

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Decision Statement

Variation No. 8 (Knocknaheeny) of the City Development Plan

Cork City Council, as Planning Authority for the City of Cork, hereby publishes its decision not to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment for the proposed 'Variation no. 8 - Knocknaheeny' of the City Development Plan 2009 - 2015'

(in accordance with SI No. 201 of 2011)

The Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2011 require Strategic Environmental Assessments in the case of Variations of the City Development Plan where they are likely to give rise to significant environmental effects.

The reason for this decision is set out below

Having completed a screening, Cork City Council has determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not necessary for the proposed 'Variation No. 8' as it is considered that the implementation of the variation would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment. The variation is considered to have a neutral impact on the environment.

This decision (**MO/ 1153 /12**) has been taken having regard to the EU Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2001/42/EC) and the Guidelines for Regional Authorities and Planning Authorities (November 2004) from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Cork City Council consulted the Environmental Authorities (in this case the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Parks & Wildlife Service, the Minister of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht Affairs, Cork County Council) as part of the 'screening' process and received no adverse comment regarding the environmental implications of the proposed plan.

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