



Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination pursuant to the Habitats Directive¹ and having regard to requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

for:

Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028

A Screening for AA determination² is being made by Carlow County Council regarding Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028. In carrying out this Screening for AA, the Council is taking into account the accompanying Screening for AA Report. The Screening for AA Report has been carefully considered and its reasoning and conclusion agreed with and adopted.

The Carlow County Development Plan 2022-2028 provides for sustainable development and proper planning within the administrative area of Carlow County Council. Proposed Variation No. 1 comprises changes to the Borris Small Town and the Kildavin Larger Serviced Village Plans, which form part of the County Development Plan. These changes include changes to land use zoning and consequent changes. The Stage 2 AA undertaken for the County Development Plan accounts for development of these settlements and associated sources for effects. Furthermore, measures have been integrated into the existing Plan to ensure the appropriate protection of European sites with which all lower tier plans/projects must comply.

Following the source-pathway-receptor model, the relevant attributes of European sites were assessed. There is no additional source for any likely significant effect on any European site that would be introduced by Proposed Variation No. 1 that have not already been considered by the Stage 2 AA undertaken for the County Development Plan (the findings of which are provided in a Natura Impact Report that accompanies the Plan). As there is no additional source for any likely significant effect on any European site that would be introduced by Proposed Variation No. 1, there is no likely significant in combination effect that would result from the implementation of Proposed Variation No. 1.

Therefore, it is determined that Proposed Variation No. 1 is not foreseen to have any likelihood for significant effects on any European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects – and therefore any potential for a significant effect to any European site as a result of implementing Proposed Variation No. 1 can be ruled out. This determination is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated. Consequently, Stage Two AA (including the preparation of a Natura Impact Report) is not required.

Signatory: 

Date: 2/1/25

¹ Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (as amended)

² Pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and having regard to requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)