

SUB THRESHOLD EIS SCREENING REPORT
- ELIZABETH FORT – OUTDOOR PUBLIC SPACES SCHEME

Criteria for determining whether a development would or would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment as per the requirements of Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2012

1. CHARACTERISTICS OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	
Size of Proposed Development	The development consists of an external stage structure, public realm upgrade and associated minor building and civils works within the existing Elizabeth Fort complex.
Cumulation with other Proposed Development	N/A
The nature of any associated demolition works (* see article 8 of SI 235 of 2008)	<i>The proposed works include the removal of top layer only (circa 100mm) of existing tarmac, concrete and gravel to the main parade area and minor excavations associated with civils trenches and proposed access ramp. An existing small blocked-up opening in the existing Fort perimeter walls is being demolished. Any demolition material that is not reused will be disposed of in line with best environmental practice.</i>
Use of Natural Resources	<i>The use of natural resources associated with this development is limited to the materials to be used for its construction.</i>
Production of Waste	<i>Waste production is limited to the construction phase and will consist of general excavated material, inert in nature which will be disposed of using local licensed landfill facilities.</i>
Pollution and Nuisances	<i>The proposed works are small in scale, nature and duration therefore limited additional traffic or nuisances will be generated consequently there will be no net increase in either pollution or nuisance.</i>
Risk of Accidents	<i>It is not considered that there would be any significant risk of accidents, having regard to substances or technologies used.</i>

2. LOCATION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	
Existing Land Use	<i>National Monument, tourist attraction, small office units, landmark trust accommodation and public/ cultural events.</i>
Relative Abundance, Quality and regenerative Capacity of Natural Resources in the Area	<i>Limited, given nature of existing structures located in the City Centre.</i>
Absorption Capacity of the Natural Environment	<i>This proposed development will have negligible long-term impact on the natural environment.</i>

3. CHARACTERISTICS OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS	
Extent of the Impact	<i>The primary impact will occur during the construction phase.</i>
Transfrontier nature of the Impact	N/A
Magnitude and Complexity of the Impact	<i>Minimal</i>
Probability of the Impact	<i>Low</i>
Duration, Frequency and Reversibility of the Impact	<i>Limited to the Construction Phase which will be short in duration, circa 2-3 months.</i>

SCREENING CONCLUSION STATEMENT	
<i>Having regard to the contents of Article 120 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No.3) regulations 2011 and Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended by article 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2008 (SI 235/2008), it is considered that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. Accordingly, it is considered that environmental impact assessment is not required.</i>	

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