

Criteria for a Preliminary Examination of a Sub-Threshold Housing Development to determine a Conclusion regarding an Environmental Impact Assessment.		
Questions to be Considered	Yes / No / ? . Briefly describe	Is this likely to result in a significant effect? Yes/No/? - Why?
1	Brief Project Description: The proposed development consists of 2 No. small sites within an existing newly constructed social housing development. The larger of the two sites will incorporate 6 No. one bed bungalow units. The smaller site is an infill within phase 1 of the development.	
a	Will construction of the project exceed 500+ units (Sub-Threshold EIA)	The construction of 7 No. Social Housing Units at Merry meeting Phase 3, Rathnew Co. Wicklow
b	or will the accumulation of the project and other existing development exceed 500+ units	No
c	Will construction or operation of the Project involve the nature of any demolition works	No
d	Will construction or operation of the Project use natural resources such as land, soil, water and biodiversity	Yes - land.
e	Will the Project involve the production of waste	Yes, excavated material for the development of the site will be produced. This excavated material will be removed off site by licenced waste management operations
f	Will the Project release pollutants or nuisances	Yes, construction related noise and emissions will be produced throughout the construction phase. These will be managed as part of the standard construction management plan
g	Will there be any risk of accidents during construction or operation of the Project which could affect human health or the environment?	No, management of workplace accidents will be managed by the PSCS. The site is to be well secured and monitored to ensure that the works do not have significant impact on the general public
h	Will the Project lead to risks of contamination of land, air or water from releases of pollutants onto the ground or into surface waters, groundwater, coastal waters or the sea?	No, management of workplace incidents will be managed by the PSCS, the works do not have significant impact in respect to release of pollutants
2	Location of Proposed Development	
a	affect the existing approved land use	No, land is zoned as residential
b	Will the Project affect the relative abundance of, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of the natural resources in the area and its underground	No.
c	The absorptive capacity of the natural environment paying particular attention to the following areas:	
(i)	wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths	No
(ii)	costal zones and the marine environment	No
(iii)	mountain and forest areas	No
(iv)	nature reserves and parks	No
(v)	areas classified or protected by legislation including Natura 2000 areas	No
(vi)	areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards laid down in legislation	No
(vii)	densely populated areas	Yes
(viii)	landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.	At this stage we assume there are no major issues.
Conclusion: Having carried out a Preliminary Examination of the nature, size and location of the proposed development as outlined above, it has been determined that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and it is concluded that an EIA is not required.		
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