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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This report provides an Environmental Impact Assessment screening for a 20 unit housing development at Pirn Mill Road, Co. Sligo. The 179A\* measure was implemented to allow for accelerated delivery of social, affordable and cost-rental housing by local authorities by way of exemption from the local authority own development 'Part 8' process in the section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended (the Act) in strictly defined circumstances.

The amendments to the Act and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended (the regulations) are balanced with the need to provide for the accelerated delivery of social and affordable housing while also ensuring proper planning and sustainable development by means of the introduction of a temporary time-bound exemption from the 'Part 8' process for the approval of local authority own development housing projects on local authority or State owned lands. This planning amendment will assist local authorities to accelerate housing delivery and is being utilised for this screening process. This Part 179A\* process is being pursued by Sligo County Council.

The EIA Screening Report has been prepared to assess the potential impacts on the environment of the Proposed Development at the subject site and to assess the requirement or otherwise from an EIA.

### 1.1 Purpose of this Statement

The purpose of this Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Statement is to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is required for the Proposed Development and to identify any environmental issues that might arise. It is worth noting that this Proposed Development is below any threshold, and we do not consider a Schedule 7A screening process will be required as per Schedule 5 Parts 1 & 2 of the Planning Development Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 600 of 2001), as amended.

This report is supported and informed by accompanying documentation including an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report prepared by JOD.

### 1.2 Statement of Authority

This Screening for this EIA Report has been prepared by Emma Yore and Ryan Mitchell and reviewed by Sarah Moore.

Emma Yore is a Graduate Environmental Scientist and holds a Bachelor (Hons.) Degree in Environmental Science from the Institute of Technology, Sligo. She has experience through various projects since joining JOD with a current focus on the environmental sector. Emma's key capabilities are in report writing of Appropriate Assessments and Environmental Impact Assessments.

Ryan Mitchell has a bachelor's degree in animal conservation and Biodiversity, has a strong proven background in ecology with 7 years of experience working in the sector. He is experienced in report

writing, AA screenings, EIAR chapter writing and project management working on EIARs for wind farm developments in Ireland.

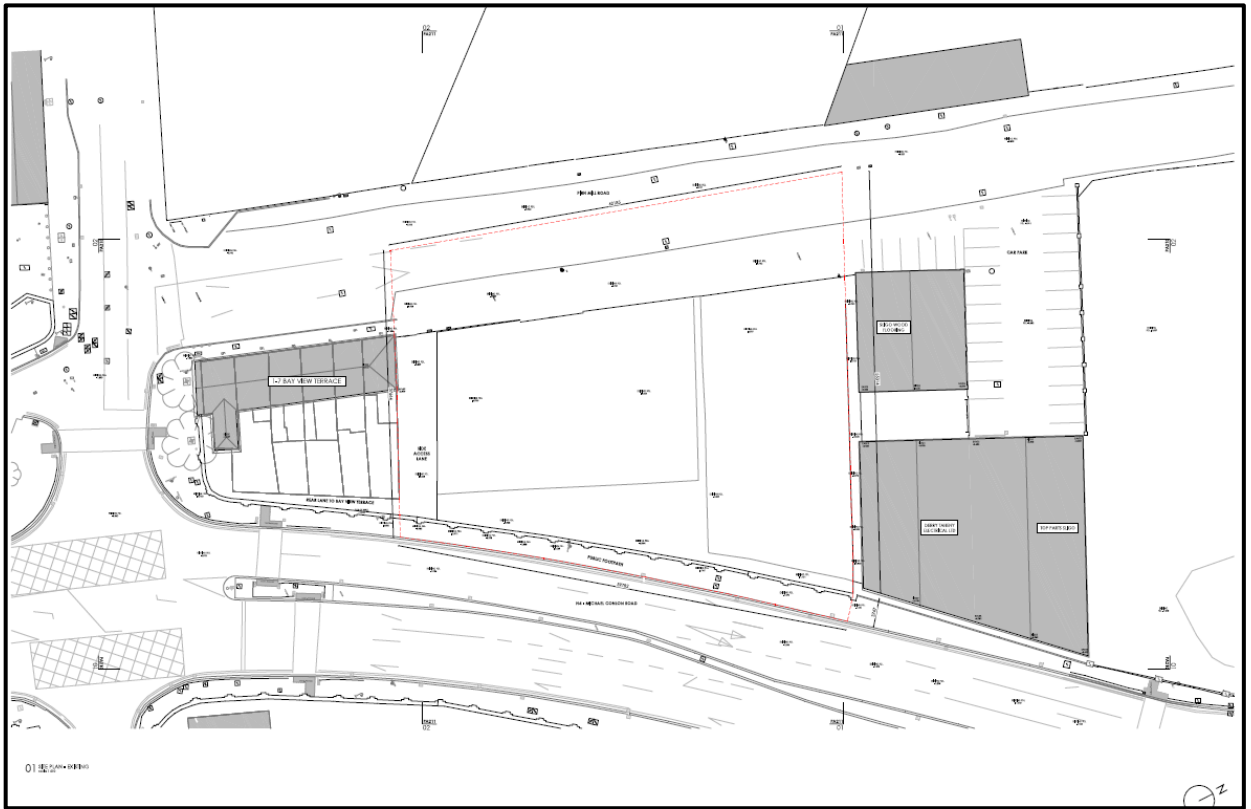
Sarah Moore is an Environmental Scientist in JOD with over 17 years of environmental consultancy experience. She has obtained a MSc in Environmental Engineering from Queens University, Belfast, and a BSc in Environmental Science from University of Limerick. Since joining JOD, Sarah has been involved as a Project Environmental Scientist on a range of renewable energy, wastewater, structures and commercial projects. She has experience in the preparation of Appropriate Assessments, Ecological Impact Assessments, Environmental Impact Assessments and Geographic Information Systems.

## **2. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITIES**

### **2.1 The Proposed Development**

The development will consist of New-build apartments arranged in 2no. 2-storey terraces, 1no. 4-storey block, to provide 20no.dwellings. Development of the section of the Pirn Mill Road realignment directly adjacent to the site. Opening up of existing adjacent lane and creation of a new pedestrian route through the site. A new semi-public communal square and a new pocket park. New service/ utilities connections. The only vehicular access will be to the parking bays located at the perimeter of the site and accessed directly off Prin Mill Road. Fire Tender access is provided along the pedestrian routes. Pedestrian access will be provided from the N4 via 2no. stepped access points. Construction access and deliveries will be from Pirn Mill Road only.

The existing Site Plan is shown in Figure 2.1.



**Figure 2.1: Existing Site Plan**

## 2.2 Location

This brownfield site at Pirn Mill Road is located in the Inner City of Sligo, separated from the commercial City Centre by the N4 Inner Relief Road which is directly adjacent to the site boundary.

The site is located c.100m south-west of the Michael Hughes Bridge, one of the key crossing points of the River Garavogue. The site forms the eastern edge of the docklands area. Hundreds of years of filling on the south side of the Garavogue estuary have led to the creation of an industrial/shipping waterfront, currently poorly utilised and semi derelict. The overall site area as enclosed by the red line on the drawings covers 0.284ha. However, the Net Site Area excluding the realignment of Pirn Mill Road and the footpath to the N4 is 0.226ha.



**Figure 2.2: Location of the Project**

As per the Sligo County Council City Centre Zoning Map, as part of the Sligo County Council Development Plan 2017-2023 (extended to July 2024) the site has been zoned “C2”, “Commercial and mixed land uses”. A review of the online planning file for the site confirms that there are no current planning permissions active on the subject site.

## 2.3 Land, Soils and Flooding

### Geology and Soils

The quaternary sediments at the site of the Project are classified as ‘Urban’.

The Project is located entirely within the Glencar Limestone Formation. These bedrock formations are described by the Geological Survey of Ireland as ‘dark-fine limestone & calcareous shale’. Corine 2018 denotes this area as *continuous urban fabric with artificial surfaces*.

### Hydrology and Hydrogeology

The site overlies bedrock which is classified as ‘*Locally Important Aquifer – Bedrock which is Moderately Productive only in Local Zones*’. The groundwater vulnerability at the site is classified as ‘High’.

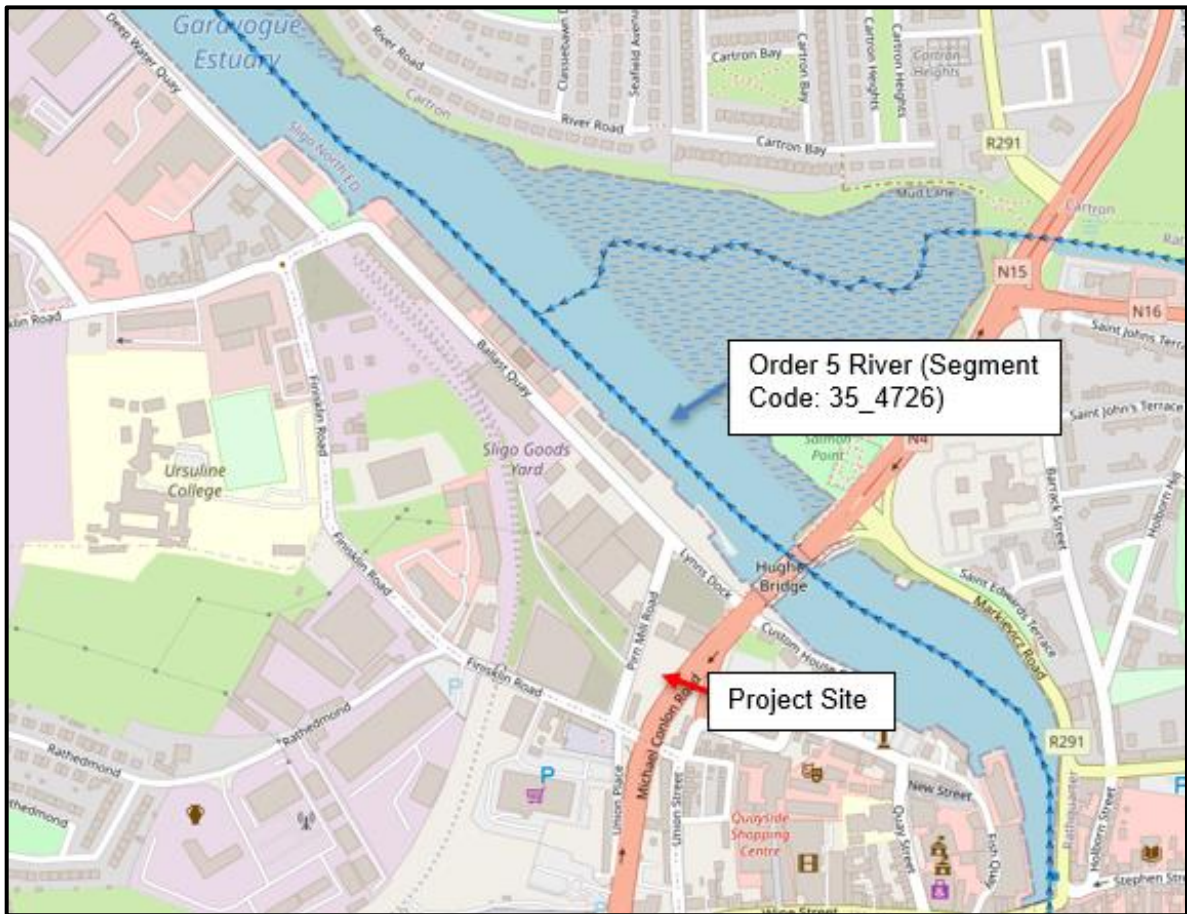


**Figure 2.3: WFD River Sub Basin (RSB) and Orthographic View of surrounding Landscape**

The Project is wholly located within the GARAVOGUE\_010 WFD River Sub Basin (RSB) (IE\_WE\_35G010200) covering an area of approximately 106.8km<sup>2</sup> (Figure 3.1). The RSB had 'Poor' ecological status for the 2016-2021 period.

The nearest watercourse an unnamed order 5 river (Segment Code: 35\_4726) lies approximately 115 metres north of the Project (Figure 3.2). The unnamed river flows in a north westerly direction for approximately 1.5km through the Garavogue Estuary and enters Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay) SAC and Cummeen Strand SPA. The river subsequently discharges into the Atlantic Ocean.





**Figure 2.4: Watercourses and waterbodies in the vicinity of the Project.**

Currently, the groundwater in the area has no significant underlying pressures, including waste abstraction, agriculture, anthropogenic, aquaculture, atmospheric, extractive industry, hydro morphology, invasive species, urban runoff or otherwise (EPA Water Maps, accessed June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024). The Project is however within a groundwater area denoted as SAC habitat sensitive and SAC species sensitive, as well as SPA habitat sensitive (EPA Maps website, accessed June 2024). The Project is also within the Drumcliff/Strandhill groundwater body for the abstraction of drinking water (Article 7- EPA code IEPA1\_WE\_G\_0044).

The EPA Maps (Water) website was also accessed (June 2024) to examine the Project area and its environs for nitrate and phosphorus loading and Pollutant Impact Potential (PIP). PIP maps for Nitrogen (N) and Phosphorus (P) have been generated by the EPA to show the highest risk areas in the landscape for losses of N and P to waters. The PIP model estimates the annual nutrient losses from agricultural land at specific locations, using spatial data from farm management, soils and hydrogeology. This model estimates loads at an annual temporal resolution.

The area immediately surrounding the Project encompasses Sligo town and more locally, an area where educational, industrial and residential use prevails. The wider surrounding landscape is largely comprised of the Sligo urban landscape with the Finisklin Industrial Estate, to the west, the railway to the south, the N4 to the east, and the quays to the north.

The Project and immediate surrounding lands do not have a Phosphorus ranking. The wider area has phosphorus rankings between 4, 5, 6 and 7 (7 is the lowest impact ranking). Pollution Impact Potential Nitrate (PIP N) for the lands within and surrounding the Project also do not have a ranking. The wider area has nitrate rankings between 6 and 7 (7 is the lowest impact ranking). The lack of an overall ranking for these parameters likely reflects little fertiliser use on the Project land in the past, with low-level or no stock. Overall, the Critical Source Areas Maps for the Project and adjacent lands do not indicate a Site where either phosphorus or nitrates are a significant issue.

As noted earlier in Section 3.2, the Project is within the WFD River Sub Basin GARAVOGUE\_010. Currently, there are no significant nitrogen or phosphorus pressures from the Project site on this RSB.

A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has been prepared on behalf of Sligo County Council by CORA Consulting Engineers (Dated February 2024). As part of the flood risk assessment, Sligo City has been identified as a flood risk area, with the relevant flood zones indicated on "Sligo Town (Town) Indicative Flood Zones. The strategic flood risk assessment identifies the site as within Flood Zone B.

## 2.4 Biodiversity

A site visit was carried out on April 26, 2024 on a cloudy dry day with an ambient temperature of 15 degrees Celsius. The survey consisted of traversing the entire Project site being conscious of adjacent lots and any invasive species either overhanging the Project or rooted near/within the site.

Three habitats (according to Fossitt, 2000) were noted within the survey area, BL3: Artificial Surfaces, BL1: Stone walls and ED2: Recolonising bare ground. No Annex I habitat occurs within or adjacent to the Project.

No rare, threatened, or protected species of plants as per the Red Data Book (Curtis and McGough, 1988) were found. No species listed in the Flora Protection Order (2022) were found to be growing within or adjacent to the Project works.

### BL1: Stone walls

The wall to east of the site is a plastered block wall that supports secured fencing around the boundary. There is limited vegetation associated with this wall as the plaster is largely intact and there are limited opportunities for plant footholds. Some ivy (*Hedera hibernica*) growth present however not dominant on site. There is some limited lichen and bryophyte growth present along the wall margins.

### BL3: Artificial Surfaces

The dominant habitat which is comprised of Tarmac and on onsite very limited vegetation growth excluding the margins were vegetation growth has become established.

### ED3: Recolonising Bare Ground

The tarmac clause has become colonised by encroaching vegetation over the years of abandonment. These areas have been dominated by mosses. Herb-Robert (*Geranium robertianum*), common knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*), willowherb (*Epilobium* spp.), both ribwort plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*) and broadleaf plantain (*Plantago major*), low-lying meadow grass (*Poa annua*). A few sycamore saplings present along the margins and Buddleja (*Buddleja davidii*) frequent on site and is developing along across the site, growing wild and is unmanaged. This is a non-native deciduous plant that can be highly invasive. It produces a lot of small, light seeds that spread extremely easily (it has also begun to spread to the western and southwestern regions of the site).

### Invasive Species

No invasive alien species as listed on the Third Schedule of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011) Part 1 or 2 or of Union Concern were recorded within the Project or its close environs (incorporating 7m in all directions, to allow for any Japanese knotweed root system).

## 2.5 Air and Climate

The EPA designate the area as Air Zone C: Other Cities and Large Towns. Co. Sligo has one air quality monitoring station located in Sligo city (54.2673°N, -8.4804°E). Particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>) and nitrogen oxide are measured at the Sligo city station. The monitoring station is located off Ray MacSharry Road, Sligo.

In relation to the Proposed Development, the monitoring station is located approx. 820m south.

The EPA Air Quality site was accessed on 22 May 2024 and the following ratings noted:

1. The latest recording at Sligo City air monitoring station 77. Ray MacSharry Road, Sligo had an Air Quality Index for Health (AQIH) of 1 (Good) with latest PM<sub>2.5</sub> average of 6.02 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, PM<sub>10</sub> of 9.79 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and NO<sub>2</sub> of 64.69 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

There is no significant impact on air pollution expected from the Proposed Development outside of potential temporary dust impact. Air and Climate are not likely to be significantly affected by the Proposed Development.

3. EIA SCREENING

Establishing if the proposal is a '20 Unit Housing Development, Pirn Mill Road, Co. Sligo':	
Development Summary:	The development will consist of New-build apartments arranged in 2no. 2-storey terraces, 1no. 4-storey block, to provide 20no.dwellings. Development of the section of the Pirn Mill Road realignment directly adjacent to the site. Opening up of existing adjacent lane and creation of a new pedestrian route through the site. A new semi-public communal square and a new pocket park. New service/ utilities connections. The only vehicular access will be to the parking bays located at the perimeter of the site and accessed directly off Prin Mill Road. Fire Tender access is provided along the pedestrian routes. Pedestrian access will be provided from the N4 via 2no. stepped access points. Construction access and deliveries will be from Pirn Mill Road only
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 <b>Part A</b>
<b>A. Schedule 5 Part 1</b> - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, <b>Part 1</b> , of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)? (Tick as appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, specify class _____	<b>EIA is mandatory.</b>  No Screening required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Proceed to <b>Part B</b>
<b>B. Schedule 5 Part 2</b> - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, <b>Part 2</b> , of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) <b>and</b> does it meet/exceed the thresholds? (Tick as appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> No, the development is not a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2	<b>No Screening required</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the project is listed in Schedule 5, Part 2 <b>and</b> meets/exceeds the threshold, specify class (including threshold): [specify class & threshold here]	<b>EIA is Mandatory</b>  No Screening required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the project is of a type listed <b>but</b> is <i>sub-threshold</i> .	Proceed to <b>Part C</b>

	<b>Preliminary Examination:</b>	The planning authority shall carry out a preliminary examination of, at the least, the <b>nature, size or location of the development.</b>
	<b>Yes/No/ Uncertain:</b>	<b>Comment:</b>
<p><b>Nature of the development:</b> <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>	No	<p>The existing environment is a 20 Unit Housing Development</p> <p>Waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General household waste.</li> <li>• Constructional waste and materials which may be excavated from site during development.</li> </ul> <p>Emissions: none</p> <p>Pollutants: low risk of pollutants</p>
<p><b>Size of the development:</b> <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>	No	<p>Directly south of the site fronting onto Pirn Mill Road is Nos. 2-7 Bayview Terrace, 6no. two-storey stones houses, built c.1880, which are protected structures.</p> <p>There are many mixed-use buildings (residential and commercial) around the site.</p> <p>Having regard to the scale of the permitted developments in the vicinity, the AA Screening Assessment noted that there will be no in-combination effects with local planning applications.</p>
<p><b>Location:</b> <i>Is the proposed development located on, in, adjoining or does it have the potential to impact on an ecologically sensitive site or location?<sup>1</sup></i></p> <p><i>Does the proposed development have the potential to affect other significant environmental sensitivities in the area?</i></p>	No	<p>An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (AASR) has been prepared. The AASR found that: "It can be objectively concluded that there are not likely to be any significant effects on any European Site as a result of the construction or operation of the Project at Pirn Mill Road, Co. Sligo."</p> <p>The proposed development will be constructed in accordance with the design and best practice that is described within this report, therefore significant effects on biodiversity are not anticipated at any geographic scale.</p>

<sup>1</sup> 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).

<b>Conclusions</b>		
Based on a preliminary examination of the nature, size or location of the development, is there a real likelihood of significant effects on the environment?		
There is <b>no real likelihood</b> of significant effects on the environment.	EIA is not required	X
There is significant and realistic doubt in regard to the likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	Screening Determination Required	N/A
	Schedule 7A information required	N/A
There is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	EIA not required	N/A
The preliminary examination as required by Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) has determined that formal EIA Screening is not required therefore it is not necessary to proceed to Step 3. It is considered that a sub-threshold EIAR is not required for the Proposed Development as the proposal is below the thresholds of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations.		

#### 4. CONCLUSION

This EIA screening report has been prepared in relation to a part 179a\* residential development on land situated at Pirn Mill Road, Co. Sligo in accordance with Article 120 (1) (b) of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 as amended, having regard to the following:

- The location, size and nature of this serviced site located in an urban setting and distanced from protected and/or environmentally sensitive sites.
- The proposed development is below the threshold of a mandatory EIA which would require an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
- The modest scale and quantum of the residential development proposed and integration with the adjoining community of Sligo city.
- The description of possible effects on the environment are not considered significant and therefore further assessment pursuant to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended are not considered necessary.
- An Appropriate Assessment Screening has been carried out. It concluded that the proposed development will not cause direct or indirect impacts on any Natura 2000 sites, and that an Appropriate Assessment is not required.

All standard practices will be employed throughout the construction and operation phase of the development to ensure that the Proposed Development will not create any significant impacts on the quality of the surrounding environment.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination for proposed Local Authority Development

Project Name:	20 Unit Housing Development, Pirn Mill Road, Co. Sligo
Ref No:	7132

**Description:**

Sligo County Council intend to apply for planning permission for a proposed residential development at Pirn Mill Road, Co. Sligo. The proposed development consists of the construction of 20 no. social housing units.

**Legislative Context:**

This determination has considered the relevant legislative context and guidance as set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report including;

- Directive 2014/52/EU (amending Directive 2011/92/EU) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment;
- Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended ('PDA 2000');
- Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended ('PDR 2001');
- Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DoHPLG) (2018). Guidelines for Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála on carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment;
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (2022). Guidelines on the Information to be contained in Environmental Impact Assessment Reports;
- European Commission (2017). Environmental Impact Assessment of Projects – Guidance on Screening; and
- Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) (2021). OPR Practice Note PN02: Environmental Impact Assessment Screening.

**Screening Report:**

Sligo County Council requested that an Environmental Impact Screening Statement be prepared by Jennings O' Donovan & Partners Ltd. The Report entitled "20 Unit Housing Development, Pirn Mill Road, Co. Sligo – Screening for Environmental Impact" was reviewed and evaluated by Sligo County Council.

This brownfield site at Pirn Mill Road is located in the Inner City of Sligo, separated from the commercial City Centre by the N4 Inner Relief Road which is directly adjacent to the site boundary.

The site is located c.100m south-west of the Michael Hughes Bridge, one of the key crossing points of the River Garavogue. The site forms the eastern edge of the docklands area. Hundreds of years of filling on the south side of the Garavogue estuary have led to the creation of an industrial/shipping waterfront, currently poorly utilised and semi derelict. The overall site area as enclosed by the red line on the drawings covers 0.284ha. However, the Net Site Area excluding the realignment of Pirn Mill Road and the footpath to the N4 is 0.226ha.



The proposed use of natural resources of land is not considered to be significantly different to the existing situation and is of low ecological significance.

A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment has been prepared on behalf of Sligo County Council by CORA Consulting Engineers (Dated February 2024). As part of the flood risk assessment, Sligo City has been identified as a flood risk area, with the relevant flood zones indicated on "Sligo Town (Town) Indicative Flood Zones. The strategic flood risk assessment identifies the site as within Flood Zone B.

There are no watercourses or drainage channels present within the site or within close proximity to the site. There is a potential indirect connection through surface water from the site to European Sites. However, adherence to best practice Construction and Environmental Management during the construction phase will ensure that the development will not result in pollution of groundwater or surface water

The Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening report concluded that there are not likely to be any significant effects on any European Site as a result of the construction or operation of the Project at Pirn Mill Road, Co. Sligo

With regard to Mandatory EIA, the Screening Report states;

"Classes of development listed in Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the PDR 2001 relate to major industrial and infrastructural projects (e.g. power stations, refineries, metal works, major pipelines and powerlines, and mines). The proposed development does not conform to any of the classes of development and is not a 'project' as set out in Part 1 of Schedule 5 of PDR 2001. Therefore, there is no requirement for mandatory EIA under this provision."

With reference to Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the PDR 2001, the authors state "The pre-screening exercise concludes that the proposed development is 'sub-threshold' in respect of development classes 10(b)(i) and 10(b)(iv) as listed in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the PDR 2001, and therefore should be screened for the requirement for 'sub-threshold EIA' in accordance with Article 120 of the PDR 2001, to determine whether there is a likelihood of significant effects and, therefore, whether EIA is required for the proposed development."

As the development is below the thresholds set out in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, EIA Guidelines state that a screening determination, in accordance with Criteria set out in Schedule 7 of the 2001 Regulations (as amended), is required to be undertaken by the competent authority with consideration of

1. Characteristics of the Proposed Development,
2. the Location of Proposed Development and
3. the resulting Types and Characteristics of Potential Impacts.

Following consideration of the proposal in accordance with Schedule 7, the EIA Screening Report concludes;

"It is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant negative effects on the environment. The main reasons for this conclusion are as follows:

- The size of the site and the extent of the proposed development are of a small scale and significantly below the stated thresholds of Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended at or above which there is a mandatory requirement for EIA.
- The nature of the proposed construction works and of the proposed development itself are not unusual in the context of the receiving environment. The construction phase of the proposed development is expected to give rise to minor, localised environmental effects that are typical of urban construction projects of this nature;
- The location of the proposed development is a previously developed site in an existing urbanised location, which is not particularly sensitive to the environmental effects of development of this nature and scale. There are no designated sites on the site or in the immediate vicinity. The receiving environment is densely populated, with residential and commercial receptors situated in close proximity; however, appropriate best practise environmental protection measures have been incorporated into the proposal in order to avoid/ minimise impacts insofar as possible;
- The proposal is not on such a scale that it would impact significantly upon the natural resources in this geographical area. The site is an infill site, of low ecological significance and a common feature in the local landscape. The application does not involve any loss of mature trees or hedgerows.
- The operational impacts are not likely to be significant due to the noise and increase in traffic to be intermittent and only in emergency situations when needed.
- There is potential that the amenities surrounding the site will be adversely affected during the construction of the proposed development. However, a Construction Method Statement will be reviewed and followed prior to the commencement of the development.

Therefore, it is recommended that, having regard to the information set out above, the Competent Authority (Sligo County Council) may reach a screening determination that there is no real likelihood of significant effects arising as a result of the proposed development; and, therefore, that environmental impact assessment and the preparation of an environmental impact assessment report is not required”.

#### **Screening Determination:**

Having regard to the forgoing, the proposed Residential Development at Pirn Mill Road, Co. Sligo does not trigger a mandatory EIA under the EIA Directive or the 2001 Regulations.

Furthermore, having reviewed the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report presented by Jennings O’ Donovan & Partners and supporting Appropriate Assessment Screening Report, and in light of best scientific knowledge, the proposed development is not likely to have significant effects of the environment due to the nature, scale or location of the proposed development relevant to areas of environmental sensitivity and the potential for impacts to occur.

Sligo County Council therefore accept the conclusions of the EIA Screening Report.

Signed:

Mari Whelan

Role/Department:

Director of Finance & Corporate Governance

Date:

9/4/2025