



**EIA Screening
Preliminary Examination for sub-threshold development (Stage 1)
Sligo City Centre Public Realm Enhancement Project**

Development name:	Sligo City Centre Public Realm Enhancement Project		
Development Description:	<p>Sligo County Council is seeking to enhance a number of key urban streets within Sligo town centre. This scheme, known as the Sligo Public Realm Enhancement Project (SPREP), comprises a series of streets identified within the historic core of the town, namely Stephen Street, Holborn Street, Rockwood Parade, Tobergal Lane and Water Lane.</p> <p>The proposed works involve footpath widening and re-paving, reconfiguration and resurfacing of carriageways, new planting, installation of new street furniture, new public lighting and all associated site development works.</p>		
1. Preliminaries			
<p>1.1 Is the proposed development of a class listed under Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)?</p> <p>If not, EIA screening determination is <u>NOT required.</u></p> <p>1.2 If 'yes', what is the relevant class?</p>	<p>Yes x</p> <p>No x</p>	<p><u>Comment</u> The only relevant threshold cited under Class 10 (b)(iv) in the Regulations is 'urban development which would involve an area greater than 2 hectares in the case of a business district, 10 hectares in the case of other parts of a built up area and 20 hectares elsewhere'. The proposed development would be accommodated in an area less than 850m2 and is therefore sub-threshold for mandatory EIA.</p>	
<p>1.3 Is the development above or below the specified threshold?</p> <p>If 'above', an EIAR <u>IS required.</u></p>	<p>Above <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Below x</p>		

2. Examination			
<p>2.1 To what degree is the development sub-threshold?</p>	<p>Marginal x</p> <p>Significant <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Extreme <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><u>Comment</u> - The threshold cited under Class 10 (b)(iv) in the Regulations is 'urban development which would involve an area greater than 2 hectares in the case of a business district, 10 hectares in the case of other parts of a built up area and 20 hectares elsewhere'. The proposed development would be accommodated in an area less than 850m2 and is therefore only marginally sub-threshold for mandatory EIA.</p>	
<p>2.2 Is the size or nature of the development exceptional in the context of the existing</p>	<p>Exceptional <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><u>Comment</u> –</p>	



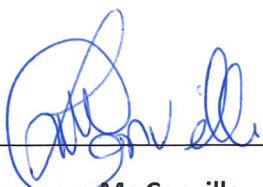
environment?	Significant <input type="checkbox"/> Insignificant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed development is taking place on previously developed land, i.e. existing footpaths and carriageways, therefore it cannot be deemed to be exceptional in the context of the existing environment.
2.3 Is the development located on, in or adjoining an environmentally/ecologically sensitive site, or does it have the potential to impact on such a site or location?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	Comment – The development has been subject to a screening for Appropriate Assessment which determined, in light of best available scientific data, that there is no potential for significant effects on Lough Gill SAC, Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay) SAC, Unshin River SAC, or Cummeen Strand SPA. The assessment also determined that there is no potential likelihood for significant effects from the proposed project in combination with other plans or projects.
2.4 Will the development result in the production of any significant wastes / residues; result in any emissions or pollutants; or result in the use of significant natural resources?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/>	Comment – Following strict adherence to standard construction protective measures and procedures, there will be no significant wastes, residues, emissions or pollutants. The development will not result in the significant use of natural resources

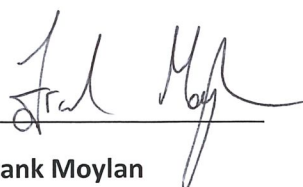
3. Conclusion

Based on a preliminary examination of the development, I have concluded that:

There is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and accordingly EIA is not required for the following reasons:

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development, the receiving environment, and to the nature, extent, characteristics and likely duration of potential impacts, it has been concluded that the proposed development is not likely to have significant effects on the environment. The need for environmental impact assessment can, therefore, be excluded at preliminary examination and a screening determination is not required.

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