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Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) 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 SEA.

Such a determination considers the relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the SEA Regulations, as amended.

As there are substantial Proposed Material Alterations that could have significant environmental effects it has been considered prudent to subject all the amendments to SEA to fully examine their potential for significant environmental effects.

This Determination has been informed by the Proposed Material Alterations; the Appropriate Assessment Determination on the Proposed Material Alterations; the Draft Plan; and the SEA Environmental 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 Strategic Environmental Assessment is required in respect of the Proposed Material Alterations of the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029.

The SEA Environmental Report prepared for the Draft Plan will be finalised in advance of adoption of the Plan. A SEA Statement will be prepared following adoption, which will detail how environmental considerations were integrated into the Plan and the SEA and associated Plan preparation process were considered.

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