



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Louth County Council Order:

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination under:

Article 7 (13K) of the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004) as amended by the Planning and Development (SEA) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (SI No. 201 of 2011)

for:

Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening determination is being made by Louth County Council regarding Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021.

Under Article 7 (13K) of the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004) as amended by the Planning and Development (SEA) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (SI No. 201 of 2011), Louth County Council is required to determine whether any Proposed Variation needs to be subject to SEA. Screening is the process for determining whether a particular plan - or variation to a plan -, other than those for which SEA is mandatory, would be likely to have significant environmental effects, and would thus warrant SEA.

The Proposed Variation would contribute towards the already existing framework for future development consent of projects under the Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021, which provides for development within County Louth. The Variation, when made, will be one relatively minor part of this wider framework.

Any future development of the lands that are subject to the Variation would have to comply with the various provisions of the existing Plan that relate to sustainable development and the protection and management of the environment. Considering these mitigating provisions together with the relatively minor change to what is already provided by the Plan – and considered by the SEA for the Plan – and the small extent of lands involved, residual adverse effects occurring would not be significant. The Proposed Variation would not provide positive environmental effects beyond those already provided for by the County Development Plan.

Taking into account these issues, together with the detailed examination of the Proposed Variation provided in the SEA Screening Report (that accompanies and has informed this determination), into account, it is determined that the Proposed Variation would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects. Consequently, SEA is not required to be undertaken on Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021.

Amendments to the Variation have been considered by the AA screening process and are not considered to be material.

Signed: 
Joan Martin
Chief Executive
20th May 2019