

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
SCREENING REPORT AND
CONCLUSION STATEMENT**

Establishing if the proposal is a 'sub-threshold development':

Planning Register Reference:	Part 8 – No. 108
Development Summary:	Construction of the 'Aghafad Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme' to include the provision of a shared walking and cycling pathway from the factories at Aghafad, Longford Town, to link with the existing service road along the eastern boundary of Longford Slashers GAA at Farranyoogan, Longford Town, and thereby provide a connection onto the Royal Canal Greenway.
Was a Screening Determination carried out under Section 176A-C?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, no further action required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, Proceed to Part A
<p>A. Schedule 5 Part 1 - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)? (Tick as appropriate)</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, specify class <u> [insert here] </u>	<p>EIA is mandatory No Screening required</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Proceed to Part B</p>
<p>B. Schedule 5 Part 2 - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and does it meet/exceed the thresholds? (Tick as appropriate)</p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the development is not a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2	<p>No Screening required</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes the project is listed in Schedule 5, Part 2 and meets/exceeds the threshold, specify class (including threshold): <u> [specify class & threshold here] </u>	<p>EIA is mandatory No Screening required</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes the project is of a type listed but is <i>sub-threshold</i> : <u> [insert here] </u>	<p>Proceed to Part C</p>
<p>C. If Yes, has Schedule 7A information/screening report been submitted?</p>	

Yes, Schedule 7A information/screening report has been submitted by the applicant

No, Schedule 7A information/screening report has not been submitted by the applicant

Screening Determination required

Preliminary Examination required

Form 2

<p align="center">Preliminary Examination:</p> <p>The planning authority shall carry out a preliminary examination of, at the least, the nature, size or location of the development.</p>		
	Comment:	Yes/No/ Uncertain:
<p>Nature of the development: <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>Construction of the 'Aghafad Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme' to include the provision of a shared walking and cycling pathway from the factories at Aghafad, Longford Town, to link with the existing service road along the eastern boundary of Longford Slashers GAA at Farranyoogan, Longford Town, and thereby provide a connection onto the Royal Canal Greenway.</p>	No
<p>Size of the development: <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 development will consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three metre wide, shared pathway, commencing to the immediate east of the existing Longford Slashers GAA entrance and proceeding approximately 400m south west along the L1127 to the Aghafad existing factory entrances, with uncontrolled crossing where required. - Shared pathway to separately advance, approximately 290 metres north along the eastern boundary of Longford Slashers GAA with Prospect Wood, to include the partial redesignation of the existing service road for pedestrian / cyclist provision. 	No
<p>Location: <i>Is the proposed development located on, in, adjoining or does it have the potential</i></p>	N/A	No

<p><i>to impact on an ecologically sensitive site or location?¹</i></p> <p><i>Does the proposed development have the potential to affect other significant environmental sensitivities in the area?</i></p>		
<p>Preliminary Examination Conclusion:</p>		
<p>Based on a preliminary examination of the nature, size or location of the development. (Tick as appropriate)</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>There is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment.</p> <p>EIA is not required.</p>	<p>There is real likelihood of significant effects on the environment.</p> <p>An EIAR is required.</p>	<p>There is significant and realistic doubt regarding the likelihood of significant effects on the environment.</p> <p>Request the applicant to submit the Information specified in Schedule 7A for the purposes of a screening determination.</p> <p>Proceed to Screening Determination.</p>

¹ 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).

Form 3

Screening Determination:		
A. Case Details:		
Planning Register Reference:	Part 8 – No. 103	
Development Summary:	Construction of the 'Aghafad Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme' to include the provision of a shared walking and cycling pathway from the factories at Aghafad, Longford Town, to link with the existing service road along the eastern boundary of Longford Slashers GAA at Farranyoogan, Longford Town, and thereby provide a connection onto the Royal Canal Greenway.	
	Yes / No / N/A:	Comment (if relevant):
Does the application include information specified in Schedule 7A?	No	Proposed not considered sub-threshold.
Other relevant information submitted:	Yes	AA Screening Report Included
Does the application include a NIS and/or other reports to enable AA screening?	N/A	AA Screening Report Included
Is an IED/IPC/Waste Licence or Waste Water Discharge Authorisation (or review of licence / authorisation) required from the EPA for the subject development?	No	
If YES has the EPA been consulted?	N/A	
Have any other relevant ² assessments of the effects on the environment been carried out pursuant to other relevant Directives –for example SEA or AA?	Yes	AA Screening Report Included
B. Examination:		
1. Characteristics of proposed development (including demolition, construction, operation, or decommissioning):		
	If relevant, briefly describe the characteristics of the development (i.e. the nature and extent):	
(a) The size and design of the whole of the proposed development (including any demolition works):	Typical 3m wide, approx. 700 metre long (circa 500m new build, 200m repurposing of existing service road) shared pedestrian and cycling pathway. No demolition proposed.	

² Relevant assessments are those which have a significant bearing on the project.

(b) Other existing or permitted projects (including under other legislation that is subject to EIA) that could give rise to cumulative effects:	N/A
(c) Use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity: <i>Will construction or the operation of the proposal use natural resources such as land, soil, water, materials or energy, especially any resources which are non-renewable or are in short supply?</i>	Yes. Construction material required for the construction and surfacing of pathway and associated plant and machinery to deliver same
(d) Production of waste: <i>Will the proposal produce solid wastes during construction, operation, or decommissioning?</i>	No
(e) Pollution and nuisances: <i>Will the proposal release pollutants to ground or surface water, or air (including noise and vibrations) or water, or lead to exceeding environmental standards set out in other Directives?</i>	No
(f) Major accidents and disasters: <i>In accordance with scientific knowledge, is there a risk of major accidents and/or disasters which are relevant to the project, including those caused by climate change?</i>	No
(g) Risks to human health, for example due to water contamination or air pollution:	No
2. Location of proposed development:	
The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by the proposed development:	If relevant, briefly describe the characteristics of the location (with particular regard to the (a) existing and approved land use, (b) the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources, and (c) the absorption capacity of the environment):
(a) Generally describe the location of the site and its surroundings:	Site exists within the townlands of Aghafad and Farranyoogan Longford Town, entirely within the existing and defined Longford town 'Development Envelope', immediately alongside existing infrastructure (i.e. c.500m along L1127 roadside, and the remaining c.200m along Slashers GAA side service road). Proposal provides an extension to the existing L1127 footpath, and enhanced connectivity to Royal Canal Greenway to the immediate north.

<p>(b) Is the project located within, close to or has it the potential to impact on any site specified in Article 103(3)(a)(v) of the Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European site - NHA/pNHA - Designated Nature Reserve - Designated refuge for flora or fauna - Place, site or feature of ecological interest, the preservation, conservation, protection of which is an objective of a development plan/ local area plan/ draft plan or variation of a plan. 	<p>Yes. pNHA of the Royal Canal Greenway (Longford Spur). CDP Ref: pNHA 002103</p>
<p>(c) Are there any other areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology e.g. wetlands, watercourses or other waterbodies (including riparian areas and river mouths), the coastal zone and the marine environment, mountains, forests or woodlands, that could be affected by the project?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>(d) Is the proposal likely to be highly visible to many people? Are there any areas or features of high landscape or scenic value on or around the location, or are there any routes or facilities that are used by the public for recreation or other facilities which could be affected by the proposal?</p>	<p>No – Predominantly surface development.</p>
<p>(e) Are there any areas or features of historic or cultural importance on or around the location that could be affected by the project?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>(f) Are there areas within or around the location which are densely populated or built-up, or occupied by sensitive land uses e.g. hospitals, schools, places of worship, community facilities that could be affected by the proposal?</p>	<p>No. Existing residential of Prospect Woods to the east unaffected, and on alternative site.</p>

(g) Are there any areas within or around the location which contain important, high quality or scarce resources e.g. groundwater, surface waters, forestry, agriculture, fisheries, tourism, minerals, that could be affected by the proposal?	No	
(h) Are there any areas within or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage, and where there has already been a failure in environmental standards that could be affected by the proposal e.g. the status of water bodies under the Water Framework Directive?	No	
(i) Is the site located in an area susceptible to subsidence, landslides, erosion, or flooding which could cause the proposal to present environmental problems?	No	
(j) Are there any additional considerations that are specific to this location?	No	
3. Types and characteristics of potential impacts:		
If relevant, briefly describe the characteristics of the potential impacts under the headings below. (including where relevant the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (e.g. geographical areas and size of population likely to be affected), nature of impact, intensity and complexity of impact, probability of impact, and duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact):	If relevant, briefly describe any mitigation measures proposed to avoid or prevent a significant effect.	Is this likely to result in significant effects on the environment?
<i>Population and human health:</i>		
<i>Provision of shared pathway to facilitate increased sustainable transport use for the ultimate benefit of human and environmental health and wellbeing.</i>	N/A	No.
<i>Biodiversity, with particular attention to species and habitats protected under the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive.^{3 *}</i>		
<i>Minimal loss of roadside grass verges for the benefit of a shared pathway provision. All remaining length exists along predeveloped lands.</i>	N/A	No
<i>Land, soil, water, air and climate:</i>		
<i>Improved air quality anticipate in areas of increased sustainable infrastructure provision, as proposed.</i>	N/A	No

³ -And with particular regard to areas specified in Article 103(3)(a)(v) of the Regulations.

<i>Cumulative effects:</i>		
N/A		No
<i>Transboundary effects:</i>		
N/A		No
4. Additional Considerations:		
Further relevant information, if any, relating to how the results of any other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment have been taken into account (e.g. SEA, AA screening, AA):	AA Screening	
Other relevant information/ considerations of note:	N/A	
C. Determination:		
No real likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EIAR is not required
Real likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	EIAR is required
<i>Material assets, cultural heritage and the landscape:*</i>		
N/A		No
D. Main Reasons and Considerations:		

Having regard to the criteria in Schedule 7, the information provided in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and the following:

- (a) Set out the main reasons and considerations specific to the nature, size, or location of the proposed development, and the types and characteristics of potential impacts:
- (b) Where relevant, reference any key mitigation measures of significance to the screening determination:
- (c) Where relevant, reference the results of any other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment (e.g. SEA, AA screening, AA):
- (d) Any other relevant information:

It is considered that the proposed development ~~would~~ would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact report ~~is~~ is not therefore required.



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