

## Appropriate Assessment Screening Report

<b>Development Type</b>	Prosperous Town Park - Part VIII Application
<b>Development Location</b>	Main Street, Prosperous, Co Kildare
<b>Natura 2000 sites within the potential impact zone</b>	The proposed development is located over 2.6km from the Ballynafagh Lake and 875m from Ballynafagh Bog SACs see attached map 1.
<b>Species or habitats listed on Annexes of the Habitats or Birds Directive which might be impacted</b>	None
<b>Planning File Ref</b>	
<b>Description of the project</b>	
<p>The proposed project will consist of the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Site Clearance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of all debris and rubbish</li> <li>• Clearing overgrown vegetation</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Earthworks (0.0 to 0.5m depth) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grading works to landscape design proposal</li> <li>• Adjustments of ground levels</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of surface water drainage</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Paths &amp; Paving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of pedestrian paths circulating park and playground using various material such as paving, stone and tarmac surfaces</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Landscaping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protecting of existing trees and plants</li> <li>• Installing new trees, plants, grassed areas, formal garden &amp; amphitheatre</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Playground &amp; Outdoor Exercise Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of new play space and play equipment</li> <li>• Installation of new exercise equipment</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. Fencing and Gates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair of existing wire fencing</li> <li>• Installation of new timber post and wire fence in parts</li> </ul> </li> <li>8. Public Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of new car park facility for approximately 53 cars and 2-disabled parking</li> </ul> </li> <li>9. Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of new access to car park and associated gates and pillars</li> </ul> </li> <li>10. Lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of new lighting columns as required for car park, play space and park</li> </ul> </li> <li>11. External improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realignment external paths, bus parking bay and kerb alignments</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

**Describe any likely direct, indirect or secondary impacts of the project (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) on the Natura 2000 site taking into account the following:**

- **Size and scale**
- **Land-take**
- **Distance from the Natura 2000 site or key features of the site**
- **Resource requirements (water abstraction etc.)**
- **Emissions (disposal to land, water or air)**
- **Excavation Requirements**
- **Transportation Requirements**
- **Duration of construction, operation, decommissioning**
- **Other.**

The proposed development is located over 2.6km from the Ballynafagh Lake and 875m from Ballynafagh Bog SACs see attached map 1, therefore outside the zone of impact for both sites. No direct impacts have been identified on the Ballynafagh Lake and Ballynafagh Bog SACs. Given the nature, scale and location of the proposed development and the relative distance of the development from the SAC sites, no indirect impacts have been identified.

The proposed scheme will not result in any negative hydro-geological impacts, as the existing landscape is to be maintained as much as possible to form part of the new park area. The design aims to incorporate the existing ground levels, and promote the native planting and grassed areas throughout the one hectare site.

To construct the car-park, the topsoil will be stripped and positive drainage will be installed to provide a safe driving and walking surface. The majority of reduced level excavations will not be below a depth of 0.5m, and this will not impact on the water table for the site.

**List any potential impacts on species listed on Annexes II and IV of the Habitats Directive, and species listed on Annex I of the Birds Directive (outside the Natura 2000 network).**

None

**If there are potential impacts, explain whether you consider if these are likely to be significant :**

(significant impacts include any impact on a habitat for which the Natura 2000 site is designated; any activity causing serious or ongoing disturbance to species; any activity affecting populations of species within the Natura 2000 site; any activity which interferes with mitigation measures put in place for other plans or projects).

No significant impacts identified for reasons set out above.

**Conclusion of assessment**

Given the scale, location, nature of the project and proximity to the nearest SAC and based on the project detail attached, it can be concluded that no significant effects on any Natura 2000 sites (European Sites), individually or in combination with other plans or projects can be expected from the carrying out of the projects as described above and therefore no further assessment required.

<b>Consultation</b>	
<b>Completed By</b>	<i>Bridget Loughlin</i>
<b>Date</b>	<i>December 2016</i>