



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí Cork City Council

Infrastructure Development – Forbairt Bonneagair

Halla na Cathrach, Corcaigh – City Hall, Cork - T12 T997

To: Valerie O'Sullivan
Chief Executive
Cork City Council

06/10/2026

RE: Determination on the requirement for Environmental Impact Assessment for the Tower Pedestrian Scheme

I refer to the above and confirm that I have considered the document titled "EIA Screening Report for Tower Pedestrian Scheme" 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 regard 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 regard to the criteria set out in the aforementioned legislation, I am satisfied that the proposed development is unlikely to have significant effects on the environment, including the Cork Harbour SPA (004030) and the Great Island Channel SAC (001058) 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 in accordance with the provisions of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Edith Roberts, SE

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Gerry O'Beirne, DOS

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