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Cork City Council,
City Hall,
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Gerry O'Beirne
Deputy Chief Executive
Cork City Council

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RE: Determination on the requirement for Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed R610 St. Patrick's Junction Improvement Scheme

I refer to the above and confirm that I have considered the document titled "R610 St. Patrick's Junction Improvement Scheme Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment" for this project and I am satisfied that the proposed development constitutes a sub threshold development in respect of which an Environmental Impact Assessment is not mandatory.

I note that the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening report contains a comprehensive analysis of the proposed development having regards to the criteria contained in Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government document "*Guidelines for Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála on carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment*", Section 176B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as Amended and the European Union Planning and Development (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2018.

Having considered the said recommendations and report and having regard to the criteria set out in the aforementioned legislation, I am satisfied that the proposed development is unlikely to have a significant effect on the environment, including the Cork Harbour SPA (004030), the Great Island Channel SAC (001058), and the Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC (002170), and therefore determine that an Environmental Impact Assessment would not be necessary or required.

Accordingly, the proposed development shall proceed subject to the provisions of section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, the provisions of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended.

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