STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



Decision Statement

Variation No. 7 to the Cork City Development Plan 2015 – 2021 (Bessboro Road, Mahon; Sunview, South Douglas Rd.; Westside, Model Farm Road; and Former Bolands Mills, Old Mallow Road)

The Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) require Strategic Environmental Assessments in the case of Variations of the City Development Plan where they are likely to give rise to significant environmental effects.

Cork City Council, as Planning Authority for the City of Cork, hereby publishes its decision not to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment for No. 7 (Bessboro Road, Mahon; Sunview, South Douglas Rd.; Westside, Model Farm Road; and Former Bolands Mills, Old Mallow Road) of the *Cork City Development Plan 2015 – 2021*.

The reason for this decision is as follows:

Having completed a screening, Cork City Council has determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not necessary for Variation No. 7, as it is considered that the implementation of the variation would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment. The variation is considered to have a <u>neutral impact</u> on the environment.

This decision CEO/4760/19 has been taken having regard to the EU Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2001/42/EC) and the *Guidelines for Regional Authorities and Planning Authorities* (November 2004) from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. Cork City Council consulted the Environmental Authorities (in this case the Environmental Protection Agency; the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government; the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht; and Cork County Council) as part of the screening process and received no adverse comment regarding the environmental implications of the proposed plan.

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