

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE ORDER  
COMHAIRLE CATHRACH CHORCAÍ  
CORK CITY COUNCIL**

Order No. 4139 / 26

**Subject:**

**Determination on the requirement for Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed N40 Junction 1 Improvement Scheme.**

**Order:**

On the recommendations of Gerry O'Beirne, Director of Service, Infrastructure Development and Aidan Sullivan, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Development and having considered the document titled "N40 Junction 1 Improvement Scheme EIA Screening" for this project I am satisfied that the proposed development constitutes a sub threshold development in respect of which an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

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 and Schedule 7 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 an effect on the environment, including the Cork Harbour SPA and the Great Island Channel SAC, 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.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2026

  
VALERIE O SULLIVAN  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE