

## FILE NOTE

River Deel Flood Relief Scheme EIAR Review:

Assessment of importance of recommendations in Enviroguide Peer Review Report 31/03/2021.

The table below has been prepared to provide DPER with a quick overview to the recommendations of the Enviroguide Consulting Peer Review of the EIAR Report (Draft) of the River Deel Flood Relief Scheme 10th March 2021 and an assessment of the importance of these recommendations.

**Green** – these items would be nice to have but are not essential.

**Orange** – these items are important to ensure that the EIAR is as robust as possible.

**Red** – these items are essential for the EIAR to comply with the requirements of Directive 2014/52/EU

Recommendation	Importance	Rationale
The structure of the EIAR be set out in a table such as the one described (Table 1-1) on p6	Green	While a clear easy to read structure is desirable it is not mandatory under the regulations.
Details of all of the competent experts should be clearly set out and which chapter each expert is responsible for writing.	Orange	This is a requirement of the Directive and as it stands it is only partially complied with.
The methodology used to produce each chapter should be clearly described in the Introduction Chapter	Green	While a clear easy to read structure is desirable it is not mandatory under the regulations.
Provide a site location map and site layout drawing in Chapter 2	Green	While this would make it easier for the reader to understand it is not mandatory.
Address the Circular Economy in Chapter 2.	Green	This is not mandatory but would bring a positive element to the waste management of the project.
Address the following in Chapter 3: The use of natural resources The production of waste Emissions and nuisances A description of the risk of accidents.	Orange	This is a requirement of the Directive and as it stands it is only partially complied with.

<p>The biodiversity Chapter should address the following:</p> <p>Breeding/feeding/roosting areas Routes and Landscape features Birds and small mammals Population stability Population management Critical resources Existing management Ecosystem services Legal Protection.</p>	<p>Orange</p>	<p>Unless these issues are addressed the Biodiversity Chapter is not as robust as would be required. Note some of these issues can be closed out with a very short paragraph.</p>
<p>Resolve the discrepancy between Chapter 5 and Chapter 7 (and the NIS) with regard to the instream works.</p>	<p>Red</p>	<p>This is currently a serious weakness within the EIAR</p>
<p>Review the mitigation measures in Chapter 5</p>	<p>Orange</p>	<p>At present the mitigation measures proposed in Chapter 5 are inadequate.</p>
<p>Confirm the figure of 160,000 cubic metres of soil material to be excavated as part of the proposed works.</p>	<p>Red</p>	<p>This is currently potentially a serious weakness within the EIAR in particular in respect of the traffic chapter.</p>
<p>Assess the impact of dust from the excavated material in Chapter 8.</p>	<p>Orange</p>	<p>At present this is not assessed.</p>
<p>Review the Traffic Impact Assessment in view of the response to number 10 above.</p>	<p>Red</p>	<p>This is currently potentially a serious weakness within the EIAR in particular in respect of the traffic chapter.</p>
<p>Provide more detail on the proposed waste management to include details of proposed facilities.</p>	<p>Orange</p>	<p>This is important to ensure that waste will be handled compliantly. It is also important for the correct assessment of traffic impacts.</p>

Provide more detail regarding the removal of Japanese Knotweed from the site.	Orange	This is important to ensure that this material will be handled compliantly and there will be no risk of the material being spread as a result of the project.
Chapter 12 should be updated to include all interactions	Orange	Currently the EIAR is not fully compliant with the requirements of the Directive.
A Chapter on Risk should be included.	Red	This is a requirement of the Directive
A Chapter on Mitigation and Monitoring should be included	Red	This is a requirement of the Directive