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Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030

A Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination is being made by Sligo County Council regarding Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030.

Section 12 (7) (aa) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether one or more of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan warrant the undertaking of AA.

The existing Draft Plan has already been informed by an Appropriate Assessment and a Natura Impact Report has been prepared. Mitigation was integrated into the Draft Plan that allowed the Natura Impact Report to conclude that the Draft Plan is not foreseen to give rise to any significant effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects. The Draft Plan and Natura Impact Report were placed on public display and submissions from the public were invited in accordance with statutory requirements.


As there are substantial Proposed Material Alterations that could have potential significant effects, it is considered prudent to subject all the amendments to AA to fully examine their potential to affect the integrity of European sites.

This Determination has been informed by the Proposed Material Alterations; the SEA Determination on the Proposed Material Alterations; the Draft Plan; and the AA Natura Impact Report for the Draft Plan.

An "Addendum to Environmental Reports" of the Draft Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030 will be published as part of the Proposed Amendments to the Sligo County Development in July 2024. This will contain the assessment of the Proposed Amendments undertaken as part of the Appropriate Assessment and SEA processes.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 12(7) (aa) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Sligo County Council have determined that Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the Proposed Material Alterations of the Draft Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030.

All Plan and AA related documentation will be considered by the planning authority in advance of the adoption of the Plan and a final AA Determination will be undertaken by the planning authority at adoption. An AA conclusion statement will be prepared following adoption, which will detail the AA process undertaken for the plan.



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