

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination

under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended) for:

Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied)

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening determination as to whether Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied) are likely to have significant effects on the environment is being made by Galway City Council under Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (as amended).

In making the determination, the information contained in the accompanying Screening for SEA Report (including information provided by environmental authorities and an examination of the need to undertake SEA against relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A '*Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment*' of the above Regulations) is being taken into account. That information has been carefully considered and its reasoning and conclusion agreed with and adopted.

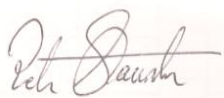
The Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 was subject to full SEA, which identified the likely significant environmental effects, if unmitigated, of implementing the City Development Plan, and facilitated the integration of measures into the City Development Plan to ensure the appropriate protection and management of the environment with which all lower tier plans/projects must comply.

The Screening for SEA Report for Proposed Material Alterations demonstrates that Proposed Material Alterations to Sites 3 and 9a will not result in likely significant effects on the environment. Taking into account the measures that have been already integrated into the existing Galway City Development Plan that provide for and contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, it is identified that all potential effects arising from Proposed Material Alterations to Sites 3 and 9a: either are present already (beneficial) and will be further contributed towards; or will be mitigated so as not to be significant (adverse). Consequently, these Proposed Material Alterations are determined as not requiring SEA.

The Screening for SEA Report for Proposed Material Alterations also demonstrates that posed Material Alterations to Sites 1, 9b, 10a, 10b and 10c require SEA and consideration in an SEA Environmental Report.

The undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented above and in the Screening for SEA Report. The undersigned hereby determines pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that SEA is required for posed Material Alterations to Sites 1, 9b, 10a, 10b and 10c. The SEA will be completed by 29th May 2026.

Signatory:



Peter Staunton
Senior Executive Planner

Date:

31/03/2026