

Limerick City & County Council

Re: Part 8 Proposal for the following:

Part 8 proposal, Reference PT8LL329– The development will consist of: (i) Extension and renovation of the existing single-storey Kings Island Youth & Community Centre building (232 sqm) comprising alterations and extensions including an additional storey at first floor level and new roof structure. The extended building floor area of 911 sqm (gross internal floor area) shall comprise at ground floor level: a community café and servery area, multi-purpose sports hall, office and meeting/training room accommodation and at first floor level further office and meeting/training room accommodation in addition to ancillary toilet, circulation, storage and plant spaces at both ground and first floor levels. The proposed new roof structure shall incorporate roof lights over the community café, multi-purpose sports hall and first floor level circulation spaces. (ii) Public realm works at Verdant Place comprising a mixture of soft and hard landscaped areas including 4no. car parking spaces and 1no. loading bay on Verdant Place. (iii) A new multi-use games area (250sqm) to the north of the community centre building and adjoining the existing playground on St. Ita's Street. (iv) All associated site development works, services, piped infrastructure and ducting, changes in level, site landscaping and all associated development and excavation works above and below ground.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination

Pursuant to the requirements of the above Limerick City & County Council is proposing The development will consist of: (i) Extension and renovation of the existing single-storey Kings Island Youth & Community Centre building (232 sqm) comprising alterations and extensions including an additional storey at first floor level and new roof structure. The extended building floor area of 911 sqm (gross internal floor area) shall comprise at ground floor level: a community café and servery area, multi-purpose sports hall, office and meeting/training room accommodation and at first floor level further office and meeting/training room accommodation in addition to ancillary toilet, circulation, storage and plant spaces at both ground and first floor levels. The proposed new roof structure shall incorporate roof lights over the community café, multi-purpose sports hall and first floor level circulation spaces. (ii) Public realm works at Verdant Place comprising a mixture of soft and hard landscaped areas including 4no. car parking spaces and 1no. loading bay on Verdant Place. (iii) A new multi-use games area (250sqm) to the north of the community centre building and adjoining the existing playground on St. Ita's Street. (iv) All associated site development works, services, piped infrastructure and ducting, changes in level, site landscaping and all associated development and excavation works above and below ground

The plans and particulars were placed on public display from the 18th of December 2025 up to and including 26st of January 2026, and submissions and observations were invited up to the 9th of February 2026, in accordance with the requirements of the Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

Having regard to EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (the EIA Directive), the guidance contained in the Department of Housing Planning Community and Local Government's "Impact Assessment Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-

Threshold Development" (2003), Screening of the development for Environmental Impact was carried out by JBA Consulting.

The Screening has been carried out in accordance with the EIA Directive and to Annex I, II and III of that Directive, which sets out requirements for mandatory and sub-threshold EIA. The proposal has been assessed in accordance with the criteria for sub-threshold development to determine the potential impact on the environment of the project.

The subsequent EIA Screening Report concludes that the development has been assessed under the environmental criteria outlined in Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and a sub-threshold EIAR is not required as the proposal is substantially below relevant mandatory EIA thresholds and located within an existing urban context. The proposed development will not have any significant impacts on the environment given the size of the site and the scale of development. All recommended mitigation measures and standard practices will be employed throughout the construction phase of the development to ensure that the proposed development will not create any significant impacts on the quality of the surrounding environment.

For the reasons outlined above, it is considered that the proposal will not present a risk to the environment. As such this screening exercise concludes that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required for this project.

Order: That Limerick City & County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the EIA Screening Report prepared by JBA Consulting, makes a determination that an Environmental Impact Assessment will not be required to inform the proposal for the Extension and renovation of the existing single-storey King's Island Youth & Community Centre building, Public realm works at Verdant Place, A new multi-use games area (250sqm) to the north of the community centre building and adjoining the existing playground on St. Ita's Street and all associated site works at King's Island Youth & Community Centre, Verdant Place, Castle Street, Limerick V94 N996.



Director General

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