



Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report

Extension to Rossinver Graveyard Co. Leitrim

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1. Introduction

This is an EIA screening report for the proposed extension of the existing Rossinver Graveyard, Rossinver, Co. Leitrim. The purpose of the report is to screen the proposed development to establish whether it requires Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and as a result if an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) should be prepared in respect of it. A Screening for Appropriate Assessment and Hydrogeological Risk Assessment Study have also prepared as separate documents.

The screening process includes an assessment of the details of the proposal with reference to the relevant EIA legislation including the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended by Planning and Development Regulations 2015), the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU) and relevant EU Guidance including Interpretation of definitions of project categories of Annex I and II of the EIA Directive, EU, 2015 and Environmental Impact Assessment of Projects Guidance on Screening, EU, 2017.

The EIA screening covers:

- (i) Description of the proposed development;
- (ii) The legislative basis for EIA;
- (iii) Screening considerations;
- (iv) Conclusions.

2. The Proposed Development

The site is located in the townland of Gubalaun, Rossinver. The site boundary is shown red in Figure 1 and the proposed works comprise:

- i. Construction of concrete footpaths within the boundaries of the site. These will be 1.8m wide and will provide pedestrian access to the proposed graves.
- ii. Provision of 145 No. grave plots, 2.75m x 1.5m, including a 0.6m x 0.1m reinforced concrete headstone slabs to delineate plots. Grave plots will be left topsoiled and grass seeded until in use. The proposed headstone beam will ensure headstones and surrounds are installed in a linear and consistent manner.
- iii. Provision of surface water drainage within the proposed works area. This will consist of french drains to the edge of the concrete paths discharging to ground.

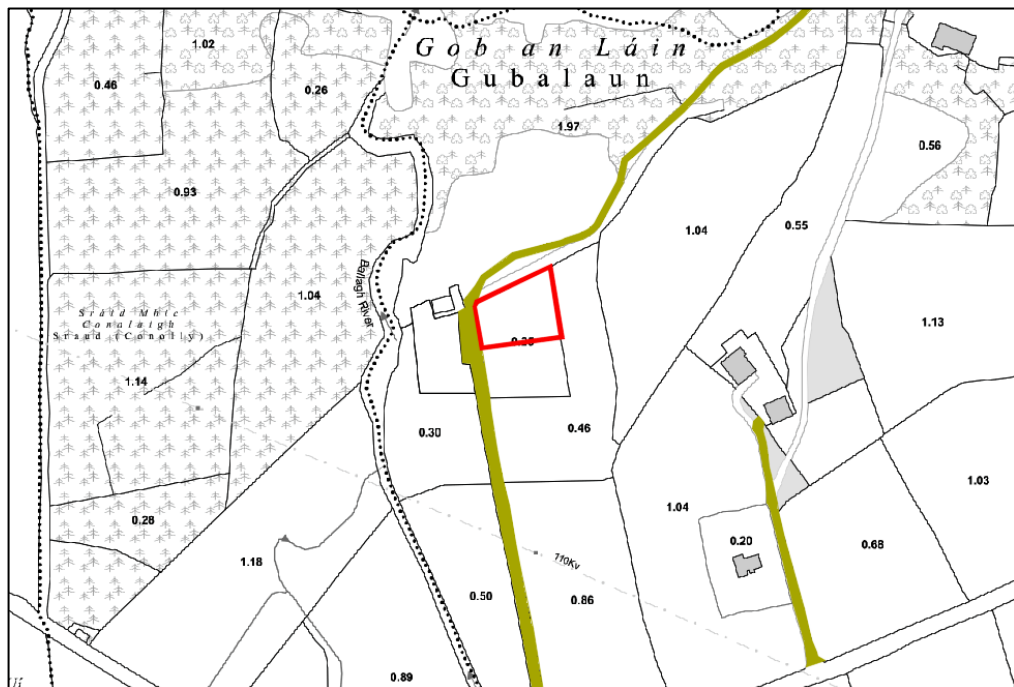


Figure 1 Location of Proposed Development

3. Legislative Basis for EIA

EIA requirements derive from the EIA Directive (Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU). The amended Directive came into force on 16th May 2017 and regulations transposing it into national legislation have been enacted. No changes to the prescribed project types or thresholds are required under the amended Directive so the types and thresholds set out in the 2001-2010 Regulations remain in effect.

EIA legislation as it relates to the planning process has been largely brought together in Part X of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2018 and Part 10 and Schedules 5, 6 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018. Part 1 of Schedule 5 to the Planning and Development Regulations lists project types included in Annex I of the Directive which automatically require EIA. Part 2 of the same Schedule, lists project types included in Annex II. Corresponding developments automatically require EIA if no threshold is given or if they exceed a given threshold. Developments which correspond to Part 2 project types but are below the given threshold must be screened to determine whether they require EIA or not. This is done by consideration of criteria set out in Schedule 7.

4. Screening Considerations

4.1 Class of Development

In the first instance, it is necessary to determine whether the project is of a type (or 'class') that requires an EIAR. The proposed Extension to the Rossinver Cemetery does not correspond to any of the prescribed types listed in Annex I or Annex II of the EIA Directive (Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU).

As the project is not of a type (or 'class') listed in Annex I or Annex II of the EIA Directive (Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU) an EIA and subsequently an EIAR is not required for this project.

5. Conclusion

The proposed development does not fall within the project type (or 'class') defined within the EIA Directive (Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU) and enacted in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018.

It is also noted that a separate Appropriate Assessment Screening Report has concluded that there will be no negative impacts on the qualifying interests or species of any Natura 2000 site.