



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO: E470

SUBJECT: Proposed Development - N59 Oughterard Footbridge, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

I, Tom Prendergast, A/Director of Services, Physical Infrastructure, Fire & Emergency Services, Climate Change, Galway County Council, by virtue of the powers conferred on me by the Local Government Acts 1925 to 2019, hereby order that the preparation of an environmental impact assessment report (EIAR) is not a mandatory requirement under Schedule 5, Part 1 and 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2025) and having considered the report entitled “Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening – N59 Oughterard Footbridge” (AtkinsRéalis dated 18th June 2025) and having agreed with the conclusions of same, Galway County Council make the following determination:

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Proposed N59 Oughterard Footbridge

Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Determination

An Environmental Impact Assessment Screening decision regarding the above referenced proposed N59 Oughterard Footbridge (hereafter the ‘Proposed Development’) has been made by Galway County Council in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 7 and the information required in Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. This decision has been informed by an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report titled “Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report –N59 Oughterard Footbridge” (AtkinsRealis, June 2025).

This screening report was carried out in accordance with the Planning and Development Regulations as amended 2001- 2025 (which give effect to the provisions of EU Directive 2014/52/EU). The report assessed the effects of



the Proposed Development in conjunction with committed developments in the surrounding area and has examined all available information, taken account of the scale, location and location of the Proposed Development and opined that the preparation of an EIAR is not a mandatory requirement (under Schedule 5, Part 1 and 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2025).

Key findings are summarised as follows;

- Due to the limited nature of the works, it is considered that there will be no significant cumulative impacts with other developments in the general area;
- Limited noise, vibration and dust emissions may be generated during construction; however, this is anticipated to be minimal in effect and will cause no significant impacts;
- There will be no significant impact on biodiversity, groundwater, surface water or traffic; and,
- There will be no significant impacts on recorded monuments or historic features.

In summary, no significant adverse effects to the receiving environment will arise as a result of the Proposed Development.

Therefore, it is the view of Galway County Council, in relying on the Environmental Assessment Screening Report "Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening – N59 Oughterard Footbridge" prepared by AtkinsRéalis and for the reason that the project is deemed a sub-threshold development, and therefore the potential for significant environmental effects arising from the proposed development has been evaluated and that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is not required for the Proposed Development.

Signed this 14th day of July 2025

Tom Prendergast

A/Director of Services

Physical Infrastructure, Fire and Emergency Services, Climate Change.