

SEA Directive Statement

Cork City North West Regeneration Masterplan & Implementation Report

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (DIRECTIVE 2001/42/EC)

Cork City Council, as Planning Authority for the City of Cork, hereby publishes its decision not to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment for the 'Cork City North West Regeneration Masterplan & Implementation Report.'

The reasons for this decision are set out below

The Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004) require Strategic Environmental Assessments in the case of local plans where they are likely to give rise to significant environmental effects. A formal 'screening' is required under the regulations to determine whether the plan would be likely to have significant effects on the environment. A screening involves formal consideration of:

- The characteristics of the plan; and
- The characteristics of the environmental effects of the plan and the area likely to be affected.

Having completed a screening, Cork City Council has determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not necessary for the 'Cork City North West Regeneration Masterplan & Implementation Report' as it is considered that the implementation of the masterplan would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

This decision (**MO/ 4897 /2011**) 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) as part of the 'screening' process and received no adverse comment regarding the environmental implications of the proposed plan.

The proposed masterplan is considered to have a positive impact on the environment.

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