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Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination pursuant to the Habitats Directive¹ and having regard to requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

for:

Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

An AA Screening determination² is being made by Louth County Council regarding Variation No. 1 to the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027.

In carrying out this Screening for AA, the Council is taking into account matters specified under Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), including:

- The existing Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027, including associated Stage 2 AA Natura Impact Report;
- The AA Screening Report prepared for Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027.

The AA Screening Report demonstrates that the implementation of the Proposed Variation will not result in effects to the ecological integrity of any European site. The Screening Report has been carefully considered and its reasoning and conclusion agreed with and adopted.

Following the source-pathway-receptor model, the relevant attributes of European sites were assessed. No sources for effects to any European site would arise from the Proposed Variation that have not already been considered by the Stage 2 AA undertaken for the existing County Development Plan (the findings of which are provided in a Natura Impact Statement that accompanies the Plan).

The risks to the safeguarding and integrity of the qualifying interests, special conservation interests and conservation objectives of the European sites have been addressed through existing, already in-force policies and objectives within the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 (that was subject to Stage 2 AA) with which all lower tier plans/projects must comply. In addition, any future projects, plans etc. that may arise will themselves be subject to AA/screening for AA when further details of design and location are known.

It is determined that Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 will not give rise to any effect on the integrity of any European Site, alone or in combination with any other plans, programmes, and projects etc. Consequently, it is determined that a Stage 2 AA is not required for the Proposed Variation.

Signatory:

Date: 12 May 2022

¹ Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (as amended)

² Pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive as to whether or not a plan or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site and having regard to requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)