

Chief Executive's Order No. 2023/P/H/1448

Proposed Material Alterations of the Draft Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan 2023 to 2029

Determination of whether or not the Material Alterations would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, and on the consequent need for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with Section 20(3)(f) of the Planning and Development Act 2000(As Amended).

Submitted: Report and recommendation entitled 'Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan 2023-2029'

The report takes into account the criteria set out in Schedule 2A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001(As Amended) and recommends that the Planning Authority determine that the Proposed Material Alterations of the Draft Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan 2023-2029 are likely to have significant environmental effects and that a Strategic Environment Assessment of same is required. In addition, the report also recommended that the Chief Executive now specify a period of 9 weeks following the passing of the resolution to alter the Draft Plan as being required to facilitate said assessment (i.e. by the 12th of July 2023).

If accepted, the effect of the recommendation would be that the Planning Authority agrees that the proposed material alterations would be likely to have significant environmental effects (taking into account the criteria contained in Schedule 2A of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended)), and therefore a Strategic Environmental Assessment of same is required in accordance with Article 3 of the SEA Directive¹ and a period of 9 weeks following the passing of the resolution to alter the Draft Plan would now be required to prepare said assessment (i.e. by the 12th of July 2023).

Endorsed by: I hereby endorse said report and associated recommendations as referenced above.



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¹ Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the Assessment of the Effect of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment

Order:

I hereby Order that, with regard to the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan 2023-2029' the Planning Authority:

- 1) Determines, in accordance with Section 20(3)(f) of the Planning and Development Act 2000(As Amended) that Strategic Environmental Assessment is required in respect of said Proposed Materials Alterations
- 2) Carries out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of said Proposed Material Alterations within 9 weeks of the passing of the resolution to alter the Draft Plan, in accordance with Sections 20(3)(g) and (i) of said Act. (i.e. by the 12th of July 2023).
- 3) Publishes a notice of the making of the above determination that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required in at least one newspaper circulating in the area, in accordance with Section 20(3)(h) of said Act.



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Director

Community Development and Planning Services.

Dated this 26th day of June 2023.