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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 Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029

A Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination is being made by Clare County Council regarding Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029.

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 were invited.

As there are substantial Proposed Material Alterations that could have potential significant effects it has been considered prudent to subject all the amendments to AA to fully examine their potential to affect the integrity of European sites. Further to the mitigation already integrated into the Draft Plan, the AA process identified that it would be prudent to undertake AA on the Proposed Material Alterations.

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 (Volume 10)"* of the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 will be published as part of the Proposed Amendments to the Clare County Development in November 2022. 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), Clare County Council have determined that Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the Proposed Material Alterations of the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029.

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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