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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT

Development Description

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Location

Kennedy Park, Eyre Square, Galway City

Applicants

Galway City Council

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1 INTRODUCTION

This Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report has been prepared on behalf of Galway City Council who propose for *“the demolition of the existing public toilet block and tourist kiosk within the pedestrian area of Eyre Square/Kennedy Park, and the construction of a new tourist information centre and public toilets, as well as the construction of a new Changing Places facility as an extension to the existing substation. The development is to include new public seating, a performance space, and associated landscape elements”* at Kennedy Park, Eyre Square, within Galway City Centre.

The application site features an existing and operational tourist information office single storey building as well as a single storey public toilet building located to the northwest of Kennedy Park, Eyre Square, within Galway City centre. The park features amenity grassland areas with parkland trees and landscaping throughout. Several seating areas are present throughout the park for public use and recreation. The Galway Ceant Rail and Bus Station is to the south of the Park, with the City Bus services to the north, east and south and taxi ranks to the north and east also present. The park is surrounded by buildings including bars, restaurants and hotels and is situated in a vibrant city centre urban environment. The site is bounded by pedestrian zones to the west and north with the R863 Regional road further to the north.

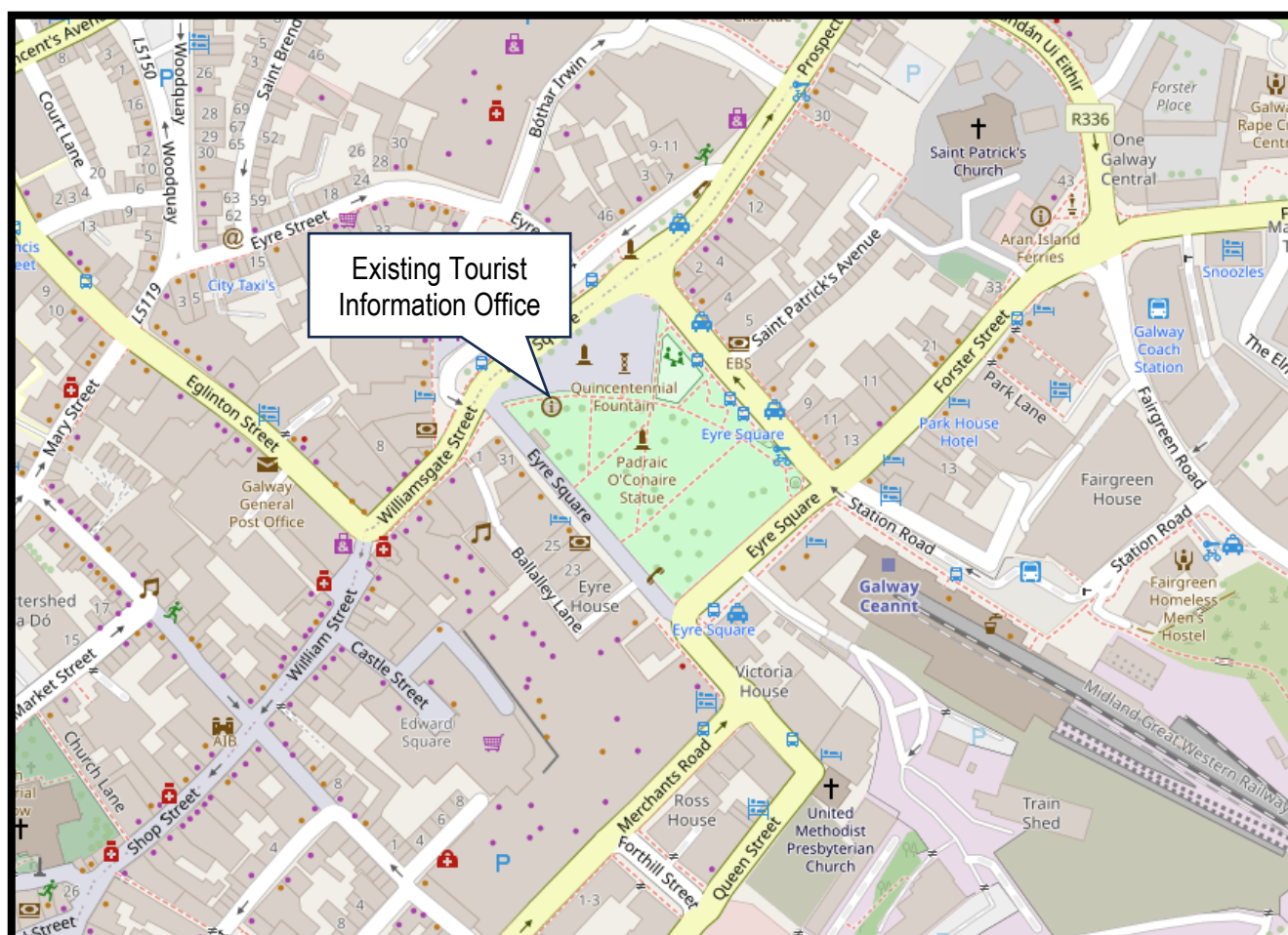


Figure 1.1: Location of tourist office in Eyre Square, Galway City as per the EPA Maps

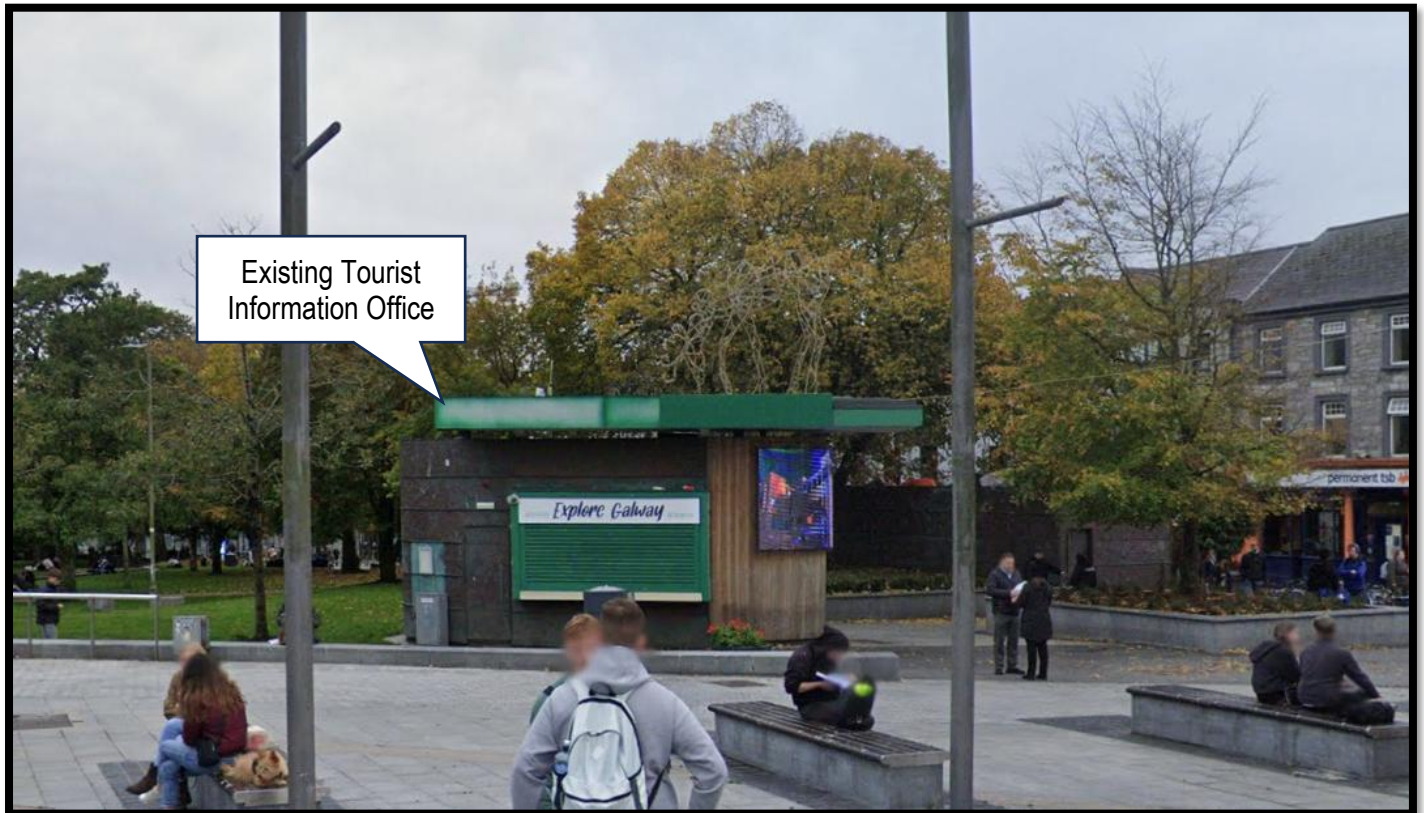


Figure 1.2: Google Street View of Existing Tourist Information Office.



Figure 1.3: Google Street View of Existing Public Toilets (foreground) and the Tourism Office (background)

- An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (November 2025) prepared by Enviroplan Consulting Limited

This Screening Report comprises a desktop EIA screening exercise based on relevant legislation (inc. Schedules 5, 7 and 7A of the Planning & Development Regulations, as amended) which is listed below.

This Screening Report has been prepared by Edel Hardiman (BSc) in consultation with James O'Donnell, Planning Consultant (BA, MRUP, Dip APM).

Edel Hardiman is a qualified ecologist and has obtained a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science (BSc Hons) at the University of Galway. Edel has completed Appropriate Assessment Screening Reports, Natura Impact Statements, Ecological Impact Assessments, Bat Survey Reports and Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Reports for a wide range of public and private sector projects. She has conducted Bird Surveys and Bat Surveys in the Republic of Ireland. She is a registered member of CIEEM.

James O' Donnell is a qualified Town Planner and Project Manager with over 25 years planning experience in both the public and private sector in the west of Ireland, including 6 years' experience as a local authority planning officer. James has extensive experience in the project management and delivery of a wide range of complex planning applications requiring environmental and ecological assessment, in accordance with the requirements of the EU Habitats Directive and EIA Directives. James has particular experience with EIA Screening Reports for a wide range of public and private projects in the Republic of Ireland.

1.1 PURPOSE OF SCREENING REPORT

The purpose of this Screening Report is to determine if an EIA is required for the proposed development as set out in the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (the 'Act'), and Schedules 5, 7 and 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2021 (as amended) (the 'Regulations').

1.2 METHODOLOGY

This EIA Screening Report conforms to the provisions of Article 103 and Schedule 7A of the Regulations. This EIA Screening Report has been prepared with regard to the following legislation and documents (where relevant and/or applicable):

- Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended);
- Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2021 (as amended);

- Directive 2011/92/EU¹ as amended by 2014/52/EU²;
- EPA (2015) Advice Notes for Preparing Environmental Impact Statements – Draft September 2015
- EPA (2022) Guidelines on the information to be contained in Environmental Impact Assessment Reports – May 2022;
- EPA (2021) Good Practice Guidance on Cumulative Effects Assessment in Strategic Environmental Assessment.
- European Commission (1999) Guidelines for the Assessment of Indirect and Cumulative Impacts as well as Impact Interactions.
- European Commission (2017) Environmental Impact Assessment of Projects – Guidance on Screening;
- DoEHLG (2003) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) - Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-Threshold Development; and
- DoHPLG (2018) Guidelines for Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála on carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment – August 2018.
- Office of the Planning Regulator (June 2021) “*OPR Practice Note PN02 – Environmental impact Assessment Screening.*”

This Screening Report comprises a desktop EIA screening exercise based on relevant legislation (inc. Schedules 7 and 7A of the Regulations), the best practice guidance and the Screening Checklist provided in the European Commission (2017) Environmental Impact Assessment of Projects – Guidance on Screening.

1.3 LEGISLATION

As further described in Section 4 of this Screening Report, this project consists of the proposed “*demolition of the existing public toilet block and tourist kiosk within the pedestrian area of Eyre Square/Kennedy Park, and the construction of a new tourist information centre and public toilets, as well as the construction of a new Changing Places facility as an extension to the existing substation. The development is to include new public seating, a performance space, and associated landscape elements*” at Kennedy Park, Eyre Square, Galway City.

As it pertains to the proposed development, the requirement to complete an EIA as per Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU is transposed into Irish legislation primarily via the:

- Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (the ‘Act’); and
- Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) (the ‘Regulations’).

¹ Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment

² Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 amending Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment.

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Pursuant to Article 81(ca) of the Regulations 2001, a Planning Authority must indicate its conclusion under article 120(1)(b)(i) (a preliminary examination) or screening determination under article 120(1B)(b)(i) in the public notices that form part of a Section 179 process.

Where a local authority proposes to carry out a subthreshold development, the authority shall carry out a preliminary examination of, at the least, the nature, size, or location of the development.

Where the local authority concludes, based on such preliminary examination, that—

(i) there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development, it shall conclude that an EIA is not required,

(ii) there is significant and realistic doubt in regard to the likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development, it shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, the information specified in Schedule 7A for the purposes of a screening determination, or

(iii) there is a real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development, it shall—
_(I) conclude that the development would be likely to have such effects, and (II) prepare, or cause to be prepared, an EIAR in respect of the development.

2 THE SUBJECT SITE

2.1 SITE LOCATION & CONTEXT

The application site features an existing and operational tourist information office single storey building as well as a single storey public toilet building located to the northwest of Kennedy Park, Eyre Square, within Galway City centre. The park features amenity grassland areas with parkland trees and landscaping throughout. Several seating areas are present throughout the park for public use and recreation. The Galway Ceant Rail and Bus Station is to the south of the Park, with the City Bus services to the north, east and south and taxi ranks to the north and east also present. The park is surrounded by buildings including bars, restaurants and hotels and is situated in a vibrant city centre urban environment. The site is bounded by pedestrian zones to the west and north with the R863 Regional road further to the north.



Figure 2.1: Aerial photo extract showing indicative location of subject site in Eyre Square

3 ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITIES OF THE SITE

3.1.1 Soils

The Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI) website was consulted for available geological / hydrological information. Given the existing development on site and in the area, topsoil on site is classed as Urban and subsoils are classed as Man-made. The groundwater vulnerability within the site is moderate to high throughout the site. Vulnerability is a term used to represent the intrinsic geological and hydrogeological characteristics that determine the ease at which groundwater may be contaminated by human activities.

3.1.2 Hydrology

The closest major water feature in the area is the Corrib_020 River Waterbody on EPA website and catchments.ie, which is located c.340 meters from the application site to the west (straight line measurement). The EPA has rated the value of the river as 'Good' for the Ecological Status or Potential under the SW 2016 _2021 and has a high confidence value. There are no direct or indirect hydrological connector/receptor pathways between the application site and the Corrib_020 River; therefore, no impacts/effects are predicted in this regard.

The Corrib Estuary Transitional Waterbody is located c.480 meters from the application site to the southeast (straight line measurement). The EPA has rated the value of the waterbody as 'Moderate' for the Ecological Status or Potential under the SW 2016 _2021 and has a high confidence value. There are no direct or indirect hydrological connector/receptor pathways between the application site and the Corrib Estuary Transitional Waterbody; therefore, no impacts/effects are predicted in this regard.

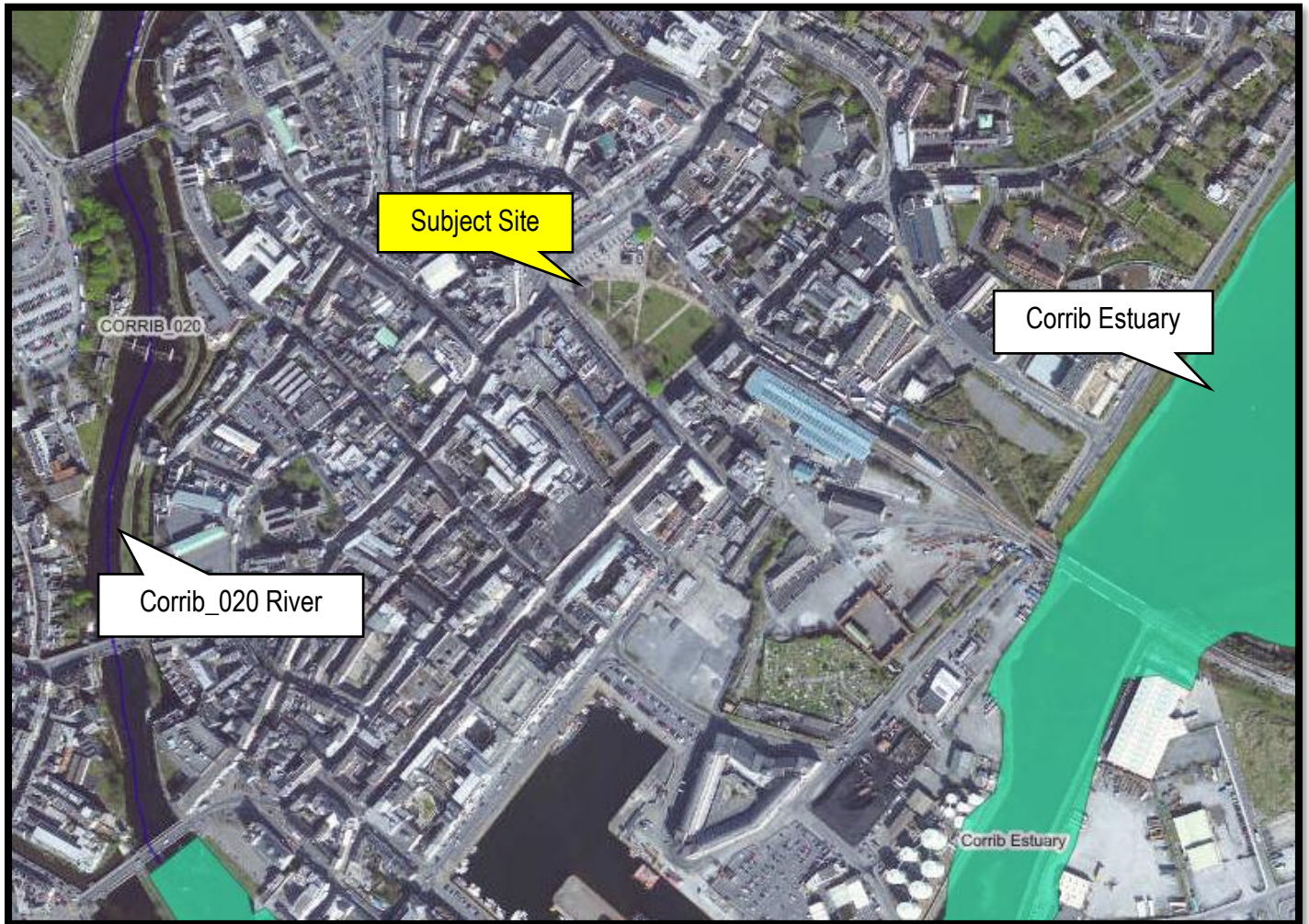


Figure 3.1: Site in relation to nearest river and transitional waterbodies

The application site is located on the Clarinbridge Groundwater waterbody. The EPA has rated the overall groundwater status as 'Good'. Due to the nature and scale of the proposed development, no impacts/effects are predicted on the Clarinbridge groundwater body.

3.1.3 Air Quality

The Air Quality Index Regions indicate that Air Quality Index is 2 – Good (Updated Thurs 18-09-25). The Area is listed as Other Cities and Large Towns, Galway, Zone C. Due to the nature and scale of the proposed development, no long-term impacts/effects on air quality are predicted.

3.1.4 Natura 2000 Network

The Lough Corrib SAC (Site code: 000297) is approximately 333 meters west of the application site. The site for the proposed development is also located approximately 480 meters northwest of the Galway Bay Complex SAC (Site code: 000268) and the Inner Galway Bay SPA (Site code: 004031). No impacts/effects are predicted on Lough Corrib SAC, or any Natura 2000 sites during the demolition, construction and operational phase of this development. This is due to the existing urban environment, significant built-up intervening distance to European sites and the lack of identifiable hydrological/ecological connector/ receptor pathways between the application site and these Natura 2000 sites. The proposed development involves the demolition of the existing tourist office and public toilets and the redevelopment of these public services. Considering the small scale of the proposed works (the proposed gross floor area for the tourist office and the public toilets is 104 sqm, and the proposed gross floor area for the changing places is 17 sqm) and the established urban activities within Galway City centre, no impacts are predicted on any Natura 2000 site during the course of the development.

As per the “Appropriate Assessment Screening Report” prepared by Enviroplan Consulting Limited, there is no identifiable pathways and no identifiable connectivity to any European Sites considered in the assessment. This report concludes “that no significant effects are expected on the qualifying interests or conservation objectives of the surrounding Natura 2000 sites, as a result of the proposed development in question, alone or in combination with the other plans and projects in the area, and therefore, a Natura Impact Statement is **not** required in this case”.

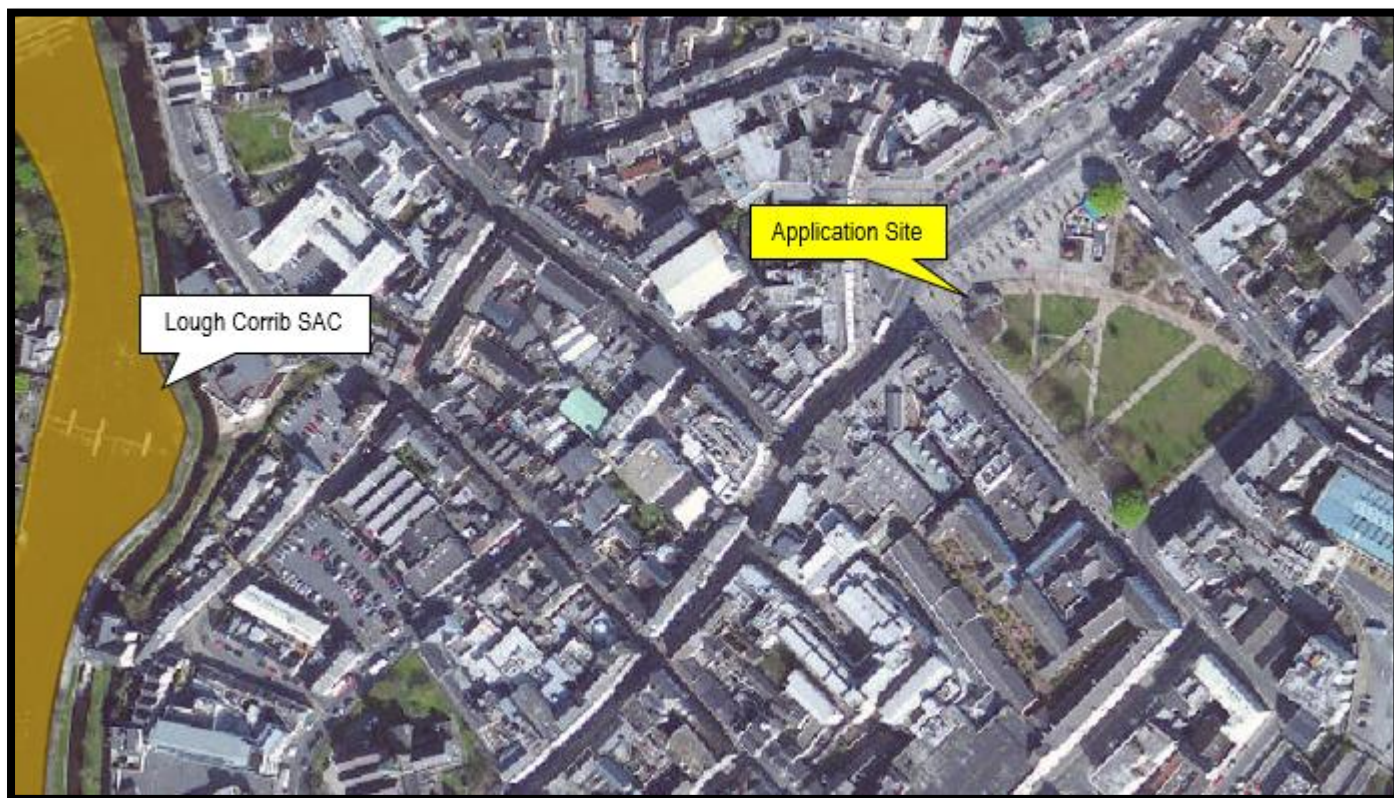


Figure 3.2: Site in relation to Lough Corrib SAC Natura 2000 site

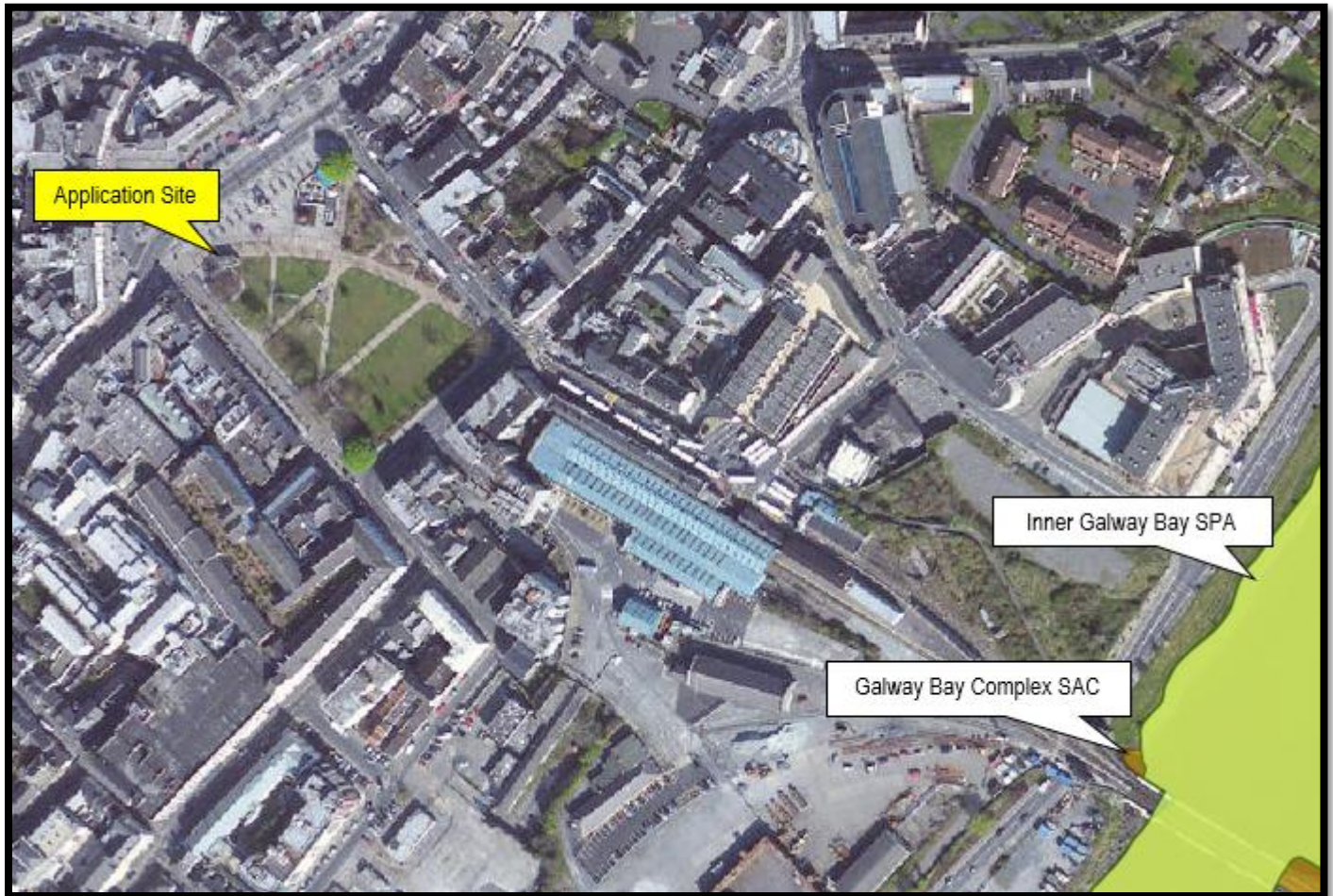


Figure 3.3: Site in relation to Galway Bay Complex SAC and Inner Galway Bay SPA Natura 2000 sites

3.1.5 Natural Heritage Areas

There are no Natural Heritage Areas (NHA's) or proposed NHA's (pNHA's) within in the vicinity of the proposed development. The nearest NHA to the proposed development is Moycullen Bogs NHA which is located 3.5 km to the northwest. The nearest pNHA to the proposed development is Galway Bay Complex pNHA which is located 480 meters to the southeast. It should be noted that there is no identifiable ecological and/or hydrological connection between the application site and NHA/pNHA's and therefore, no impacts/effects are predicted.

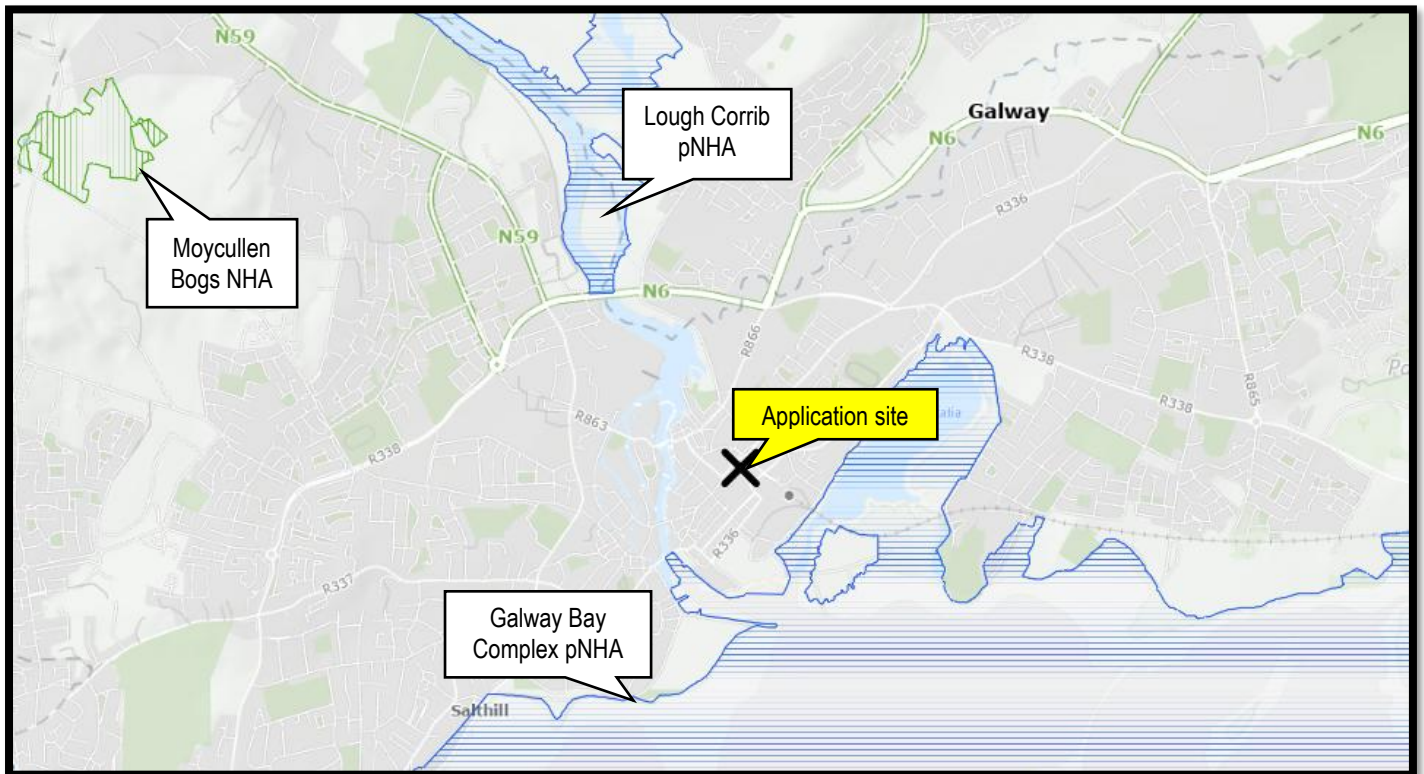


Figure 3.4: Extract from <https://www.npws.ie/> showing location of subject site relative pNHA's in the wider area.

3.1.6 Ecology

The application site features an existing operational tourism office. The proposed refurbishments will be located within this area. The site is within Eyre Square, where there is managed grass for amenity purposes and landscaping. The site is within a built-up urban environment within Galway City. The subject site is not ecologically sensitive, and no impacts/effects are predicted.

3.1.7 Built Heritage

The subject site is located within an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA), under the provisions of the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029. To the northeast of the tourism office within the grounds of Eyre Square there are 2 no. Protected Structures namely the Galway Hooker Fountain (RPS No. 3812) and The Browne Doorway (RPS No. 3807). There will be no changes to these structures, and no impacts/ effects are predicted.

4 RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Section 172 of the Act (as amended) states:

(1) An environmental impact assessment shall be carried out by the planning authority or the Board, as the case may be, in respect of an application for consent for proposed development where either —

(a) the proposed development would be of a class specified in —

(i) Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, and either —

(I) such development would equal or exceed, as the case may be, any relevant quantity, area or other limit specified in that Part, or

(II) no quantity, area or other limit is specified in that Part in respect of the development concerned,

or

(ii) Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 and either —

(I) such development would equal or exceed, as the case may be, any relevant quantity, area or other limit specified in that Part, or

(II) no quantity, area or other limit is specified in that Part in respect of the development concerned,

or

(b) (i) the proposed development would be of a class specified in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 but does not equal or exceed, as the case may be, the relevant quantity, area or other limit specified in that Part, and

(ii) it is concluded, determined or decided, as the case may be, —

by a planning authority, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by this Act or the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 600 of 2001),

(I) by the Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by this Act or those regulations,

(II) by a local authority in exercise of the powers conferred on it by regulation 120 of those regulations,

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(III) *by a State authority, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by regulation 123A of those regulations,*

(IV) *in accordance with section 13A of the Foreshore Act, by the appropriate Minister (within the meaning of that Act), or*

(V) *by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on him or her by section 8A of the Minerals Development Act 1940, that the proposed development is likely to have a significant*

5 MANDATORY EIA THRESHOLD SCREENING

As per Step 1(b) of the OPR Guidance, an assessment as to whether a Mandatory EIA is required, needs to be carried out.

Schedule 5 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (As amended) prescribes the classes and scale of development which require EIA.

There is no class set out under Part 1 of Schedule 5 which is applicable for the proposed development.

It is noted that Part 2 class 10(b)(iv) refers to;

“Urban development which would involve an area greater than 2 hectares in the case of a business district, 10 hectares in the case of other parts of a built-up area and 20 hectares elsewhere.”

In response, the proposed gross floor area for the tourist office and the public toilets is 104 sqm, and the proposed gross floor area for the changing places is 17 sqm (with an overall site area of 360 sqm), and therefore does not exceed this threshold.

Finally, it is noted that class 13 refers to;

“(a) Any change or extension of development already authorized, executed or in the process of being executed (not being a change or extension referred to in Part 1) which would: -

(i) result in the development being of a class listed in Part 1 or paragraphs 1 to 12 of Part 2 of this Schedule, and

(ii) result in an increase in size greater than –

- 25 per cent, or

- an amount equal to 50 per cent of the appropriate threshold, whichever is the greater.”

In response, the proposed development does not meet these criteria and therefore, does not exceed this threshold.

Due to the modest scale of the proposed development, the project is not of a class of development in Schedule 5, Parts 1 and 2. Accordingly, there is no mandatory requirement for EIA in this case.

6 SUB-THRESHOLD EIA SCREENING

Article 103(1) of the Regulations states:

103(1) (a) Where a planning application for sub-threshold development is not accompanied by an EIAR, the planning authority shall carry out a preliminary examination of, at the least, the nature, size or location of the development.

(b) Where the planning authority concludes, based on such preliminary examination, that—

(i) there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development, it shall conclude that an EIA is not required,

(ii) there is significant and realistic doubt in regard to the likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development, it shall, by notice in writing served on the applicant, require the applicant to submit to the authority the information specified in Schedule 7A for the purposes of a screening determination unless the applicant has already provided such information, or

(iii) there is a real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development, it shall—

(i) conclude that the development would be likely to have such effects, and

(ii) by notice in writing served on the applicant, require the applicant to submit to the authority an EIAR and to comply with the requirements of article 105.

In accordance with Article 103(1)(a)(ii), the provision of “*information specified in Schedule 7A for the purposes of a screening determination*” has been prepared in the interest of due diligence.

In this regard it should be noted that the DoEHLG Guidance³ with respect to EIA Sub Threshold Screening states that “*...it is not intended that special studies or technical evaluations will be necessary for the purpose of making a decision.*”

In this context, this screening exercise relies on available information.

³ DoEHLG (2003) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) - Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-Threshold Development.

7 SCREENING EXERCISE

7.1 LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Schedule 7A of the Regulations also requires that the following information is provided:

“1. A description of the proposed development, including in particular—

(a) a description of the physical characteristics of the whole proposed development and, where relevant, of demolition works, and

(b) a description of the location of the proposed development, with particular regard to the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected.

2. A description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the proposed development.

3. A description of any likely significant effects, to the extent of the information available on such effects, of the proposed development on the environment resulting from—

(a) the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste, where relevant, and

(b) the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity.

4. The compilation of the information at paragraphs 1 to 3 shall take into account, where relevant, the criteria set out in Schedule 7.”

Where relevant and in accordance with Article 103 (1A)(b) of Regulations⁴, the information provided below may be accompanied by a “description of the features, if any, of the proposed development and the measures, if any, envisaged to avoid or prevent what might otherwise have been significant adverse effects on the environment of the development”.

7.2 EIA SCREENING ASSESSMENT

The checklist for EIA Screening Assessment is set out in Table 1 below. This is adapted from OPR EIA Screening Guidance⁵. This checklist is designed to address the requirements of Schedules 7 and 7A of the Regulations and to inform the Planning Authority’s EIA determination in this case.

⁴ As inserted by SI 296 of 2018 *European Union (Planning and Development)(Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2018*

⁵ OPR Practice Not PN02 Environmental Impact Assessment Screening

Table 1: Checklist for EIA Screening Assessment

A.Screening Determination		
Planning Register Reference:	N/A	
Development Summary:	<i>"The proposed development consists of the demolition of the existing public toilet block and tourist kiosk within the pedestrian area of Eyre Square/Kennedy Park, and the construction of a new tourist information centre and public toilets, as well as the construction of a new Changing Places facility as an extension to the existing substation. The development is to include new public seating, a performance space, and associated landscape elements."</i>	
	Yes/No/N/A:	Comment (If Relevant):
Does the application include information specified in Schedule 7A?	Yes	In accordance with Article 103(1)(a)(ii), the provision of "information specified in Schedule 7A for the purposes of a screening determination" has been prepared in the interest of due diligence.
Other relevant information submitted:	Yes	An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (November 2025) prepared by Enviroplan Consulting Limited,
Does the application include a NIS and/or other reports to enable AA screening?	Yes	An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report has been prepared.
Is an IED/IPC/Waste Licence or Waste Water Discharge Authorisation (or review of licence/ authorisation) required from the EPA for the subject development?	No	N/A
If YES has the EPA been consulted?		N/A
Have any other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment been carried out pursuant to other relevant Directives –for example SEA or AA?		An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report prepared by Enviroplan Consulting Limited. This does not indicate any identifiable connector/receptor pathway from the application site to the Lough Corrib SAC, Galway Bay Complex SAC, Inner Galway Bay SPA and/or any Natura 2000 site.
B. Examination		
1. Characteristics of proposed development- (Including demolition, construction, operation, or decommissioning):		
	If relevant, briefly describe the characteristics of the development (i.e. the nature and extent):	
a) The size and design of the whole of the proposed development (including any demolition works):	<i>"The proposed development consists of the demolition of the existing public toilet block and tourist kiosk within the pedestrian area of Eyre Square/Kennedy Park, and the construction of a new tourist information centre and public toilets, as well as the construction of a new Changing Places facility as an extension to the existing substation. The development is to include new public seating, a performance space, and associated landscape elements."</i> The application site features an existing and operational tourist information office single storey building as well as a single storey public toilet building located to the northwest of Kennedy Park, Eyre Square, within Galway City centre. The park features amenity grassland areas with parkland trees and landscaping throughout. Several seating areas are present throughout the park for public use and recreation. The Galway Ceant Rail and Bus Station is to the south of the Park, with the City Bus services to the north, east and south and taxi ranks to the north and east also present. The park is surrounded by buildings including bars, restaurants	

	and hotels and is situated in a vibrant city centre urban environment. The site is bounded by pedestrian zones to the west and north with the R863 Regional road further to the north.
(b) Other existing or permitted projects (including under other legislation that is subject to EIA) that could give rise to cumulative effects:	A search was carried out on Galway City Council's and An Coimisiún Pleanála's online planning query system on the 18th of September 2025. It was ascertained that the following local planning applications have been granted within a 300m radius of the site in the past 5 years, which are listed below: PI ref: 20137 Development Description: "Permission for development which will consist of the replacement of the existing telephone kiosk with a new telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53 sq. metre digital advertising display" Grant Date: 1/9/2020 PI ref: 224 Development Description: "Permission for retention which will consist of retaining change of use of former betting shop to offices at Ground Floor Level" Grant Date: 20/4/2022 PI ref: 2460304 Development Description: "Permission for development which consists of; alteration to shopfront including new signage at ground floor level, 5 Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 HC1H." Grant Date: 8/1/2025 PI ref: 22291 Development Description: "Permission for development which consist of the change of use from a dentists surgery to two number residential apartments on the first floor of a four-story building" Grant Date: 30/3/2023 PI ref: 21195 Development Description: "Permission for development which will consist of: for the proposed replacement of existing external curtain wall glazing system / panels on the North-East (side) and North-West (rear) elevations of the existing Bank of Ireland (Protected Structure ref. No. 3805) with all associated site works" Grant Date: 13/9/2021 PI ref: 21287 Development Description: "Permission for development which will consist of partial change of use of ground floor from café to guesthouse" Grant Date: 24/11/2021 PI ref: 20328 Development Description: "E.O.D. on PL Ref: 15/196: Permission for (1) The demolition of existing building containing 6 no. existing apartments and (2) The construction of a three storey apartment development. The development will consist of: A) 1 no. ground floor 2 bedroom apartment, with rear garden and storage building B) 1 no. 4 bedroom apartment at first and second floor levels, with rear garden and storage building and roof terrace. C) All associated site works" Grant Date: 29/1/2021 PI ref: 22146 Development Description: "Permission for development which will consist of alterations and extension to existing house and shed, including: a) demolition of

rear sunroom, b) ground floor extension, c) shed extension, d) internal and external alterations, and e) all associated site works”

Grant Date: 18/8/2022

PI ref: 20235

Development Description: “Permission for revisions to previously granted residential development under Pl. Ref 18/47 and An Bord Pleanala number ABP 301960-18 at this site. The new proposal will consist of: (A) An increase in unit numbers from 19 no. granted units to a total of 27 no. Residential units. (B) Previously approved 3 storey Duplex block to Saint Brendan's Avenue containing: 1 no. 3 bedroom duplex; 4 no. 2 bedroom duplex; 1 no. 2 bedroom own door apartment and 3 no. 1 bedroom own door apartments with amendments to rear to allow for lift and communal stairs to first floor. (C) Replacement of the previously approved 4 storey duplex block to the rear of the site (containing 4 no. 1 bedroom apartments & 4 no. 3 bedroom Duplexes) and 2 storey block to the courtyard (containing 2 no. 2 bed apartments) with a new 6 storey apartment block and larger communal courtyard. New apartment block to contain: 12 no. 2 bedroom apartments and 6 no. 1 bedroom apartments with revised access onto rear laneway. (D) This application also includes revisions to cycle store, bin stores and landscaping including larger shared communal courtyard, provision of all associated surface water and foul drainage services and connections, ancillary to the residential development as well as all associated site development works and services”

Grant Date: 14/12/2020

PI ref: 21366

Development Description: “Permission for development which will consist of: 1. Construct a new porch to front elevation of terrace house (3.02m²) 2. Demolish the existing rear extension (2.93m²) 3. Construct a new extension to ground floor and first floor levels to rear of dwelling (81.95m²) 4. And all associated site works”

Grant Date: 26/4/2022

PI ref: 2360062

Development Description: “Permission for development which consists of construct a single storey extension to the back of existing dwelling house”

Grant Date: 12/12/2023

PI ref: 2560103

Development Description: “Permission for development which consists of: permission for an extension to rear of the existing dwelling at 16 Corrib Terrace, Woodquay, Co. Galway”

Grant Date: 14/7/2025

PI ref: 2267

Development Description: “Permission for retention which will consist of retention of demolition to rear wall of house and existing rear extension. Construction of new rear single and two storey extension. Modifications to existing house and all associated site works to house”

Grant Date: 21/6/2022

PI ref: 2266

Development Description: “Permission for retention which will consist of retention of first floor level rear extension”

Grant Date: 21/6/2022

PI ref: 2329

Development Description: "Permission and Retention for development which consists of 1) Change of Use from previously approved residential and office use to residential only at 1st and 2nd floor levels, 2) Retention of residential accommodation in lieu of external balcony at 1st floor level (area 12sqm), 3) Reconfiguration of existing residential accommodation to form 1 no.1 bedroomed studio apartment at 1st floor level and 1 bedroomed apartment at 1st and 2nd floor levels"

Grant Date: 20/6/2023

PI ref: 23100

Development Description: "Permission for development which consists of the following:- (i) Demolition of existing building structures, (ii) Maintaining original wall located within zone of archaeological potential (SMR GA094-100--), features include (GA094-119-- and (GA094-120--), (iii) Permission for construction of 5 residential units over three floors, consisting of 1 No. studio apartment, 3 No. 1 bedroom apartments, 1 no. 2 bedroom apartment, associated private open spaces, bicycle storage and waste refuge. (iv) Connection to public services/utilities and all associated site works"

Grant Date: 20/7/2023

PI ref: 2360163

Development Description: "Permission for development which consist of (1) Change of use of former educational use to student accommodation (2) Construction of a new second floor extension over existing first floor as part of the student accommodation proposal (3) Minor alterations to front elevation and (4) All associated site works and services. The Convent of Mercy grounds and graveyard is located to the west of the building, and are listed as a Protected Structure (RPS No. 9603)"

Grant Date: 19/2/2025

PI ref: 21170

Development Description: "Permission for retention which will consist of retaining the use of a ground floor unit"

Grant Date: 17/8/2021

PI ref: 20229

Development Description: "Permission for development which will consist of retention permission of existing rooflight on front elevation"

Grant Date: 14/12/2020

PI ref: 2460231

Development Description: "Permission for development at 16-18 William Street, Galway, a protected structure, Galway City Council RPS ref no. 10801. The development will consist of the replacement of the existing non original windows on the first, second and third floors of the front (south) elevation. The windows are to be replaced with new painted hardwood framed windows. The development will include ancillary works to facilitate the development"

Grant Date: 16/10/2024

PI ref: 22144

Development Description: "Permission for the development which will consist of 1. Change use of existing 3 no. offices and file store to 4 no studio apartments at 1st/2nd & 3rd floor levels, 2. Retain existing apartment and convert to 1 bedroom unit at 2nd floor level, 3. Provide for 1sq. metre window opening section to rear external wall at 1st/2nd & 3rd floor landings, 4. Allow for all related site services/drainage"

	Grant Date: 19/12/2022 PI ref: 22150 Development Description: "Permission for development which will consist of: (a) demolition and replacement of existing single storey storage building (23m2) with new purpose built single storey building including infill of the space between the existing building and the building to be demolished (9m2) all to match existing at rear of AIB bank and (b) internal modifications and non-structural remodelling of the banking hall adjacent to but not including the Lynch's Castle structure (a protected structure - Ref No. 9313)" Grant Date: 1/9/2022 PI ref: 2460152 Development Description: "Permission for development which consist of: alterations to an existing commercial premises at No. 38-39 (McCambridge's) Shop Street, Galway, a Protected Structure (No. 9309) to include the following: a) demolition of 2 No. sections of centre (infill) wall, b) removal of 3 No. cold rooms and internal partitions, c) removal of the coffee servery counter and d) relocation of various display counters, shelving units and all associated minor finishes works" Grant Date: 22/8/2024 PI ref: 2460390 Development Description: "Permission for development which consists of the replacement of existing fascia board and shopfront signage at the front and rear of the Boots Unit. The proposed signage at the front includes: (a) new pressed aluminium fascia board and new illuminated signage including: "Boots", the words "Beauty" and "Pharmacy" either side of the main "Boots" sign. The letters are individually illuminated (b) illuminated green cross sign (c) Projecting "Boots" sign in pressed aluminium, illuminated letters and fixing brackets. The new signage at the rear of the premises includes: (d) new pressed aluminium fascia board and new illuminated signage including "Boots", the words "Beauty" and "Pharmacy" either side of the main Boots sign. The letters are individually illuminated. All works necessary to install the new signage. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area" Grant Date: 10/6/2025 PI ref: 2358 Development Description: "Permission for development which consists of: Change of use of part of first floor (GIA 59m2/635ft2) from Photographers Studio to a one bedroom residential apartment. First Floor Entrance door relocated to location of adjacent First Floor Window. First Floor Window relocated to location of adjacent First Floor Entrance Door" Grant Date: 29/5/2023 PI ref: 2560069 Development Description: "Permission for development which consists of: remedial works and repairs, including new roof slating and flashings, chimney stack repairs, removal of cement renders and pointing, external masonry repointing and replastering, internal replastering and/or thermal lining, replacement gutters and downpipes, replacement of selected external windows and doors; and all associated ancillary works. This is a protected structure and is located in an architectural conservation area and within a prescribed area of archaeological notification." Grant Date: 20/8/2025
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PI ref: 2560105

Development Description: "Permission for development which consists of: change of use to convert the ground floor office unit to a restaurant/bar, including an accessible toilet, commercial kitchen and all associated works"

Grant Date: 18/7/2025

PI ref: 2062

Development Description: "Planning permission is sought for the development which will consist of (a) retention of change of use of Office/Retail to a Language School (b) permission for window signage at protected structures reference: 3804"

Grant Date: 9/3/2021

PI ref: 22105

Development Description: "Permission for retention which will consist of retention and development at Unit 225/Unit 226 in the Eyre Square Shopping Centre. The proposed development is located adjacent to a segment of the 17th Century Bastion Wall (RPS Ref. 301). The development consists of: To retain and use the existing plant deck and install new plant structures over the second floor being part of the existing retail unit (previously granted permission under planning reference 21/331"

Grant Date: 21/7/2022

PI ref: 2360116

Development Description: "Permission for development which consists of permission and retention permission for development at No.s 1-3 Merchants Road, Galway, H91 AT0V. The development consists of (1) retention permission for a change of use from restaurant to a bar and distillery; entrance doorway onto Merchants Road; fire exit onto Forthill Street; and signage on the north-western and north-eastern elevations; and (2) planning permission for new signage on the north-western elevation. The proposed development consists of or comprises the carrying out of works to a Protected Structure (RPS No. 5801, NIAH Reg. No. 30314075)."

Grant Date: 29/2/2024

PI ref: 2510

Development Description: "Permission for development which consists of, (1) Amendments to the ground floor layout including reconfiguration of the bathrooms and creation of a fire escape corridor, (2) Alterations to the existing fenestration and conversion of a window into a doorway at ground floor level on the south-western elevations, (3) Alterations to the layout at fourth floor level including the insertion of alternative fire escape corridor, (4) Change of use at 5th floor from an existing leisure centre to 13 no. bedrooms (5) The construction of an additional 6th floor containing 6 no. bedrooms, fire escape corridor, and plant areas and; (6) all other associated site development and servicing works"

Grant Date: 31/7/2025

PI ref: 2287

Development Description: "Permission for development which will consist of changes to previously approved planning permission ref no. 14/18 (extended under 19/175). Ceannt Railway Station is a protected structure (RPS 10001). The changes include: 1. Partial removal of three no. internal walls in the northern buildings to increase visibility and thus assist with both passenger flow and wayfinding and accessibility. 2. The partial removal of some of the existing concrete floor on the eastern side of the station building and the subsequent lowering of same by approx. 180 mm to be at the same level throughout and thus assist with passenger accessibility"

Grant Date: 30/6/2022

	PI ref: 2360132 Development Description: "Permission for development which consists of to 1. Replace existing shop front with new shop front including associated signage to front façade and gable end of No.1 Eyre Square, 2. Relocation of entrance door on front façade of No. 1 Eyre Square, 3 Retain existing shop front with new associated signage to No. 2 Prospect Hill, 4. Alteration to existing entrance door from No.2 Prospect Hill, 5. The removal of existing stone cladding and replaced with a painted nap render finish to front façade and gable end of No. 1 Eyre Square, 6. Replace existing windows and doors with new timber windows and doors to ground floor, first floor, second floor & third floor levels of No. 1 Eyre Square and to ground floor, first floor & second floor levels of No. 2 Prospect Hill, 7. And all associated site works, at No. 1 Eyre Square & No.2 Prospect Hill Galway" Grant Date: 12/3/2024 ABP ref: 314597 Development Description: "BusConnects Galway Cross-City Link Scheme." Grant Date: 27/9/2024 ABP ref: 310568 Development Description: "10 year permission - construction of mixed use regeneration project including 376 no. apartments , retail units, cafe/restaurant/bar units, Hotel, office use, childcare facility, car parking and other services and associated site works. (Protected Structure). NIS and EIAR submitted with the planning application." Grant Date: 28/6/2023 ABP ref: 318992 Development Description: "Demolition of existing warehouse and restaurant and construction of 10-11 storey extension. Natura Impact Statement (NIS) submitted with appeal." Grant Date: 26/9/2025 ABP ref: 312920 Development Description: "Change of use from residential apartments to apart-hotel. Internal alteration to include reception area, staff storage room and associated site works." Grant Date: 15/6/2023 ABP ref: 310684 Development Description: "Demolition of the nightclub building and construction of 7 storey extension to building to provide 44 hotel bedrooms." Grant Date: 28/6/2021 ABP ref: 318327 Development Description: "Retention of 11 Ensuite Bedrooms which was originally under Planning Ref. 93/713, a doctor's surgery and a 6 bed duplex apartment." Grant Date: 23/10/2023 Having regard to the small scale of the proposed works, no cumulative impacts are predicted during the demolition, construction and operational phase of this development.
(c) Use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity: Will construction or the operation of the proposal use natural resources such as land, soil,	Water and fuel will be required during the construction phase of the development. This is not predicted to cause significant impacts.

water, materials or energy, especially any resources which are non-renewable or are in short supply?	The proposed development will involve the upgrading and extension to the existing buildings on site. There will be no removal of tree lines or hedgerows. As such, no impacts are predicted on biodiversity in this regard.
(d) Production of waste: Will the proposal produce solid wastes during construction, operation, or decommissioning?	The site area is relatively small/modest. Topsoil and limited C&D waste will be disposed of in accordance with a "Construction Waste Management Plan" (CWMP), which is a standard feature of a development proposal. In accordance with best practice, any waste from the proposed development will be recycled or reused where possible. If recycling or reuse is not possible waste should be disposed of by an authorized waste facility.
(e) Pollution and nuisances: Will the proposal release pollutants to ground or surface water, or air (including noise and vibrations) or water, or lead to exceeding environmental standards set out in other Directives?	During the demolition of the existing building on-site, there will likely be an increase in air pollution in terms of dust. However, this will be short-term in duration and so, no adverse impacts/effects are predicted in this regard. As with any similar development, there is potential for dust and noise pollution during construction. Construction related traffic is also anticipated. No deep excavations are required; therefore, no significant noise impacts are anticipated. However, the construction phase is likely to be short term and owing to the location scale of the proposed development, together with the industrial norms for noise control, no significant impacts are predicted in this regard. Surface water will be managed through permeable paving, soakaways and a rainwater rill. All rainwater from impermeable areas will be collected via a series of underground pipes. There is existing development on site, and the proposed redevelopment of the tourist office is small in scale. Considering this, no impacts are predicted with regards to storm water runoff. The existing public toilets will be demolished and reconstructed to the west of the proposed tourist office building. The existing foul sewer connections will be removed and replaced following the construction of the public toilets. No impacts are predicted in this regard.
(f) Major accidents and disasters: In accordance with scientific knowledge, is there a risk of major accidents and/or disasters which are relevant to the project, including those caused by climate change?	None. No COMAH or Seveso sites are located within the vicinity.
(g) Risks to human health, for example due to water contamination or air pollution:	During the demolition phase, there will likely be an increase in air pollution in terms of dust. However, this will be short-term in duration and so, no adverse impacts/effects are predicted in this regard. Construction impacts including noise, dust, construction, and haulage traffic. No adverse impacts are predicted in this regard. At the operational stage, the proposed development could give rise to noise and increased lighting. No adverse impacts are predicted in this regard. Having regard to the nature and extent of the proposed development at this location, no significant risks to human health are identified. Surface water will be managed through permeable paving, soakaways and a

	rainwater rill. All rainwater from impermeable areas will be collected via a series of underground pipes. There is existing development on site, and the proposed redevelopment of the tourist office is small in scale. Considering this, no impacts are predicted with regards to storm water runoff. The existing public toilets will be demolished and reconstructed to the west of the proposed tourist office building. The existing foul sewer connections will be removed and replaced following the construction of the public toilets. No impacts are predicted in this regard.
2. Location of proposed development:	
The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by the proposed development: If relevant, briefly describe the characteristics of the location (with particular regard to the (a) existing and approved land use, (b) the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources, and (c) the absorption capacity of the environment):	
(a) Generally, describe the location of the site and its surroundings:	The application site features an existing and operational tourist information office single storey building as well as a single storey public toilet building located to the northwest of Kennedy Park, Eyre Square, within Galway City centre. The park features amenity grassland areas with parkland trees and landscaping throughout. Several seating areas are present throughout the park for public use and recreation. The Galway Ceant Rail and Bus Station is to the south of the Park, with the City Bus services to the north, east and south and taxi ranks to the north and east also present. The park is surrounded by buildings including bars, restaurants and hotels and is situated in a vibrant city centre urban environment. The site is bounded by pedestrian zones to the west and north with the R863 Regional road further to the north.
(b) Is the project located within, close to or has it the potential to impact on any site specified in Article 103(3)(a)(v) of the Regulations: — European site — NHA/pNHA — Designated Nature Reserve — Designated refuge for flora or fauna — Place, site or feature of ecological interest, the preservation, conservation, protection of which is an objective of a development plan/ local area plan/ draft plan or variation of a plan.	No. The Lough Corrib SAC (Site code: 000297) is approximately 333 meters west of the application site. The site for the proposed development is also located approximately 480 meters northwest of the Galway Bay Complex SAC (Site code: 000268) and the Inner Galway Bay SPA (Site code: 004031). No impacts/effects are predicted on Lough Corrib SAC, or any Natura 2000 sites. There are no identifiable ecological or hydrological pathways or connectivity to the habitats and/or species of any Natura 2000 site. The closest major water feature in the area is the Corrib_020 River Waterbody on EPA website and catchments.ie, which is located c.340 meters from the application site to the west (straight line measurement). The EPA has rated the value of the river as 'Good' for the Ecological Status or Potential under the SW 2016 _2021 and has a high confidence value. There are no direct or indirect hydrological connector/receptor pathways between the application site and the Corrib_020 River; therefore, no impacts/effects are predicted in this regard. The Corrib Estuary Transitional Waterbody is located c.480 meters from the application site to the southeast (straight line measurement). The EPA has rated the value of the waterbody as 'Moderate' for the Ecological Status or Potential under the SW 2016 _2021 and has a high confidence value. There are no direct or indirect hydrological connector/receptor pathways between the application site and the Corrib Estuary Transitional Waterbody; therefore, no impacts/effects are predicted in this regard.

	There are no Natural Heritage Areas (NHA's) or proposed NHA's (pNHA's) within in the vicinity of the proposed development. The nearest NHA to the proposed development is Moycullen Bogs NHA which is located 3.5 km to the northwest. The nearest pNHA to the proposed development is Galway Bay Complex pNHA which is located 480 meters to the southeast. It should be noted that there is no identifiable ecological and/or hydrological connection between the application site and NHA/pNHA's and therefore, no impacts/effects are predicted.
(c) Are there any other areas on or around the location that are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology e.g. wetlands, watercourses or other waterbodies (including riparian areas and river mouths), the coastal zone and the marine environment, mountains, forests or woodlands, that could be affected by the project?	No.
(d) Is the proposal likely to be highly visible to many people? Are there any areas or features of high landscape or scenic value on or around the location, or are there any routes or facilities that are used by the public for recreation or other facilities which could be affected by the proposal?	Yes. However, the proposal consists of a small-scale redevelopment of an existing tourism office building within the Centre of Galway City Center. Furthermore, the public realm within Eyre Square (including public thoroughfares) will remain unaffected. No impacts are predicted in this regard.
(e) Are there any areas or features of historic or cultural importance on or around the location that could be affected by the project?	No. There are protected structures located further to the north, however, given that the proposed development relates to the replacement of existing facilities, no impacts are anticipated.
(f) Are there areas within or around the location which are densely populated or built-up, or occupied by sensitive land uses e.g., hospitals, schools, places of worship, community facilities that could be affected by the proposal?	Yes, the subject site is surrounded by development. It is not expected that surrounding land uses would be adversely affected by the proposed development at this location.
(g) Are there any areas within or around the location which contain important, high quality or scarce resources e.g. groundwater, surface waters, forestry, agriculture, fisheries, tourism, minerals, that could be affected by the proposal?	No.
(h) Are there any areas within or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage, and where there has already been a failure in environmental standards that could be affected by the proposal e.g. the status of water bodies under the Water Framework Directive?	The closest major water feature in the area is the Corrib_020 River Waterbody on EPA website and catchments.ie, which is located c.340 meters from the application site to the west (straight line measurement). The EPA has rated the value of the river as 'Good' for the Ecological Status or Potential under the SW 2016 _2021 and has a high confidence value. There are no direct or indirect hydrological connector/receptor pathways between the application site and the Corrib_020 River; therefore, no impacts/effects are predicted in this regard. The Corrib Estuary Transitional Waterbody is located c.480 meters from the application site to the southeast (straight line measurement). The EPA has rated

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(i) Is the site located in an area susceptible to subsidence, landslides, erosion, or flooding which could cause the proposal to present environmental problems?	No.	
(j) Are there any additional considerations that are specific to this location?	No.	
3. Types and characteristics of potential impacts:		
If relevant, briefly describe the characteristics of the potential impacts under the headings below. (Including where relevant the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (e.g., geographical areas and size of population likely to be affected), nature of impact, intensity and complexity of impact, probability of impact, and duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact):	If relevant, briefly describe any mitigation measures proposed to avoid or prevent a significant effect.	Is this likely to result in significant effects on the environment?
Population and human health:		
In the absence of standard construction phase best practice/control measures, there may be possible short-term nuisances to human beings in neighbouring properties from noise and dust during the construction phase. These are not likely to be at such a quantity or of such a significance that would warrant the completion of a sub-threshold EIAR. Noise and dust or pollution will be subject to standard best practice/control measures as per typical construction projects.	Standard construction phase control measures.	No. The residual construction impacts are temporary and are not considered to be significant. The operation impacts are not likely to be significant due to the noise and increase in traffic.
Biodiversity, with particular attention to species and habitats protected under the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive: *		
Impacts from loss/ fragmentation of habitat, disturbance and displacement are not likely to occur due to the lack of identifiable hydrological connector/receptor pathways and the physical barriers between the application site and the Lough Corrib SAC.	N/A.	No. This is due to the lack of identifiable hydrological connectors/receptors pathways and physical barriers present between the application site and the Lough Corrib SAC and any Natura 2000 site.
There is an existing tourism office on the site, therefore the removal of vegetation including trees and hedgerows will not occur and therefore disturbance to local bat populations and flora is not anticipated.	N/A	No
Land, soil, water, air and climate:		
The loss of grassland is not considered to be significant.	N/A	No
The flat nature of the land and ground conditions mean that there is no likelihood of soil erosion or impact on soil stability. Construction will be at near surface reducing the need for large scale excavation.	N/A	No

Potential risk to water quality of groundwater.	At construction phase, Surface water runoff and sources of contaminants during construction will be managed in accordance with industry best practice. Surface water will be managed through permeable paving, soakaways and a rainwater rill. All rainwater from impermeable areas will be collected via a series of underground pipes. There is existing development on site, and the proposed redevelopment of the tourist office is small in scale. Considering this, no impacts are predicted with regards to storm water runoff. The existing public toilets will be demolished and reconstructed to the west of the proposed tourist office building. The existing foul sewer connections will be removed and replaced following the construction of the public toilets. No impacts are predicted in this regard.	No. The residual risk is considered to be low once standard best practice/control measures are implemented.
Material assets, cultural heritage and the landscape: *		
In terms of material assets, the most relevant in this case is the existing road network. In this regard, the site is easily accessed from the existing roads, where the 30kmph urban speed limit applies.	In relation to cultural heritage, there are no protected structures on site. The subject site is located within an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA), under the provisions of the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029. To the northeast of the tourism office within the grounds of Eyre Square there are 2 no. Protected Structures namely the Galway Hooker Fountain (RPS No. 3812) and The Browne Doorway (RPS No. 3807). There will be no changes to these structures,	No. The residual risk is considered to be low once archaeological mitigation measures are adhered to.

	and no impacts/ effects are predicted. In terms of the landscape, given that the proposed development is located within a built up urban environment, no mitigation is required in this regard.	
Cumulative Effects:		
No cumulative effects are identified.	N/A	No
Transboundary Effects:		
The site is remote from any transboundary location and the nature of the development is such that any impact would not affect a large geographical area.	N/A	No
4. Additional Considerations:		
Further relevant information, if any, relating to how the results of any other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment have been taken into account (e.g. SEA, AA screening, AA):	As per the "Appropriate Assessment Screening Report" prepared by Enviroplan Consulting Limited, there is no identifiable pathways and no identifiable connectivity to any European Sites considered in the assessment. This report concludes "that no significant effects are expected on the qualifying interests or conservation objectives of the surrounding Natura 2000 sites, as a result of the proposed development in question, alone or in combination with the other plans and projects in the area, and therefore, a Natura Impact Statement is not required in this case".	
Other relevant information/ considerations of note:	No	
C. Determination:		
No real likelihood of significant effects on the environment.	X	EIAR is not required
Real likelihood of significant effects on the environment.		EIAR is required
D. Main Reasons and Considerations:		
See Conclusions below		

8 CONCLUSIONS

Planning is being sought for *“the demolition of the existing public toilet block and tourist kiosk within the pedestrian area of Eyre Square/Kennedy Park, and the construction of a new tourist information centre and public toilets, as well as the construction of a new Changing Places facility as an extension to the existing substation. The development is to include new public seating, a performance space, and associated landscape elements”* at Kennedy Park, Galway City.

As noted in Section 3, owing to the nature and scale of the proposed development, there is no mandatory requirement for EIA to be completed under the relevant legislation in this case. In accordance with Article 103(1)(a)(ii), the provision of *“information specified in Schedule 7A for the purposes of a screening determination”* has been prepared in the interest of due diligence.

Given the scale and nature of the project and taking account of the documentation which accompanies the project, the overall probability of impacts on the receiving environment arising from the proposed development (during the demolition, construction or operational phases) is considered to be low.

This EIA Screening Assessment has determined that the characteristics of the proposed development are considered not significant due to the location, nature, and scale of the proposed development. The subject site is not located in an environmentally sensitive site. In any event, the proposed development will implement best practice construction methodologies to avoid any significant impacts.

No significant environmental impacts are likely to occur once the proposals outlined in the application are implemented.

The information provided in this EIA Screening Report can be used by the competent authority, to conclude that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an environmental impact assessment report (EIAR) is not required in this case.

