construction or the operation of the project affect natural resources such as land, water, materials, or energy, especially any resources which are non-renewable or are in short supply?	Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or other beneficial uses such as water supply, assimilative capacity, landscape or amenity that could be affected by the project?	marine environment Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or amenity value that could be affected by the project?	Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology, amenity value or commercial forestry activity that could be affected by the project?	or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or amenity value that could be	legislation, including Natura 2000 areas designated pursuant to the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive Could any such areas be affected by the project? In the case of European Sites, will such effects be addressed by assessment carried out in compliance with the Habitats Directive?	failure to meet the environmental quality standards, laid down in Union legislation and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure Are there any areas within or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage e.g., where existing legal environmental standards are exceeded, which could be affected by the Project?	areas Are there densely populated or built-up areas around the location which could be affected by the project?	cultural or archaeological significance Could any such areas be affected by the project?		
Project characteristic Annex III Criteria / Notes	 (e) the production of waste What waste will arise from the construction and operation of the project? 	The proposed development is in line with existing urban land use and an extension to existing facilities on site and all development will be contained within existing hard surfaced areas. It does not include the extensive use of any other natural resources.	contained within existing hard surfaced areas.	-	-	-	-	The AA screening report submitted as part of the planning application concludes that the proposed development will not give rise to any effect on the ecological integrity of any European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects.	-	-	The proposed development will be contained within existing hard surfaced areas. Therefore, there are no interactions with any landscape or archaeological features.		
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Table (f) Pollution & Nuisances			WILL 1	THE PROPOSED D	EVELOPMENT SIG	NIFICANTLY AFFE	CT THE FOLLOWI	NG CHARACTERISTICS	OF THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT?					
ENVIRON		LANDUSES	NATURAL RESOURCES					NATURAL ABSORPTION	N CAPACITY					
SENSITIVI	TY OF	The existing and approved	The relative abundance,	The absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas										
GEOGRAF	PHICAL AREAS	land use		wetlands, coastal zones mountain and nature reserves areas classified or areas in which there has already been a densely landscapes										
LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED		Are there any existing land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the	availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land,	riparian areas, river mouths	and the marine environment	forest areas Are there any	and parks Are there any	protected under legislation, including Natura 2000 areas	failure to meet the environmental quality standards, laid down in Union legislation and relevant to the project, or in which it is	populated areas	sites of historical cultural or archaeological			
Notes		project? Are there any plans for future land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the project?	water,andbiodiversity)inareaandareaanditsundergroundWill construction or theoperation of the projectaffect natural resourcessuch as land, water,materials, or energy,especially any resourceswhicharenon-renewable or are in shortsupply?	Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or other beneficial uses such as water supply, assimilative capacity, landscape or amenity that	Are there any such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or amenity value that could be affected by the project?	such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology, amenity value or commercial forestry activity that could be affected by the project?	such areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology or amenity value that could be affected by the project?	designated pursuant to the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive Could any such areas be affected by the project? In the case of European Sites, will such effects be addressed by assessment carried out in compliance with the	considered that there is such a failure Are there any areas within or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage e.g., where existing legal environmental standards are exceeded, which could be affected by the Project?	Are there densely populated or built-up areas around the location which could be affected by the project?	significance Could any such areas be affected by the project?			
Project characteristic Annex III Criteria / Notes	(f) pollution and nuisances What emissions will the construction and operation phase of the project cause?	All development works will be contained within existing hard surfaced areas. Therefore, the potential impacts are anticipated to be negligible given the nature of the proposed development. Air quality, light, noise and water pollution impacts associated with the proposed works are anticipated to be negligible given the existing condition of the site as well as the scale and nature of the proposed development.		could be affected by the project? -	- - 0√	- - 0 √	- npact Significance 0 √	The AA screening report submitted as part of the planning application concludes that the proposed development will not give rise to any effect on the ecological integrity of any European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects.	- - 0√	- - 0√	The proposed development will be contained within existing hard surfaced areas. Therefore, there are no interactions with any landscape or archaeological features.			
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Table (Disaste	g) Accidents / rs		WILL	THE PROPOSED I	DEVELOPMENT SIG	GNIFICANTLY AFF	ECT THE FOLLOW	ING CHARACTERISTICS	OF THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT?				
ENVIRON		LANDUSES	NATURAL RESOURCES					NATURAL ABSORPTIO	N CAPACITY				
SENSITIV	ITY OF	The existing and approved	The relative	The absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas									
GEOGRA	PHICAL AREAS	land use	abundance,	wetlands, coastal zones mountain and nature reserves areas classified or areas in which there has already been a densely landscapes a									
LIKELY T	O BE AFFECTED		availability, quality and	riparian areas,	and the marine	forest areas	and parks	protected under	failure to meet the environmental quality	populated	sites of historical,		
		Are there any existing land	regenerative capacity	river mouths	environment	Torest areas		legislation, including	standards, laid down in Union legislation	areas	cultural or		
Annex III	Criteria	uses on or around the	of natural resources			Are there any	Are there any	Natura 2000 areas	and relevant to the project, or in which it is	ui ouo	archaeological		
		location which could be	(including soil, land,	Are there any	Are there any	such areas on or	such areas on or	designated pursuant	considered that there is such a failure	Are there	significance		
Notes		affected by the project?	water, and	such areas on or	such areas on or	around the	around the	to the Habitats		densely	Ŭ		
			biodiversity) in the	around the	around the	location that are	location that are	Directive and the	Are there any areas within or around the location	populated or	Could any such		
		Are there any plans for future	area and its	location that are	location that are	important or	important or	Birds Directive	which are already subject to pollution or	built-up areas	areas be affected		
		land uses on or around the	underground	important or	important or	sensitive for	sensitive for		environmental damage e.g., where existing	around the	by the project?		
		location which could be		sensitive for	sensitive for	reasons of their	reasons of their	Could any such areas	legal environmental standards are exceeded,	location which			
		affected by the project?	Will construction or the	reasons of their	reasons of their	ecology, amenity	ecology or	be affected by the	which could be affected by the Project?	could be			
			operation of the project affect natural resources	ecology or other	ecology or	value or	amenity value	project?		affected by the			
			such as land, water,	beneficial uses	amenity value	commercial	that could be	In the case of		project?			
			materials, or energy,	such as water	that could be	forestry activity	affected by the	European Sites, will					
			especially any resources	supply,	affected by the	that could be	project?	such effects be					
			which are non-	assimilative	project?	affected by the		addressed by					
			renewable or are in short	capacity,		project?		assessment carried					
			supply?	landscape or				out in compliance with					
				amenity that				the					
				could be									
				affected by the project?									
	(g) the risk of major	The potential impacts due to	All development works	-	-	-	-	The AA screening	-	-	The proposed		
	accidents	risk of accidents and/or	will be contained within					report submitted as			development will be		
	and / or disaster	disasters are anticipated to	existing hard surfaced					part of the planning			contained within		
	which are relevant to	be negligible given the						application concludes			existing hard		
	the project	nature of the proposed	potential impacts are					that the proposed			surfaced areas.		
ristic Notes	concerned, including	development and the						development will not			Therefore, there		
characteristic Criteria / Note	those	existing land use activities on	negligible given the					give rise to any effect			are no interactions		
haracter riteria /	climate	site.	nature of the proposed					on the ecological			with any landscape		
cha Crit	change in accordance		development.					integrity of any European sites, alone			or archaeological features.		
ect ×	with							or in combination with			leatures.		
Project Annex III	scientific knowledge							other plans or projects.					
A	Ŭ		I	L	1		I mpact Significance		1		I		
	What emissions	0√	0√	0√	0√	0√	0 √	0 √	0 √	0√	0√		
	will the	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	construction and	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
	operation phase of	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?		
	the project cause?												



Table (h) Human Health		w	ILL THE PROPOSE	ED DEVELOPMENT	SIGNIFICANTLY	FFECT THE FOLL	OWING CHARACTERIST	TICS OF THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT?				
_	MENTAL SENSITIVITY OF	LANDUSES	NATURAL RESOURCES					NATURAL ABSORPTIO	N CAPACITY				
	PHICAL AREAS LIKELY TO	The second time and		e The absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas									
BE AFFEC	JIED	The existing and approved land use	The relative abundance,		I	i ne absorptio	n capacity of the h	latural environment, pay	Ing particular attention to the following areas	I	1		
Annex III	Critoria	approved land use	availability, quality and	wetlands,	coastal zones	mountain and	nature reserves	areas classified or	areas in which there has already been a	densely	landscapes and		
	ontena	Are there any	regenerative capacity	riparian areas,	and the marine	forest areas	and parks	protected under	failure to meet the environmental quality	populated	sites of historical,		
Notes		existing land uses on	of natural resources	river mouths	environment			legislation, including	standards, laid down in Union legislation	areas	cultural or		
		or around the	(including soil, land,			Are there any	Are there any	Natura 2000 areas	and relevant to the project, or in which it is		archaeological		
		location which could	water, and	Are there any	Are there any	such areas on or	such areas on or	designated pursuant	considered that there is such a failure	Are there	significance		
		be affected by the	biodiversity) in the	such areas on or	such areas on or	around the	around the	to the Habitats		densely			
		project?	area and its	around the	around the	location that are	location that are	Directive and the	Are there any areas within or around the location	populated or	Could any such		
			underground	location that are	location that are	important or	important or	Birds Directive	which are already subject to pollution or	built-up areas	areas be affected		
		Are there any plans		important or	important or	sensitive for	sensitive for		environmental damage e.g., where existing	around the	by the project?		
		for future land uses	Will construction or the	sensitive for	sensitive for	reasons of their	reasons of their	Could any such areas	legal environmental standards are exceeded,	location which			
		on or around the	operation of the project	reasons of their	reasons of their	ecology, amenity	ecology or	be affected by the	which could be affected by the Project?	could be			
		location which could	affect natural resources	ecology or other beneficial uses	ecology or amenity value	value or commercial	amenity value that could be	project? In the case of		affected by the			
		be affected by the	such as land, water,	such as water	amenity value that could be	forestry activity	affected by the	In the case of European Sites, will		project?			
		project?	materials, or energy,	supply,	affected by the	that could be	project?	such effects be					
			especially any resources	assimilative	project?	affected by the	projecti	addressed by					
			which are non-	capacity,	projooti	project?		assessment carried					
			renewable or are in short	landscape or		p. 0)0001		out in compliance with					
			supply?	amenity that				the					
				could be									
				affected by the									
				project?									
	(h) the risks to human health (for example	The risks to human		-	-	-	-	The AA screening	-	-	The proposed		
	due to water	health are						report submitted as			development will be		
	contamination of air pollution)	anticipated to be						part of the planning			contained within		
	politicity	negligible given the						application concludes			existing hard		
	Are there elements of the	nature of the						that the proposed			surfaced areas.		
ic	projects that have potential	proposed						development will not			Therefore, there		
erist / No	to affect human health	development.						give rise to any effect			are no interactions		
acte eria	through the environmental							on the ecological			with any landscape		
chai	pathways through which it							integrity of any			or archaeological		
Project characteristic nnex III Criteria / Note	could be affected, such as							European sites, alone			features.		
Proj	effects on water quality, air							or in combination with					
- A	quality (including odors) or							other plans or projects.					
	noise?	<u> </u>	a (. (Impact Significa		a (
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		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
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7. Conclusion

It is considered that the proposal does not come within the scope of any class of project prescribed in Schedule 5 of the Regulations (SI 600 of 2001 as amended).

Having considered the nature, scale, and location of the proposal, having regard to the characteristics and location of the proposed development and having regard to the characteristics of potential impacts it is considered that the project is unlikely to give rise to significant environmental impacts.

It is concluded that there is no requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment to be carried out for the proposed Strokestown Town Public Realm Enhancement Project. Therefore, there is no requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment Report to be prepared.