



Infrastructure Development,
Cork City Council,
City Hall,
Ireland.

Valerie O' Sullivan
Chief Executive
Cork City Council

1st October 2026

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

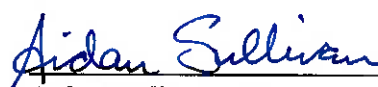
I refer to the above and confirm that I have considered the document titled "N40 Junction 1 Improvement Scheme EIA Screening" for this project and I am satisfied that the proposed development constitutes a sub threshold development in respect of which an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

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 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 recommend that a determination be made that an Environmental Impact Assessment would not be necessary or required.

It is also recommended that the proposed development 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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