



**Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
Screening Determination under:**

Under Article 7 (13K) of the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004) as amended by the Planning and Development (SEA) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (SI No. 201 of 2011)

for:

**Variation No. 2 to the
Athy Town Development Plan 2012-2018**

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening determination is being made by Kildare County Council regarding Variation No. 2 to the Athy Town Development Plan 2012-2018.

Article 7 (13K) of the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004) (as amended), requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether Variation No. 2 warrants the undertaking of SEA.

Such a determination takes into account relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the SEA Regulations, as amended.

The Variation provides for the following: change the zoning of 3.4 hectares of land in Woodstock South, Athy from Zoning Objective R – Retail and Commercial¹ to Zoning Objective Q - Enterprise and Employment²; and make consequential amendments to Maps 3.1 and 16.1A and tables 16.1, 16.2, 16.3 and 16.5 of the Development Plan to reflect the change in zoning. Both of these zoning objectives favour built development to comparable extents. Different uses would be provided for under each zoning objective as is indicated in the Variation document. Any development on these lands will have to comply the detailed provisions of the Plan (as varied), including those relating to environmental protection and management and service provision.

Taking the above issues (and other issues addressed in the SEA Screening Report) into account, it has been determined that implementation of the Variation would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects. Consequently full SEA is not required.

An SEA Screening Report has been prepared which accompanies and has informed this Determination.

19th Signatory (Approved Officer):
February 2018

¹ "To provide for and improve retailing and commercial activities"

² "To facilitate opportunities for employment and enterprise uses, manufacturing, research and development, light industry, employment and enterprise related uses within a high quality campus/park type development"