



Screening Determination for Strategic Environmental Assessment

under SEA Directive 1001/42/EC
as transposed into Irish law under S.I. 435/2004, as amended

relating to the **Draft Variation no. 1** of Sligo CDP 2024-2030

**Alignment with the Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines 2025
and rezoning of two sites following determinations on RZLT submissions**

Sligo County Council, as the Competent Authority for the Draft Variation No. 1 of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030 (CDP) has undertaken screening for SEA under Directive 2001/42/EC. The screening assessment was carried out using the criteria for determining the likely significance of effects as set out in Schedule 1 of S.I. 435/2004 (as amended), which are the same criteria included in Schedule 2A of the Planning and Development Regulations 20021 (as amended).

Following assessment under the above-mentioned criteria, and having regard to the nature of the Draft Variation No. 1 and the potential for likely significant environmental effects from its implementation, Sligo County Council has determined that the Draft Variation No. 1 will not give rise to likely significant effects on the environment.

This determination has been made following consideration of the SEA Screening Report, the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of S.I. 435/2004 / Schedule 2A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2021 (as amended), and consultation feedback from prescribed environmental authorities.

The Draft Variation No. 1 does not require SEA for the following reasons:

- The content of the CDP has been informed by SEA, AA and SFRA undertaken in tandem with each stage of the Plan preparation, thereby ensuring full integration of environmental considerations in the promotion of sustainable development. The Draft Variation No. 1, while not relevant for the integration of environmental considerations in the Development Plan, is consistent with the sustainable development strategies, policies and objectives of the Plan.
- The extent to which the Draft Variation No. 1 modifies the framework for projects or other activities – whether in terms of location, nature, size, operating conditions, or resource allocation – is considered minor.
- While the CDP has the capacity to influence lower-level plans and development projects, the degree to which the Draft Variation No. 1 would contribute to such influence is considered minor and unlikely to result in significant environmental effects.
- No additional land is proposed to be zoned for development, and no other Plan policies or objectives are proposed to be altered.
- The Draft Variation No. 1 does not alter in any way the conclusions of the SEA for the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030 and is not likely to result in significant cumulative effects on the environment.

Signed:

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