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Environmental Impact Assessment screening report:



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1.0 DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION

Leitrim County Council have indicated their intention to shortly apply for planning permission for a proposed development Castlecara Road, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co. Leitrim. Permission will be sought under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.

The proposed development will consist of:

The construction of a multi-use regional sporting centre, including one full sized pitch for multisport use, an eight lane running track incorporating an interior pitch with all associated track and field amenities, a hurling wall, changing rooms, gym, indoor basketball courts, offices, physiotherapy rooms, bathrooms, storage, site parking, flood lighting, ball stop netting to rear of posts & fencing, along with all associated site works

Wastewater from the proposed development will be directed to the Carrick-On-Shannon Waste Water Treatment Plant, subject to agreement with Irish Water.

2.0 SCREENING METHODOLOGY

This Screening report uses the checklist provided on:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/eia/eia-guidelines/screening checklist.pdf
This checklist is designed to help in deciding whether an EIA is required based on the characteristics of a project and its environment.

We will briefly describe the relevant characteristics of the project or its environment and then consider whether any effect is likely to result and is likely to be significant and enter the response in column 3, noting reasons why.

The checklist provided at:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/eia/eia-guidelines/scoping checklist.pdf is then used to ascertain whether the project "is likely to result in a significant effect"



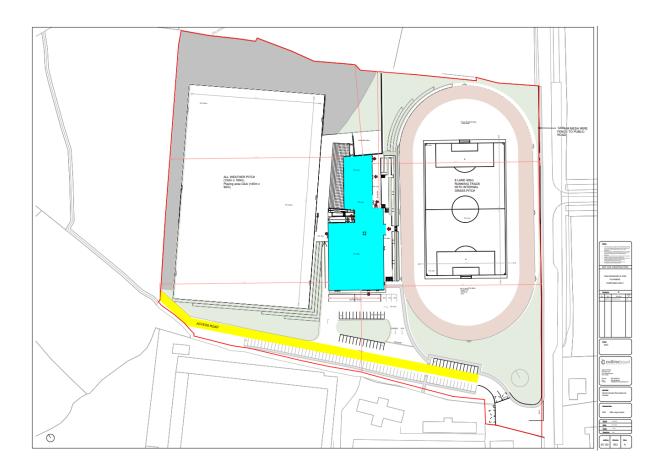


Figure 1. Site Layout Plan

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

The development is sub-threshold in nature and the above EIA screening checklist demonstrates that the proposed development does not require a full EIA submission. The proposed development does not fall into any of the project types which require an EIA. The developments impacts will be minor in nature and where they arise can be mitigated against. The development is consistent with similar developments located in the immediate area. The proposed development will enhance the area and bring much needed community facilities to the area. The development has been designed to compliment the existing landscape where practicable. The design has also incorporated existing mature trees exiting on the site into the design. Sustainable urban drainage systems will be used to enhance and improve on the existing surface water qualities which are currently discharging to drains and open streams on site.

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