

**Planning Authority Habitats Directive  
Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination Statement  
for the following two proposed projects in Cahersiveen, Co Kerry**

- 1. The Cahersiveen Public Realm Enhancement Project.**
- 2. The N70 Cahersiveen to Oghermong Road Pavement Improvement Scheme Project.**

**Stage I Appropriate Assessment Screening Statement**

Kerry County Council as Competent Authority determines that the proposed projects, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects are not likely to have a significant effect on a European (Natura 2000) Site, and as such, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment / Natura Impact Statement is not required.

It is considered that the AA Screening Report prepared by the Environmental Assessment Unit, contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the developments on European sites. That assessment is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council. It is noted that the exclusion of likely significant effects is based wholly on objective information and that there is no reliance on any measures intended to reduce or avoid impacts on European Sites.

**Reasons for Determination**

- The location of the proposed works within the urban boundaries of Cahersiveen Town and its approach roads and geographically removed from European Sites,
- The nature of the works which constitute urban development and infrastructure renewal and upgrade works, which are relatively small in scale and which would be phased and short in duration and which would involve limited excavation works at any particular location,
- The nature and location of the proposals are such that there is no realistic potential to disturb or effect Qualifying Interest species or Species of Conservation Interest, either at the construction or operational stage,
- The risk of water pollution is considered to be low and notwithstanding same any such pollution which could possibly arise would be quickly dissipated on reaching the receiving estuarine waters with no likely appreciable / possible effect on same,
- There would be no significant loss or degradation of European (Natura 2000) habitat or functionally linked habitat,
- There would be no significant direct or indirect impact on qualifying habitat or species associated with European (Natura 2000) sites as a result of the proposal,
- The lack of significant in-combination effects arising from other proposed and permitted development in the vicinity.

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**A/Director of Services / Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí, Planning, Environment & Emergency Management**

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**Planning Authority**  
**Preliminary Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Examination**  
**Conclusion Statement**  
for the following two proposed projects in Cahersiveen, Co Kerry

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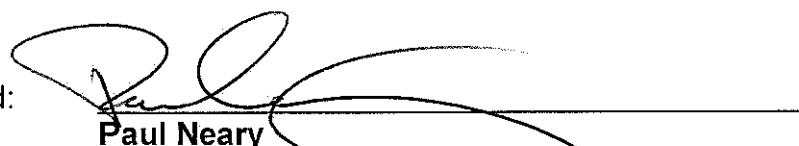
**Environmental Impact Assessment Preliminary Screening Conclusion Statement**

Kerry County Council concludes that these projects, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, are not ones which require EIA Screening or EIA. It is considered that the Preliminary EIA Screening Examination Report prepared by the Environmental Assessment Unit contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the proposals. That assessment is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council.

**Reasons for Conclusion**

- The (combined) proposal is substantially below relevant mandatory EIA thresholds.
- There are no potential cumulative or in combination effects likely to arise.
- There is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed developments.
- The nature and scale of the proposals and their location within and approaching the existing urban environment or Cahersiveen and largely within the boundaries of the existing public realm / road space and the absence of a realistic pathway for impact to any sensitive location or feature.

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