

29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## **Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment**

### **Determination under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001**

#### **Proposed intervention at the site of the former Mother and Baby Home, Tuam, Co Galway set out in Institutional Burials Act 2022 (Director of Authorised Intervention, Tuam) Order 2022**

In order to comply with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, this determination, relating to the potential for the proposed intervention at the site of the former Mother and Baby Home, Tuam, Co. Galway to have likely significant effects on the environment, has been made by the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

This determination has been made following a consideration of the information contained in the *Report on Screening of the Site of the former Mother and Baby Home, Tuam, Co. Galway for Environmental Impact Assessment* (attached as Appendix A).

Following an analysis and evaluation of the relevant information, including in particular, the nature of the proposed intervention and its potential impacts, and applying the precautionary principle, the Minister has agreed with the recommendation of the *Report on Screening of the Site of the former Mother and Baby Home, Tuam, Co. Galway for Environmental Impact Assessment*, that the proposed intervention would not be likely to have a significant effect on the environment.

The principal reasons for this conclusion included:

1. The nature, scale and location of the proposed works
2. The baseline environment in the area.
3. The likely significant effects of the proposed works.

Therefore, an environmental impact assessment is not required for the proposed intervention.

The Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth having carefully considered the information in the *Report on Screening of the Site of the former Mother and Baby Home, Tuam, Co. Galway for Environmental Impact Assessment* and having regard to the advice of his officials, agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion of the *Report on Screening of the Site of the former Mother and Baby Home, Tuam, Co. Galway for Environmental Impact Assessment*.

The Minister hereby determines that, on the basis of objective information, having regard to the nature, scale and location of the proposed works, there is no real likelihood that the

proposed intervention would have significant effects on the environment and, therefore, an environmental impact assessment is not required.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roderic O'Gorman', followed by a period.

**Roderic O'Gorman T.D.**

**Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth**