

# EIA PN02: Template Screening Form

## Form 1

Establishing if the proposal is a 'sub-threshold development':	
Planning Register Reference:	Internal Reference: Regen-P8.02.2025
Development Summary:	The redevelopment of the existing Old Library building and site, to incorporate a new mixed-use development, consisting of a multi-purpose community space and childcare facility, with 1 no. new extension (11.5 metres squared), a new one-way in-out vehicular provision, parking provision and all associated site works.
Was a Screening Determination carried out under Section 176A-C?	<p><del>Yes, no further action required</del></p> <p>No, Proceed to <b>Part A</b></p>
<b>A. Schedule 5 Part 1</b> - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, <b>Part 1</b> , of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)? (Tick as appropriate)	
<del>Yes, specify class</del>	<p><del>EIA is mandatory</del></p> <p><del>No Screening required</del></p>
No	Proceed to <b>Part B</b>
<b>B. Schedule 5 Part 2</b> - Does the development comprise a project listed in Schedule 5, <b>Part 2</b> , of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) <b>and</b> does it meet/exceed the thresholds? (Tick as appropriate)	
<del>No, the development is not a project listed in Schedule 5, Part 2</del>	<del>No Screening required</del>
<del>Yes the project is listed in Schedule 5, Part 2 and meets/exceeds the threshold, specify class (including threshold):</del>	<p><del>EIA is mandatory</del></p> <p><del>No Screening required</del></p>
Yes the project is of a type listed <b>but</b> is <i>sub-threshold</i> :  <b>Planning and Development legislation</b> S.I. 600/2001, Schedule 5, Pt 2 <u>Project class 10. Infrastructure projects (b)</u>  <i>(iv) Urban development which would involve an area greater than 2 hectares in the case of a business district, 10 hectares in the case of other parts of a built-up area and 20 hectares elsewhere. (In this paragraph, "business district" means a district within a city or town in which the predominant land use is retail or commercial use.)</i>	Proceed to <b>Part C</b>

<p><u>Project class 13. Changes, extensions, development and testing</u></p> <p><i>(a) Any change or extension of development which would:-</i></p> <p><i>(i) result in the development being of a class listed in Part 1 or paragraphs 1 to 12 of Part 2 of this Schedule, and</i></p> <p><i>(ii) result in an increase in size greater than-</i></p> <p><i>- 25 per cent, or</i></p> <p><i>- an amount equal to 50 per cent of the appropriate threshold, whichever is the greater.</i></p>	
<p><b>C. If Yes,</b> has Schedule 7A information/screening report been submitted?</p>	
<p><del>Yes, Schedule 7A information/screening report has been submitted by the applicant</del></p> <p>No, Schedule 7A information/screening report has not been submitted by the applicant</p>	<p><b>Screening Determination required</b></p> <p><b>Preliminary Examination required</b></p>

## Form 2

<b>Preliminary Examination:</b> The planning authority shall carry out a preliminary examination of, at the <b>least, the nature, size or location of the development.</b>		
	<b>Comment:</b>	<b>Yes/No/ Uncertain:</b>
<b>Nature of the development:</b> <i>Is the nature of the proposed development exceptional in the context of the existing environment?</i>  <i>Will the development result in the production of any significant waste, or result in significant emissions or pollutants?</i>	<p>The proposed development relates to the redevelopment of the existing Old Library building and site, to incorporate a new mixed-use development, consisting of a multi-purpose community space and childcare facility, with 1 no. new extension (11.5 metres squared), a new vehicular one way in-out system, parking provision and all associated site works. Minimal tree cutting will be required and some demolition of boundary walls will be required to incorporate the vehicular access. Landscaping and hard standing elements will also be included through boundary treatment and the provision of parking and in-out system. The current proposal, in cumulation with existing or proposed development, would not require EIA.</p> <p>Limited quantities of construction and demolition waste shall be created which shall be disposed of in accordance with standard practice and relevant legislation. The proposal will create no risk of major accidents and will reduce risks to human health from traffic related accidents.</p>	<b>No</b>
<b>Size of the development:</b> <i>Is the size of the proposed development exceptional in the context of the existing environment?</i>  <i>Are there cumulative considerations having regard to other existing and/or permitted projects?</i>	<p>The spatial impacts of the proposal will be limited as the proposal is primarily making use of an existing building and site, in a relatively populated area of the village. Majority of works will be conducted within the site boundary, with the construction of an 11.5 metre squared extension to the rear of the building, works conducted to the boundary wall facing the road in order to incorporate a new access and widen the existing access.</p> <p>Some limited disturbance shall occur in the form of noise and dust during the construction phase of this project. These works will not give rise to any significant impacts on the environment.</p> <p>The intensity and complexity of impacts will be limited and not significant. No significant cumulation of impacts shall occur.</p>	<b>No</b>

<p><b>Location:</b>  <i>Is the proposed development located on, in, adjoining or does it have the potential to impact on an ecologically sensitive site or location?<sup>1</sup></i></p> <p><i>Does the proposed development have the potential to affect other significant environmental sensitivities in the area?</i></p>	<p>The proposed development is located along the R492 (Birr Road). The land is zoned as Mixed Use/Town Centre. The site and its immediate surroundings have no significant ecological sensitivities. The novice trail is to be situated in an existing wood. The proposed development is located approximately 860m from the Sharavogue Bog SAC and approximately 870m from Cangort Bog NHA. The site is outside any archaeological referral zone.</p> <p>Given the location of the proposed development in the context of these designations, and overall nature and scale of the development, it is considered that there is no likely significant impact on the environment.</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Preliminary Examination Conclusion:</b></p>		
<p>Based on a preliminary examination of the <b>nature, size or location</b> of the development.  (Tick as appropriate)</p>		
<p>✓</p> <p>There is <b>no real likelihood</b> of significant effects on the environment.</p> <p>EIA is not required.</p>	<p>✗</p> <p><del>There is <b>real likelihood</b> of significant effects on the environment.</del></p> <p><del>An <b>EIAR</b> is required.</del></p>	<p>✗</p> <p><del>There is <b>significant and realistic doubt</b> regarding the likelihood of significant effects on the environment.</del></p> <p><del>Request the applicant to submit the <b>Information specified in Schedule 7A</b> for the purposes of a screening determination.</del></p> <p><del>Proceed to Screening Determination.</del></p>

<sup>1</sup> Sensitive locations or features includes European sites, NHA/pNHA, Designated Nature Reserves, land designated as a refuge for flora and fauna, and any other ecological site which is the objective of a CDP/LAP (including draft plans).