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Abbreviations

AA.....	Appropriate Assessment
CDP.....	County Development Plan
CIEEM	Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
DoEHLG	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
EC.....	European Communities
EcIA	Ecological Impact Assessment
EIAR.....	Environmental Impact Assessment Report
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
HNDA... ..	Housing Need and Demand Assessment
IROPI	Imperative Reason of Overriding Public Interest
NBDC	National Biodiversity Data Centre
NIR	Natura Impact Report

NPF.....National Planning Framework
NPWS National Parks and Wildlife Service
OPW Office of Public Works
OPR.....Office of the Planning Regulator
QI Qualifying Interest
RSES.....Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy
SAC..... Special Area of Conservation
SPA Special Protection Area
WWTP..... Wastewater Treatment Plant
ZOI Zone of Influence

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

JBA Consulting Ireland Ltd. has been commissioned by Mayo County Council to undertake a Natura Impact Report in relation to Mayo County Development Plan 2021 - 2027.

The Mayo County Development Plan 2021-2027 sets out the roadmap for the overall proper planning and sustainable development of County Mayo over the plan period. While the Plan is in place for a six-year period, it is framed having regard to the long-term development objectives of the County up until 2040, to align with national and regional spatial plans. The Plan governs the whole functional area of Mayo County Council, including the former Town Council functional areas of Castlebar, Ballina and Westport. The Plan, when adopted, will replace the Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020.

This plan provides for, and manages, the physical, economic, and social development of the County, in the interests of the overall common good, and in compliance with environmental legislation. It includes a set of development objectives and standards, which set out where land is to be developed, and for what purposes (e.g. housing, retail, education, schools, employment, open space, amenity, conservation etc). It informs decisions on where public services such as roads and water infrastructure are to be provided and affects the type of buildings that can be constructed and how land is utilised. It influences many facets of daily economic and social life, in terms of where people can live, what services and facilities are available and where job opportunities are to be sited.

1.1.1 Material Amendments

The Draft Plan consultation stage was originally advertised to take place from December 23rd, 2020 until March 16th, 2021. 1,267 submissions were received during this Draft Plan consultation period, of which 5 no. were subsequently withdrawn. Councillors agreed to extend the Development Plan review period on the 26th of July 2021, following a commencement order to extend the plan process arising from Covid disruptions (Section 9A of Planning & Development Act (amendment) 2021). This issue of Draft plan takes the consideration of the Chief Executive's Report and Material Amendments to Draft Plan.

The original report remains in the same format and layout, and the material amendments are fully encompassed within Chapter 11 of this report, which can be read as a standalone revision of the original Draft Plan.

1.2 Legislative Context

Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and Wild Fauna and Flora, known as the 'Habitats Directive' - provides legal protection for habitats and species of European importance. Article 2 of the Directive requires the maintenance or restoration of habitats and species of European Community interest, at a favourable conservation status. Articles 3 - 9 provide the legislative means to protect habitats and species of Community interest through the establishment and conservation of an EU-wide network of sites known as Natura 2000 sites. Natura 2000 sites are Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) designated under the Habitats Directive and Special Protection Areas (SPAs) designated under the Conservation of Wild Birds Directive (79 / 409 / EEC).

Articles 6(3) and 6(4) of the Habitats Directive set out the decision-making tests for plans or projects affecting Natura 2000 sites. Article 6(3) establishes the requirement for Appropriate Assessment:

"Any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site but likely to have a significant effect thereon, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, shall be subject to appropriate assessment of its implications for the site in view of the site's conservation objectives. In the light of the conclusions of the assessment of the implications for the site and subject to the provisions of paragraph 4,

the competent national authorities shall agree to the plan or project only after having ascertained that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site concerned and, if appropriate, after having obtained the opinion of the general public."

Article 6(4) deals with the steps that should be taken when it is determined, as a result of Appropriate Assessment, that a plan/project will adversely affect a European site. Issues dealing with alternative solutions, imperative reasons of overriding public interest and compensatory measures need to be addressed in this case.

Article 6(4) states:

"If, in spite of a negative assessment of the implications for the site and in the absence of alternative solutions, a plan or project must nevertheless be carried out for imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature, the Member States shall take all compensatory measures necessary to ensure that the overall coherence of Natura 2000 is protected. It shall inform the Commission of the compensatory measures adopted.

Where the site concerned hosts a priority natural habitat type and / or a priority species, the only considerations which may be raised are those relating to human health or public safety, to beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment or, further to an opinion from the Commission, to other imperative reasons of overriding public interest."

The requirements of Articles 6(3) and 6(4) of the Habitats Directive have been transposed into Irish legislation by means of the Habitats Regulations, 1997 (S.I. No. 94 of 1997) and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 / 2011).

1.3 Appropriate Assessment Process

Guidance on the Appropriate Assessment (AA) process was produced by the European Commission in 2002, which was subsequently developed into guidance specifically for Ireland by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DEHLG) (2009). These guidance documents identify a staged approach to conducting an AA, as shown Figure 1-1.

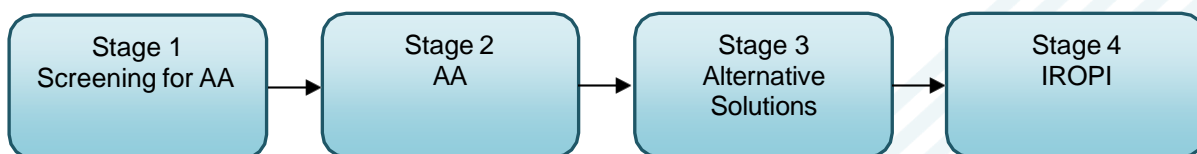


Figure 1-1: The Appropriate Assessment Process (from: Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland - Guidance for Planning Authorities, DEHLG, 2009).

The initial, screening stage of the Appropriate Assessment is to determine:

whether the proposed plan or project is directly connected with or necessary for the management of the European designated site for nature conservation

if it is likely to have a significant adverse effect on the European designated site, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects

For those sites where, potential adverse impacts are identified, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, further assessment is necessary to determine if the proposals will have an adverse impact on the integrity of a European designated site, in view of the site's conservation objectives (i.e. the process proceeds to Stage 2).

1.3.1 Stage 2 - AA

This stage requires a more in-depth evaluation of the plan or project, and the potential direct and indirect impacts of them on the integrity and interest features of the European designated site(s), alone and in-combination with other plans and projects, taking into account the site's structure, function and conservation objectives. Where required, mitigation or avoidance measures will be suggested.

The competent authority can only agree to the plan or project after having ascertained that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site(s) concerned. If this cannot be determined, and where mitigation cannot be achieved, then alternative solutions will need to be considered (i.e. the process proceeds to Stage 3).

1.3.2 Stage 3 - Alternative Solutions

Where adverse impacts on the integrity of Natura 2000 sites are identified, and mitigation cannot be satisfactorily implemented, alternative ways of achieving the objectives of the plan or project that avoid adverse impacts need to be considered. If none can be found, the process proceeds to Stage 4.

1.3.3 Stage 4 - IROPI

Where adverse impacts of a plan or project on the integrity of Natura 2000 sites are identified and no alternative solutions exist, the plan will only be allowed to progress if imperative reasons of overriding public interest can be demonstrated. In this case compensatory measures will be required.

The process only proceeds through each of the four stages for certain plans or projects. For example, for a plan or project, not connected with management of a site, but where no likely significant impacts are identified, the process stops at stage 1. Throughout the process, the precautionary principle must be applied, so that any uncertainties do not result in adverse impacts on a site.

This report is in support of a Natura Impact Report for Appropriate Assessment.

1.4 Methodology

The Screening for Appropriate Assessment and Natura Impact Report has been carried out with reference to the following documents:

- DoEHLG (2009 rev 2010) Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities. Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG, 2009)
- European Communities (EC) (2000) Managing Natura 2000 Sites: the provisions of Article 6 of the 'Habitats' Directive 92/43/EEC, Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, Luxembourg. European Commission (European Commission, 2000)
- EC (2002) Assessment of Plans and Projects Significantly Affecting Natura 2000 Sites: Methodological guidance on the provisions of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, Luxembourg. European Commission (European Commission et al., 2002)
- EC (2007) Guidance document on Article 6(4) of the 'Habitats Directive' 92/43/EEC – Clarification of the concepts of: alternative solutions, imperative reasons of overriding public interest, compensatory measures, overall coherence, opinion of the commission. European Commission (European Commission, 2007)
- CIEEM (2016). Guidelines for Ecological Impact Assessment in the UK and Ireland - Terrestrial, Freshwater and Coastal, Second Ed. (CIEEM, 2016)

- Fossitt, J., (2000). A Guide to Habitats in Ireland. The Heritage Council, Kilkenny (Fossitt, 2000)
- EC (2013) Interpretation Manual of European Union Habitats. Version EUR 27. European Commission
- National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)(2019). The Status of EU Protected Habitats and Species in Ireland. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Dublin, Ireland

Data has been collected from a range of sources, including:

- NPWS website (www.npws.ie);
- River Basin Management Plans (RBMP) (www.wfdireland.ie);
- NBDC Biodiversity Maps (<http://maps.biodiversityireland.ie/#/Map>);
- Catchments (www.catchments.ie)
- Geological Survey Ireland (<https://www.gsi.ie>)
- The Pearl Mussel Project (www.pearlmusselproject.ie)
- Inland Fisheries Ireland ([ww.fisheriesireland.ie](http://www.fisheriesireland.ie))

1.4.1 Limitations and Constraints

The screening assessment necessarily relies on some assumptions and it was inevitably subject to some limitations. These would not affect the conclusion, but the following points are recorded in order to ensure the basis of the assessment is clear:

- The County Development Plan is a higher-level plan. Therefore, this assessment cannot include any detailed assessment of any projects that may arise as a result of this Plan. Where broad level assessments are required to determine the potential for cumulative or in-combination impacts, the precautionary principle is used.
- Much of the implementation and monitoring of the plan is dependent on collaboration with stakeholders and a range of agencies. The implementation of the Plan will also depend on the economic climate, political support, council funding and availability of funding from other sources. It is not possible to predict with certainty where these can be relied upon or where unpredictable changes will occur. However, the assumption is made that in all instances legislation will be followed and further Appropriate Assessment will occur where needed by the Competent Authority.
- Any changes to the Plan will require re-assessment by a suitably qualified Ecologist to determine if further screening and assessment will be required. In all instances of this assessment, the precautionary principle is used.

2 Mayo County Development Plan

2.1 Background

The Plan consists of a number of aims and objectives, that are defined by key frameworks, strategies and policies as outlined below.

2.2 Objectives of Mayo County Development Plan

There are a significant number of objectives in the Mayo County Development Plan. These relate to each chapter of the Plan and include Housing, Economic Policy, Tourism and Recreation, Movement and Transport, Infrastructure, Sustainable Communities, Build Environment, Climate and Settlements. A full list of these and an assessment of the significance of any potential impacts that may arise as a result of the objectives is provided in Appendix A and Section 8.

2.3 Strategic Context

The Plan builds on the review of the 2014-2020 County Development Plan and is required to set out a strategy for the growth and development of County Mayo, consistent with national and regional spatial plans. The Plan must also have regard or be consistent with national development guidelines, local strategies and programmes, and must comply with both planning and environmental legislation. Since the adoption of the Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020, significant changes have occurred in the policy and regulatory environment for land use planning in Ireland. A new national and regional hierarchy of plans are now in place.

Project Ireland 2040, which includes the National Planning Framework (NPF) and National Development Plan (NDP), sets out the Government’s policy on spatial planning over the period to 2040. The NPF influences all spatial plans from national to local levels. The Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy sets out the mechanism for delivering the NPF at a regional level. The County Development Plan will provide an overall strategy for development for the County, whilst local area plans provide more detailed planning guidance for urban areas over 5,000 populations.

The Plan is underpinned by a number of key frameworks, policies and strategies. These include The National Planning Framework, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES), UN Sustainable Development Goals, Climate Action, Planning Guidelines and a number of Environmental Reports including this Nature Impact Report. This Natura Impact Report informs the Competent Authority for Appropriate Assessment of the overall Plan.

Further information on the background to the Plan can be found in the introduction of the Plan.

2.4 Format

The Plan consists 6 volumes. Volume 1 consists of a written statement and maps. The written statement comprises of 13 chapters. Chapters 2 to 12, inclusive, include an overarching strategic aim and a set of development objectives to achieve the strategic aim. The maps provide a graphic representation of the key elements of the Plan.

Volume 1 is set out as follows:

Chapter 1	Introduction
Chapter 2	Core and settlement strategy
Chapter 3	Housing

Chapter 4	Economic development
Chapter 5	Tourism development
Chapter 6	Movement and transport
Chapter 7	Infrastructure
Chapter 8	Sustainable communities
Chapter 9	Built environment
Chapter 10	Natural environment
Chapter 11	Climate action
Chapter 12	Renewable energy

Volume 2 contains the development management guidance document. The aim of the guidance document is to assist those wishing to develop in the County by outlining what will be required when applying for planning permission. The guidance document is based on the objectives in the Plan, government policy, planning guidance documents and established best practice.

Volume 3 comprises of Settlement Plans for towns and villages identified in Tiers 2 – 5 of the settlement hierarchy (see Table 2-1).

Table 2-1: Settlement tiers

Settlement Tiers	Settlements	Population 2016	Population increase to 2027	% Change	Area(ha.) of land required for new residential units to 2027
Tier I Strategic Growth Centres	Ballina	10,171	12,150	19.4%	33.68
	Castlebar	12,068	14,415	19.4%	39.96
	Westport	6,198	7,225	19.4%	20.48
Tier II Self-Sustaining Growth Towns	Ballinrobe	2,786	3,275	17.7%	8.42
	Ballyhaunis	2,366	2,785	17.7%	7.08
	Béal an Mhuirthead	1,019	1,200	17.7%	3.05
	Claremorris	3,687	4,340	17.7%	6.73
	Swinford	1,394	1,640	17.7%	4.15
Tier III Self-Sustaining Towns	Balla Charlestown Kiltimagh Killala Knock Louisburg Newport Foxford	7,824	8600	9.9%	13.25

Settlement Tiers	Settlements	Population 2016	Population increase to 2027	% Change	Area(ha.) of land required for new residential units to 2027
	Crossmolina				
Tier IV Rural Settlements	19 Settlements (see Table 2.x Settlement Hierarchy)	3931	4280	8.9%	6.85
Tier V Rural Villages	>25 Villages on the mainland and Islands (See Table 2.x Settlement Hierarchy)	N/A	330	N/A	6.4
Total		51,444	60,240	17.4%	
Open Countryside		79,063	85,460	7.9%	
County Total		130,507	145700	11.6%	

Volume 4 is the Plan for Ireland West Airport Knock (IWAK) Strategic Development Zone (SDZ).

Volume 5 comprises of the appendices for the plan and include Maps, the Housing Strategy, County Mayo Retail Strategy, List of Protected Views and Amenity Areas, Trees & Woodlands subject to Tree Preservation Orders, and Native Woodlands.

Volume 6 includes all three environmental reports undertaken in the preparation of the plan. The Strategic Environmental Assessment, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and this report, the Natura Impact Report.

2.5 Profile of County Mayo

County Mayo is located on the west coast of Ireland in the province of Connacht. The County stretches from Lough Corrib and Killary Harbour in the south to the barony of Erris and Killala Bay in the north, and from the Atlantic Ocean on the west coast to the counties of Sligo and Roscommon on the east. Mayo is the third-largest County in area in the state and the second largest County in Connacht, in terms of size and population. Mayo has a population of 130,507, Castlebar being the largest town has a population of just over 12,000, followed by Ballina (10,171), Westport (6,198), Claremorris (3,687) and Ballinrobe (2,786). Over 71% of people in Mayo live in rural areas.

There is a distinct geological difference between the west and the east of the County. The west consists of large areas of extensive Atlantic blanket bog, whereas the east is largely a limestone landscape. Other key features of the County include:

- Mayo has the longest coastline in Ireland, at 1,168 km or approximately 21% of the total coastline of the State.
- The highest point in Mayo (and Connacht) is Mweelrea, at 814 m (2,671 ft).
- The River Moy in the northeast of the County is renowned for its salmon fishing.
- Ireland's largest island, Achill Island, lies off Mayo's west coast.
- Mayo has Ireland's highest cliffs at Croaghaun, Achill Island, while the Benwee Head cliffs in Kilcommon Erris drop almost perpendicularly 900 feet (270m) into the Atlantic Ocean.
- The northwest areas of County Mayo have some of the best renewable energy resources in Europe, if not the world, in terms of wind resources, ocean wave, tidal and hydroelectric resources.

The County possesses a strong community identity and a rich and diverse cultural heritage. Mayo's Gaeltacht region, comprising of three distinct areas (Erris; Achill Island; and Toormakeady), is the third largest in Ireland with 10,886 inhabitants, representing 11.5% of the total Gaeltacht population in the state. Significant progress continues to be made in the improvement of physical, social and community infrastructure in the towns and villages throughout the County, as it is recognised that social infrastructure and community development supports economic growth, provides employment opportunities and improves the well-being and quality of life for the people of Mayo.

The County contains an extensive national road network and rail network, which connects the towns of Ballina, Castlebar, Westport, Claremorris, Ballyhaunis and Foxford. The County also contains Ireland West Airport Knock (IWAK). The airport provides an international gateway to the west region, and its Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) has the potential to become a major enterprise and employment hub within the Atlantic Economic Corridor.

2.5.1 Zone of Influence

The Plan will primarily affect the County only, but a wider zone of influence (ZOI) is used for impacts relating to noise disturbance, air pollution, surface water and any supporting habitat for SAC/SPA species.

The ZOI was mainly determined to be within 15km of Mayo County. However, this was extended to 35km for surface water pathways where there are hydrological links to a Natura 2000 site with Freshwater Pearl Mussel as a Qualifying Feature. Further details of this are in Section 3.

3 Potential sources of impacts from the Plan

This plan provides for, and manages, the physical, economic, and social development of the County, in the interests of the overall common good, and in compliance with environmental legislation. It includes a set of development objectives and standards, which set out where land is to be developed, and for what purposes (e.g. housing, retail, education, schools, employment, open space, amenity, conservation etc). It informs decisions on where public services such as roads and water infrastructure are to be provided and affects the type of buildings that can be constructed and how land is utilised. It influences many facets of daily economic and social life, in terms of where people can live, what services and facilities are available and where job opportunities are to be sited.

However, this Plan does not in itself, include any specific projects or measures that could directly specify physical works to occur, without having to go through the normal consent process.

The key objectives, aims, strategies and policies from the Plan have been assessed and a summary of these are presented in Table 3-1. The potential impacts from the potential outcomes from each of these are identified in this table. A full assessment table of all objectives, aims, strategies and policies present in the overall Plan and their resulting potential impacts is provided in Appendix A. The results of the full assessment in the Appendix A does not differ from the below.

The summary objectives, aims, strategies and policies are assessed for significance of impact in Section 8.

Table 3-1 Summary of key impacts

Chapter	Summary of key impacts that may arise per Chapter as a result of their objectives, aims, strategies and/or policies
Chapter 2 – Core and strategy	Although some of the objectives can be considered to be a positive step, any works or projects arising from them could still have negative impacts upon the Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives (such as a reduction in water quality). Therefore, significantly adverse impacts upon the integrity of the Natura 2000 sites within the County and ZOI of any potential works, the works can still have negative impacts upon the Natura 2000 sites these objectives have not been screened out and developments that arise as a result of these Objectives will require further assessment.
Chapter 3 – Housing	Although some of the objectives can be considered to be a positive step in ensuring that development of Housing within the County does not significantly adversely impact upon the integrity of the Natura 2000 sites within the County and ZOI of any potential works, the works can still have negative impacts upon the Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives (such as causing species fragmentation). Therefore, these objectives have not been screened out and developments that arise as a result of these Objectives will require further assessment. Some positive impacts may through the retainment of existing buildings which may provide roosting sites for bats.
Chapter 4 – Economic Policy	Extraction of resources and further development of the County could result in direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes

Chapter	Summary of key impacts that may arise per Chapter as a result of their objectives, aims, strategies and/or policies
	in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.
Chapter 5 – Tourism and recreation	Any development could potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts can occur by implementation of Plans that arise from this support. Therefore, these objectives have not been screened out and developments that arise as a result of these Objectives will require further assessment.
Chapter 6 – Movement and transport	Although some of the objectives can be considered to be a positive step in ensuring that development of movement and transport within the County does not significantly adversely impact upon the integrity of the Natura 2000 sites within the County and ZOI of any potential works, they works can still have negative impacts upon the Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives. Therefore, these objectives have not been screened out and developments that arise as a result of these Objectives will require further assessment.
Chapter 7 – Infrastructure	Development of infrastructure within the County could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, these objectives have not been screened out and developments that arise as a result of these Objectives will require further assessment.
Chapter 8 – Sustainable communities	Development within the County could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, these objectives have not been screened out and developments that arise as a result of these Objectives will require further assessment. Therefore, these objectives have not been screened out and developments that arise as a result of these Objectives will require further assessment.
Chapter 9 – Built environment	Development of the built environment within the County could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, these objectives have not been screened out and developments that arise as a result of these Objectives will require further assessment.

Chapter	Summary of key impacts that may arise per Chapter as a result of their objectives, aims, strategies and/or policies
Chapter 10 – Natural Environment	Although most objectives are determined to have a potential positive impact, some negative impacts are anticipated due to some objectives, namely NEO – 29 and NEO – 31. Therefore, these objectives have not been screened out and developments that arise as a result of these Objectives will require further assessment.
Chapter 11 - Climate	Development within the County could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, these objectives have not been screened out and developments that arise as a result of these Objectives will require further assessment.
Chapter 12 - Settlements	Development of settlements within the County could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, these objectives have not been screened out and developments that arise as a result of these Objectives will require further assessment.

Potential sources of impacts are determined based on the potential for implementation of the Plan through applicable measures, as a result of the Plan across various relevant Spatial Scales of Assessment (SSA):

- County
- The River Basin
- Each Sub-catchment of Coastal Area within the River Basin
- Settlements including towns, villages and community areas

3.1 County

Mayo County Development Plan is for the County of Mayo. Therefore, it can be assumed that it will have influences and impacts throughout the County. County Development Plan objectives, aims, strategies and policies applicable at this spatial scale include:

- Changes to land-use zoning
- Increase in one-off housing
- Potential for alternative renewable energy developments and associated infrastructure
- Quality of surface and groundwater leaving the County and discharging into Clew Bay
- Flood management and climate adaption issues
- Increase in tourism numbers and the development of amenities for tourists
- development of facilities for recreational activities including cycle lanes and walking routes

- new road infrastructure

3.2 River Basin Level

At this scale, objectives, aims, strategies and policies that could provide benefits to multiple settlements within the River Basin and other areas were considered, along with spatial and temporal coherence of measures being considered at smaller spatial scales. County Development Plan objectives, aims, strategies and policies applicable at this spatial scale include those listed above for impacts on a County level and also those that result in changes that will occur across County borders such as infrastructure developments, roads and transport routes, energy projects requiring connections and those that will cause changes to water quality and quantity and air quality.

3.3 Settlement Level

At this scale, objectives, aims, strategies and policies applicable to each particular Settlement in question were considered, even if the implementation of a given objectives, aims, strategies and policies includes the implication for works or activities outside of the Settlement, i.e., elsewhere in the County or catchment. Examples of where this might apply would be for General Settlement Objective GSO2 "Encourage and facilitate the development of the economic and tourism potential of towns in a manner that respects, builds on, protects and enhances the cultural, built heritage, natural heritage and local amenities of the town." which was assessed with each settlement in mind relevant to the Natura 2000 sites within the ZOI of each settlement.

Area specific Plan objectives, such as Objective KTP 1 for Kiltimagh "Support the reinstatement of the Western Rail Corridor, in particular actively seek and promote the re-opening of the Claremorris-Galway rail link, as well as a link to Sligo and to safeguard and protect these potential rail links from redevelopment for non-transport related purposes, in order not to preclude their future uses as an operational transportation network" were assessed on a more localised level.

4 Alternatives to the Plan

The development of the County Development Plan for Mayo included the development of a range of aims, strategies, objectives and policies and these have potential for effect at different spatial scales within the County. The SEA considered a range of alternative scenarios for accommodating future growth in Mayo provides alternatives to the aims, strategies, objectives and policies presented in the draft County Development Plan. The process of choosing the preferred aims, strategies, objectives and policies went through a number of steps starting off with a number of workshops during which alternatives were considered and questions were asked such as what will need to be provided for and what kind of environmental and ecological considerations will need to be made. During these workshops, the technical, social, economic and environmental impacts of a range of aims, objectives, policies and strategies were assessed. Notes were made on these and a multi-criteria assessment matrix was produced. Alternatives were considered at the various spatial scales. The 'Do Nothing' alternative, whereby the status quo remains and no County Development Plan, has been assessed. The aims, objectives, strategies and policies of the previous County Development Plan would remain in place as would the previous objectives dealing with spatial planning, adaptation to climate change etc. The Department of the Environment's requirements for Local Authorities to prepare climate change adaptation plans would, at a minimum, ensure that future risks to ecology and the environment through climate change would be considered in future planning. The impacts of the 'do nothing' alternative would be negative for the environmental objectives dealing with water and ecology and would have a long-term negative impact on humans and local economy particularly in the areas where Freshwater Pearl Mussel is present, or where one-off housing growth may be having an adverse impact upon the environment. This Plan directs development to town and village centres and for consideration of ecologically sensitive area. This approach allows for better protection of designated sites and achievement of WFD targets as serviced led development is directed to settlements. There are no other viable alternatives to the County Development Plan.

Section 6 of the SEA describes in technical detail, the alternatives considered at the various spatial scales.

5 Potential impacts of the Plan

As outlined in the EC guidance on the assessment of plans and projects affecting Natura 2000 sites (EC, 2002), impacts that could potentially occur through the implementation of the proposed Plan are as follows;

- Loss/ reduction of habitat area
- Disturbance to Key species
- Habitat or species fragmentation
- Reduction in species density
- Changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.

Potential impacts of the Plan are described relative to the Strategic Aims and key likely outcomes or actions of the Plan in the following sections. These impacts are then assessed in detail for significance, relevant to the Plan, in Section 8.

5.1 Strategic Aims

There are 10 Strategic Aims of the Plan, each of which relate to the advancement of the vision of the Plan. The Plan aims to build on previous successes and to strengthen Mayo's strategic advantage as a County, "to ensure that we utilise the strengths of our citizens, communities, built and natural environments, infrastructure and economic/employment development to their full potential, while combatting and adapting to climate change".

The Strategic Aims are as follows:

- **Housing** - To facilitate the sustainable growth of all rural areas, towns and villages throughout the county by seeking to accommodate, as far as possible, all persons in their choices to live in our rural areas, towns and villages; by supporting and strengthening the rural economy to sustain vibrant rural communities and by promoting consolidation and compact development of all urban and rural settlements in an attractive setting that provides a suitable mix of housing with supporting amenities; and by ensuring coordinated investment in infrastructure that will support economic competitiveness and create a high quality living and working environment.
- **Economic Development** - To promote and enhance Mayo's economic development potential through increased resilience in the county's enterprise, underpinned by talent and innovation, thereby ensuring that Mayo is best placed to excel in the long-term delivery of sustainable jobs and an enhanced standard of living for all.
- **Tourism Development** - To develop Mayo as a leading tourism destination through continued sustainable expansion of the tourism sector, with a focus on creating high-quality visitor services and the continued development and enhancement of visitor attractions and activities, capitalising on our natural and cultural heritage assets, whilst safeguarding these resources for future generations.
- **Movement and Transport** - To support increased use of sustainable modes of transport; the integration of spatial planning with transport planning; enhanced county and regional accessibility; the transition to a low carbon energy efficient transport system; and the development of a safer, more efficient, effective and connected transport system within Mayo.
- **Infrastructural Development** - To protect, improve and provide water, wastewater, surface water and flood alleviation services throughout the county, and to facilitate the provision of high quality information communication technology,

broadband, telecommunication information and electricity network required to support and enhance the key aims of best place to live and invest.

- **Sustainable Communities** - To develop and support vibrant sustainable communities in Mayo where people can live, work and enjoy access to a wide range of community, health, educational facilities and amenities, suitable to all ages and needs, in both urban and rural areas, thereby supporting a high quality of life for all to enjoy.
- **Built Environment** - To recognise and enhance the unique identity, character and built heritage of Mayo's towns, village and rural areas, to improve quality of life through the application of healthy placemaking, underpinned by good urban design with the creation of attractive public spaces that are vibrant, distinctive, safe and accessible and which promote and facilitate positive social interaction.
- **Natural Environment** - Continue to protect and enhance the county's natural heritage and biodiversity and ensure that networks of green and blue infrastructure are identified, created, protected and enhanced to provide a wide range of environmental, social and economic benefits to communities; To also improve the knowledge and understanding of the county's landscape and coast, and enhance the overall characteristics, qualities and diversity of landscape character, its sense of place and local distinctiveness in recognition of the amenity potential of the county.
- **Climate Action and Renewable Energy** - To transition to a low carbon and climate resilient county, with an emphasis on reduction in energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions, through a combination of effective mitigation and adaptation responses to climate change; in addition to maximising the opportunities to become a national leader in renewable energy generation, whilst increasing the resilience of our Natural and Cultural Capital to climate change by planning and implementing appropriate adaptation measure.
- **Settlements** - To develop Mayo's settlements as a network of attractive, livable towns and villages in the county with sustainable levels of population, employment activity and enhanced levels of amenity which encourage a high quality of life and well-being and support a sustainable synergy with the rural countryside.

While the Strategic Aims of the Plan do not directly specify any physical works that will occur, they guide the overall tone of the Plan. The Strategic Aims of the Plan are at a higher level and therefore, they do not directly result in any physical works that may cause adverse impacts. However, as they guide growth and development that requires physical works such as housing, retail and infrastructure, they will indirectly lead to projects that may potentially result in adverse impacts upon the overall integrity of any of the Natura 2000 sites that may be present within the Zone of Influence of the Plan. As this is a high-level Plan, the details to conduct assessments of such potential projects at this level and time are not possible and any such project would be required to go through the consenting process as outlined in Section 9.1.

Therefore, the Strategic Aims in themselves could result in indirect impacts upon the overall integrity of the Natura 2000 network, through loss / reduction of habitat area, disturbance of key species, habitat or species fragmentation, reduction in species density and/or changes in key indicators of conservation value such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Mitigation measures as outlined in Section 9.1 will be required.

5.2 Core Strategy

The Core Strategy is intended to set out high level policy to direct the future spatial development of County Mayo, consistent with the NPF, RSES and the Planning Acts. Under the Act, a Core Strategy focuses on:

- Defining a settlement hierarchy for the County that is consistent with the NPF and RSES.
- Transposing the prescribed NPF and RSES housing and population targets set at County level for the rural and urban centres identified within the settlement hierarchy.
- Providing an evidence-based rationale for the land proposed to be zoned for residential and mixed-use development, having regard to the capacity of existing zoned land and the phasing of development and taking account of the location of public transport and services.
- Demonstrating how the Planning Authority has had regard to the statutory Retail Planning Guidelines in setting out objectives for retail development.

As part of the Core Strategy, a settlement hierarchy has been developed, housing and population targets have been set within the hierarchy and objectives for retail development are also set. These are developed upon further in this report.

While the Core Strategy of the Plan does not directly specify any physical works that will occur, it gives structure to the overall Plan. The Core Strategies of the Plan are at a higher level and therefore, they do not directly result in any physical works that may cause adverse impacts. However, as they give structure to future plans for growth and development that will require physical works such as housing, retail and infrastructure, they will indirectly lead to projects that may potentially result in adverse impacts upon the overall integrity of any of the Natura 2000 sites that may be present within the Zone of Influence of the Plan. As this is a high-level Plan, the details to conduct assessments of any such project that may arise as a result of the Core Strategy at this level are not possible and any such project would be required to go through the consenting process as outlined in Section 9.1.

Therefore, the Core Strategies in themselves could result in indirect impacts upon the overall integrity of the Natura 2000 network, through loss / reduction of habitat area, disturbance of key species, habitat or species fragmentation, reduction in species density and/or changes in key indicators of conservation value such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. The impacts of these, and of the Objectives of the Plan relative to each sector are discussed further in the below sections. These are divided into those impacts that are location specific (5.3), and those that are type specific that may incur impacts to the integrity of the Natura 2000 network throughout County Mayo and beyond the borders where relevant (Section 5.4 - 5.14).

5.3 Location specific impacts

Site specific impacts may occur to Natura 2000 sites within the ZOI of each settlement as listed in Section 5.4. These could be related to potential impacts that may arise as a result of any of the outcomes of the Plan including retail development, settlement development, increase in tourism numbers, climate change etc. These are summarised in the following sections.

5.3.1 Balla

There are 7 Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Balla (See Table 5-1 and Figure 5-1). As a result of Mayo CPD there is potential for Balla Turlough SAC and the Moy River SAC to be impacted via ground and air pathways due to the close vicinity of the Natura

2000 site. Development that may occur within Balla may cause increased pressure on wastewater treatment plants and during high levels of rainfall, failing domestic wastewater treatment systems could cause a combined impact upon Balla Turlough SAC and the River Moy SAC by causing changes in in water quality, a key indicator of the conservation value of the site. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual appropriate assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this level. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-1: Natura 2000 sites within 15km from Balla

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
000463	Balla Turlough SAC	0.5
002081	Ballinafad SAC	4.2
002298	River Moy SAC	4.3
002179	Towerhill House SAC	9.3
000527	Moore Hall (Lough Carra) SAC	11.6
004051	Lough Carra SPA	11.4
001774	Lough Carra/Mask Complex SAC	11.4

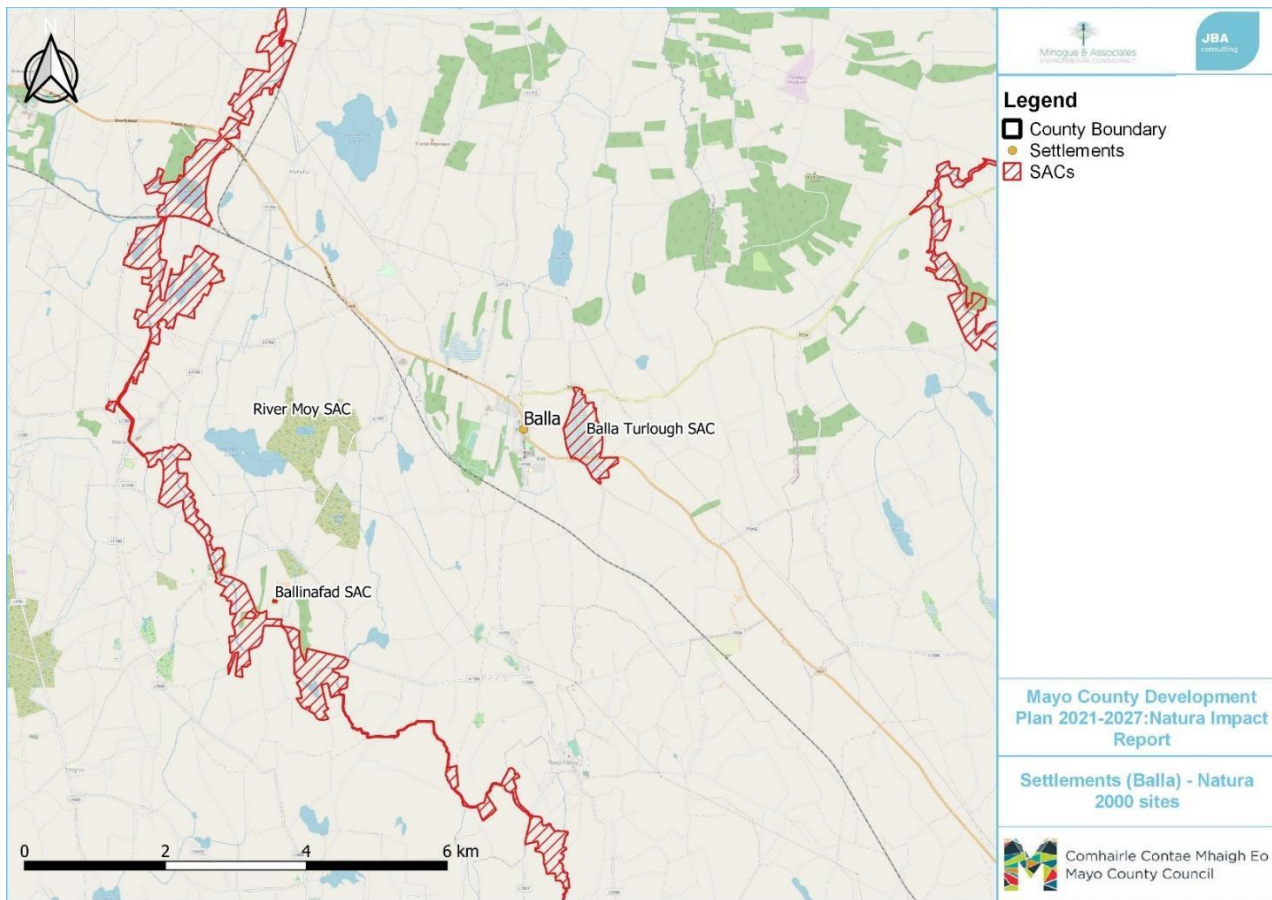


Figure 5-1: Natura 2000 sites in the vicinity of Balla

5.3.2 Ballinrobe

There are 20 Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Ballinrobe (See Table 5-2 and Appendix E.1). As a result of Mayo CPD there is potential for Lough Carra/Mask Complex SAC and Lough Mask SPA to be impacted via surface and groundwater pathways. QIs which could be impacted via these pathways include Wetland and waterbirds [A999] and Otter [1355]. Dependent on the nature and scale of any potential projects that may arise as a result of the Plan, other Natura 2000 sites are unlikely to be impacted via surface and groundwater pathways as they are located upstream of the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual Appropriate Assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this level. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-2: Natura 2000 sites within 15km of Ballinrobe

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
000461	Ardkill Turlough SAC	8.0
000474	Ballymaglancy Cave, Cong SAC	12.3

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
000475	Carrowkeel Turlough SAC	10.2
000479	Cloughmoyne SAC	14.7
000480	Clyard Kettle-Holes SAC	4.8
000503	Greaghans Turlough SAC	9.2
002320	Kildun Souterrain SAC	7.7
000504	Kilglassan/Caheravoostia Turlough Complex SAC	6.9
001774	Lough Carra/Mask Complex SAC	2.9
000297	Lough Corrib SAC	10.7
001536	Mocorha Lough SAC	9.0
000527	Moore Hall (Lough Carra) SAC	9.9
002298	River Moy SAC	12.0
000525	Shrule Turlough SAC	11.1
000541	Skealaghan Turlough SAC	5.0
002179	Towerhill House SAC	10.3
004051	Lough Carra SPA	5.3
004042	Lough Corrib SPA	10.7
004062	Lough Mask SPA	4.9

5.3.3 Ballyhaunis

There are 10 Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Ballyhaunis. (See Table 5-3 and Appendix E.2). Dependent on the nature and scale of any potential projects that may arise as a result of the Plan, Ballyhaunis is hydrologically connected to Lough Corrib SAC. Works that may arise as a result of the Plan has potential to impact Freshwater Pearl Mussel downstream of the settlement. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual appropriate assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this time. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-3: Natura 2000 sites within 15km of Ballyhaunis

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
000597	Carrowbehy/Caher Bog SAC	7.3
000600	Cloonchambers Bog SAC	11.2
000218	Coolcam Turlough SAC	10.7

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
000255	Croaghill Turlough SAC	12.5
000604	Derrinea Bog SAC	9.6
000607	Errit Lough SAC	6.5
000297	Lough Corrib SAC	7.7
002298	River Moy SAC	2.5
001571	Urlaur Lakes SAC	9.1
002296	Williamstown Turloughs SAC	12.2

5.3.4 Belmullet

There are 11 Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Belmullet (See Table 5-4 and Appendix E.3). As a result of Mayo CPD there is potential for Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA, Mullet Peninsula SPA and Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC to be impacted via surface water, groundwater and land and air pathways due to the close vicinity of the Natura 2000 sites. Example QIs which could be impacted include Wetland and Waterbirds, Corncrake, and Otter. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual appropriate assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this level. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-4: Natura 2000 sites within 15km of Belmullet

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
000472	Broadhaven Bay SAC	0.0
000476	Carrowmore Lake Complex SAC	11.1
001501	Erris Head SAC	7.2
000507	Inishkea Islands SAC	14.4
000470	Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC	0.0
002998	West Connacht Coast SAC	4.6
004037	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA	0.0
004052	Carrowmore Lake SPA	11.1
004084	Inishglora and Inishkeeragh SPA	8.4
004227	Mullet Peninsula SPA	2.1
004093	Termoncarragh Lake and Annagh Machair SPA	4.4

5.3.5 Charlestown

There are 10 Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Charlestown. (See Table 5-5 and Appendix E.5.) As a result of Mayo CPD there is potential for the River Moy SAC to be impacted via surface water, groundwater and land and air pathways due to the close vicinity

of the site. QIs which could potentially be impacted include Otter, Salmon, Brook Lamprey and Sea Lamprey. Due to the topography of the surrounding landscape other Natura 2000 sites are unlikely to be impacted. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual Appropriate Assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this time. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-5: Natura 2000 sites within 15km of Charlestown

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
001899	Cloonakillina Lough SAC	11.2
000604	Derrinea Bog SAC	14.3
000492	Doocastle Turlough SAC	11.5
000497	Flughany Bog SAC	12.2
000633	Lough Hoe Bog SAC	14.2
000634	Lough Nabrickkeagh Bog SAC	13.4
002006	Ox Mountains Bogs SAC	13.3
002298	River Moy SAC	0.0
000637	Turloughmore (Sligo) SAC	12.7
001571	Urlaur Lakes SAC	11.4

5.3.6 Claremorris

There are 11 Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Claremorris (See Table 5-6 and Appendix E.4). Due to the location of Claremorris in relation to Natura 2000 sites and the surrounding topography there is unlikely to be impacts to Natura 2000 sites as a result of works associated with Mayo CPD. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual Appropriate Assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this time. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-6: Natura 2000 sites within 15km of Claremorris

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
000461	Ardkill Turlough SAC	14.2
000463	Balla Turlough SAC	11.2
002081	Ballinafad SAC	13.6
000475	Carrowkeel Turlough SAC	7.1
000503	Greaghans Turlough SAC	13.5

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
000504	Kilglassan/Cahevavoostia Turlough Complex SAC	11.2
001774	Lough Carra/Mask Complex SAC	14.1
000297	Lough Corrib SAC	11.4
000527	Moore Hall (Lough Carra) SAC	14.9
002298	River Moy SAC	8.2
002179	Towerhill House SAC	12.9

5.3.7 Crossmolina

There are 8 Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Crossmolina (See Table 5-7 and Appendix E.7). As a result of Mayo CPD there is potential for impacts to occur to River Moy SAC via surface water, groundwater and land and air pathways due to the close vicinity of the Natura 2000 site. QIs which could potentially be impacted include Otter, Salmon, Brook Lamprey and Sea Lamprey. Due to the topography of the surrounding landscape other Natura 2000 sites are unlikely to be impacted. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual Appropriate Assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this time. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-7: Natura 2000 sites within 15km of Crossmolina

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
001922	Bellacorick Bog Complex SAC	11.9
000466	Bellacorick Iron Flush SAC	14.9
000458	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC	13.1
002177	Lough Dahybaun SAC	13.5
002144	Newport River SAC	12.8
002298	River Moy SAC	0.0
004228	Lough Conn and Lough Cullin SPA	1.1
004036	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA	11.9

5.3.8 Foxford

There are three Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Foxford (See Table 5-8 and Appendix E.6). As a result of Mayo CPD there is potential for impacts to occur to River Moy SAC via surface water, groundwater and land and air pathways due to the close vicinity of the Natura 2000 site. QIs which could potentially be impacted include Otter, Salmon, Brook Lamprey and Sea Lamprey. Due to the topography of the surrounding landscape other Natura 2000 sites are unlikely to be impacted. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual Appropriate Assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this time. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-8: Natura 2000 sites within 15km of Foxford

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
000633	Lough Hoe Bog SAC	8.4
002298	River Moy SAC	0.0
004228	Lough Conn and Lough Cullin SPA	2.4

5.3.9 Killala

There are seven Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Killala (See Table 5-9 and Appendix E.11). As a result of Mayo CPD there is potential for impacts to occur to Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA and Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC via surface water, groundwater and land and air pathways due to the close vicinity of the Natura 2000 site. QIs which could potentially be impacted include Otter and Harbour Seal. Due to the topography of the surrounding landscape other Natura 2000 sites are unlikely to be impacted. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual Appropriate Assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this time. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-9: Natura 2000 sites within 15km of Killala

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
004036	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA	0.0
000458	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC	0.0
004228	Lough Conn and Lough Cullin SPA	12.6
001922	Bellacorick Bog Complex SAC	11.2
000500	Glenamoy Bog Complex SAC	12.1
000516	Lackan Saltmarsh and Kilcummin Head SAC	5.2
002298	River Moy SAC	9.9

5.3.10 Kiltimagh

There are four Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Kiltimagh (See Table 5-10 and Appendix E.9). As a result of Mayo CPD there is potential for impacts to occur to River Moy SAC via surface water, groundwater and land and air pathways due to the close vicinity of the Natura 2000 site. QIs which could potentially be impacted include Otter, Salmon, Brook Lamprey and Sea Lamprey. Due to the topography of the surrounding landscape other Natura 2000 sites are unlikely to be impacted. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual Appropriate Assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this time. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-10: Natura 2000 sites within 15km of Kiltimagh

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
000463	Balla Turlough SAC	8.8
002081	Ballinafad SAC	14.1
002298	River Moy SAC	0.5
001571	Urlaur Lakes SAC	13.9

5.3.11 Knock

There are five Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Knock (See Table 5-11 and Appendix E.8). As a result of Mayo CPD there is potential for impacts to occur to River Moy SAC via surface water, groundwater and land and air pathways due to the close vicinity of the Natura 2000 site. QIs which could potentially be impacted include Otter, Salmon, Brook Lamprey and Sea Lamprey. Due to the topography of the surrounding landscape other Natura 2000 sites are unlikely to be impacted. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual Appropriate Assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this time. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-11: Natura 2000 sites within 15km of Knock

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
000463	Balla Turlough SAC	12.5
000607	Errit Lough SAC	13.4
000297	Lough Corrib SAC	13.6
002298	River Moy SAC	1.0
001571	Urlaur Lakes SAC	11.6

5.3.12 Louisburgh

There are nine Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Louisburgh (See Table 5-12 and Appendix E.12). As a result of Mayo CPD there is potential for impacts to occur to West Connacht Coast SAC via surface water, groundwater and land and air pathways due to the close vicinity of the Natura 2000 site. Additionally, there is potential for impacts to Oldhead Wood SAC via land and air pathways. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual Appropriate Assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this time. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project

that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-12: Natura 2000 sites within 15km of Louisburgh

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
004136	Clare Island SPA	11.8
002243	Clare Island Cliffs SAC	14.3
001482	Clew Bay Complex SAC	9.3
000485	Corraun Plateau SAC	12.2
000484	Cross Lough (Killadoon) SAC	8.5
001529	Lough Cahasy, Lough Baun And Roonah Lough SAC	5.6
001932	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC	4.5
000532	Oldhead Wood SAC	1.4
002998	West Connacht Coast SAC	1.3

5.3.13 Newport

There are five Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Newport (See Table 5-13 and Appendix E.13). As a result of Mayo CPD there is potential for impacts to occur to Newport River SAC and Clew Bay Complex SAC via surface water, groundwater and land and air pathways due to the close vicinity of the Natura 2000 site. Example QIs that could be impacted include Salmon and Freshwater Pearl Mussel. Due to the topography of the surrounding landscape other Natura 2000 sites are unlikely to be impacted. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual appropriate assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this level. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-13: Natura 2000 sites within 15km of Newport

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
004098	Owenduff/Nephin Complex SPA	5.3
000471	Brackloon Woods SAC	13.4
001482	Clew Bay Complex SAC	0.0
002144	Newport River SAC	0.0
000534	Owenduff/Nephin Complex SAC	5.3
002298	River Moy SAC	14.9

5.3.14 Swinford

There are 4 Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Swinford (See Table 5-14 and Appendix E.10). As a result of Mayo CPD there is potential for impacts to occur to River Moy SAC via surface water, groundwater and land and air pathways due to the close vicinity of

the Natura 2000 site. QIs which could potentially be impacted include Otter, Salmon, Brook Lamprey and Sea Lamprey. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

However, as any project that may arise as a result of the Plan will require individual Appropriate Assessment at a project level, this cannot be assessed at this time. Also, the Plan takes into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive and so, any project that is influenced by the Plan or follows the normal consent process should have sufficient assessment and mitigation in place to prevent such adverse impacts.

Table 5-14: Natura 2000 sites within 15km of Swinford

Site Code	Natura site	Distance (km)
004228	Lough Conn and Lough Cullen SPA	12.9
000633	Lough Hoe Bog SAC	10.2
002298	River Moy SAC	2.1
001571	Urlaur Lakes SAC	14.4

5.4 Population, One-off rural Housing and Settlement plans

As part of Mayo County Development Plan, Settlement Plans have been developed for a number of locations in Mayo. The below list includes several towns and villages that are scheduled to have settlement plans produced. The final list includes;

- Balla
- Ballinrobe
- Ballyhaunis
- Belmullet
- Charlestown
- Claremorris
- Crossmolina
- Foxford
- Kilalla
- Kiltimagh
- Knock
- Louisburgh
- Newport
- Swinford

Each settlement was assessed individually for potential impacts to Natura 2000 sites. Natura 2000 sites within 15km of each site was assessed, as well as Natura sites which are hydrologically connected to a site which have Freshwater Pearl Mussel as a Qualifying Interest up to 35km from a settlement. Impacts that may arise relative to each settlement are also assessed relative to the Objectives of the Plan in Section 8 and Appendix A.

5.5 Retail Development

The Mayo County Development Plan recognises a three-tier retail hierarchy in the County. This is consistent with the top three tiers of the Settlement Strategy and aims to concentrate higher order shopping functions in Castlebar, Ballina and Westport. It encourages more

generalised retail provision in the towns in Tier 2 and Tier 3 of the Settlement Strategy, while further providing for local shopping facilities in rural settlements and rural villages.

While the objectives, aims and policies for retail development in Plan do not directly specify any physical works that will occur, they do specify locations such as Castlebar, Ballina and Westport where specific recommendations are made. The encouragement for more generalised provision of retail facilities in towns in Tier 2 and Tier 3 of the Settlement Strategy as in Table 2-1, may effect Natura 2000 sites and their conservation objectives in those areas. These areas and Natura 2000 sites at risk are identified in Section 5.3.

The objectives and policies of the Plan related to retail development are at a higher level and therefore, they do not directly result in any physical works that may cause adverse impacts. However, as they give structure to future plans for growth and development that will require physical works to develop retail facilities, they will indirectly lead to projects that may potentially result in adverse impacts upon the overall integrity of any of the Natura 2000 sites that may be present within the Zone of Influence of the Plan. As this is a high-level Plan, the details to conduct assessments of any such project that may arise as a result of the objectives and policies at this level are not possible and any such project would be required to go through the consenting process as outlined in Section 9.1.

Therefore, the objectives and policies relating to retail development could result in direct and/or indirect impacts upon the overall integrity of the Natura 2000 network, through loss / reduction of habitat area, disturbance of key species, habitat or species fragmentation, reduction in species density and/or changes in key indicators of conservation value such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.

5.6 Renewable energy projects and telecommunications infrastructure

Article 4 of Directive 2009/28/EC on renewable energy requires each Member State to adopt a national renewable energy action plan (NREAP). Ireland's NREAP sets out our national targets for the share of energy from renewable sources to be consumed in transport, electricity and heating and cooling in 2020. The plan demonstrates how the Member State will meet its overall national target established under the Directive. The National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP) outlines how Ireland will achieve 20% energy efficiency savings, calculated on the basis of the average energy demand from 2001 to 2005. Central to this are the policies and measures identified by government to enable Ireland to achieve these targets.

Objective INP – 18 (chapter 7 of Mayo CPD), aims to “to support the provision of high-quality electricity infrastructure and development of enhanced electricity supply, to serve the existing and future needs of the County and to facilitate new transmission infrastructure projects that may be brought forward during the lifetime of the plan including the delivery and integration, including linkages of renewable energy proposals to the electricity transmission grid in a sustainable and timely manner, whilst seeking to protect and maintain bio-diversity, wildlife habitats, scenic amenities, including protected views and nature conservation.”

Therefore, the objectives and policies relating to renewable energy projects and telecommunications infrastructure could result in direct and/or indirect impacts upon the overall integrity of the Natura 2000 network, through loss / reduction of habitat area, disturbance of key species, habitat or species fragmentation, reduction in species density and/or changes in key indicators of conservation value such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.

5.7 Water Quality

Under the Water Framework Directive (EU Directive 2000/60/EC), Mayo County Council is required as a public body, to co-ordinate their policies and operations to maintain water quality of unpolluted water bodies, and improve the status of polluted water bodies.

The main rivers in County Mayo and connected to the County are The Moy River, Clare River, Owenmore River Robe River and the River Deel.

These rivers are monitored by the EPA and Mayo County Council. Monitoring stations are located at several locations along The Moy River, Clare River, Owenmore River Robe River and the River Deel. The most recent water quality data show that the River Moy and Clare River is classified as having "Good" water quality and is "Not at Risk" from degradation. This Owenmore River and River Deel is classified as having "High" water quality. The River Robe is classified as having "Moderate" water quality and is "at risk" of further degradation.

Groundwater quality is protected under the European Communities Environmental Objectives Groundwater Regulations 2010, (S.I. No. 9 of 2010), which gives effect to the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) and the Groundwater Directive (2008/118/EC). Groundwater is important as a source of drinking water in Ireland and provides approximately 25% of all drinking water nationally. Groundwater connects wetlands, waterbodies and groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems throughout the County. It can be especially important during low-flow periods when groundwater forms a significant part of surface water flows.

Groundwater vulnerability in County Mayo is illustrated in Figure 5-2 and summarised in Table 5-15. The majority of groundwater in the County is classified as having "High" vulnerability (31.2%) or "Moderate" vulnerability (26.5%). 10.7% is classified as having "Low" vulnerability and 11.2% is classified as having "Extreme" vulnerability. The remaining area is covered by water (3.7%) and Rock at or near Surface or Karst (16.6%).

Table 5-15: Groundwater vulnerability in County Mayo

	Area (km ²)	Percentage (%)
Rock at or near Surface or Karst	924.5892	16.57027
Water	209.1013	3.747464
Extreme	627.5545	11.24688
High	1739.245	31.17033
Moderate	1483.048	26.57884
Low	596.2701	10.68621
Total	5579.808	100

The settlements of Kilalla and Newport are on the EPA's priority list because they fall under one or more of the following criteria: discharging raw sewage because there is no treatment plant. Further information about EPA Priority Urban Areas can be found in the EPA's Annual Urban Waste Water Report on the EPA website - www.epa.ie.

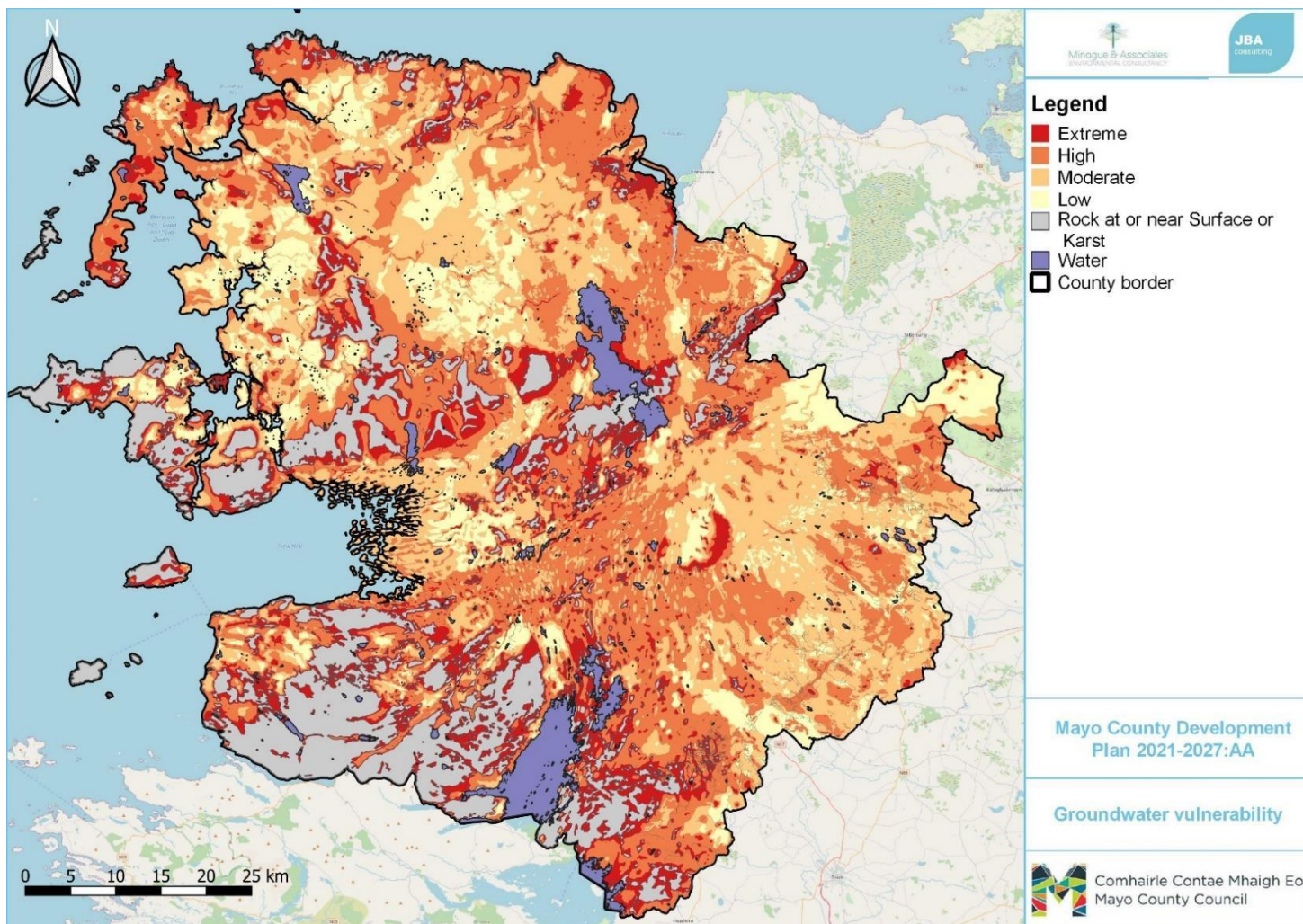


Figure 5-2: Groundwater vulnerability

Therefore, the objectives and policies that may give structure to, or direction for any development that may increase pressure on water quality or quantity in the area could result in direct and/or indirect impacts upon the overall integrity of the Natura 2000 network, through loss / reduction of habitat area, disturbance of key species, habitat or species fragmentation, reduction in species density and/or changes in key indicators of conservation value such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.

5.8 Climate Change

The effects of climate change on the environment have economic and social implications, as well as implications for the environment themselves. Increasing temperatures, shifting seasons, changing rainfall patterns, increase in extremes of weather and sea level rise can all be caused by climate change. These changes can cause the spread of invasive species, changes in migration routes, loss or degradation of habitat and species and the overall loss of integrity of the Natura 2000 network. Overall, though, it can be difficult to predict with certainty the impacts of climate change as there are uncertainties in understanding how the earth's climatic system is changing.

Sites within the Natura 2000 network provide important localised space for nature to thrive, but they also form part of the wider network of green infrastructure across Europe. These

sites provide important refuges for biodiversity to allow species and habitats to adapt to climate change.

The effects of climate change on Natura 2000 sites can be considered as both direct impacts, and cumulative and in-combination impacts as a result of climate change. The cumulative and in-combination impacts of climate change are described in Section 6.

The following sections are guided by the decision framework (from (European Commission. Directorate General for the Environment. et al., 2013), to assist in deciding what actions may be required in County Mayo in order to mitigate against the impacts of climate change in the Mayo County Development Plan.

Temperature predictions in Ireland, show a clear west-to-east gradient, with the largest increases in the east of Ireland. Mid-century annual temperatures are projected to increase by 1-1.2°C to 1.3-1.6°C, dependant on future greenhouse gas emissions (Representative Concentration Pathway 4.5 (RCP4.5) or RCP8.5) (Nolan and Flanagan, 2020). Heatwaves are predicted to increase by the middle of the century and the numbers of frost and ice days are expected to decrease. Periods of frost and ice are important environmental drivers that trigger phenological responses in many plant and animal species. Species such as bats may not easily adapt to a reduction or loss of hibernation/torpor period and some plant seeds will not germinate without a cold spell to break dormancy. Extreme weather events such as heatwaves will occur more frequently and extreme temperatures are projected to increase by the middle of the century, causing increased stress to most species and the integrity of the Natura 2000 network.

Substantial decreases in rainfall are predicted for the summer months whilst during winter months increases in rainfall are predicted (Nolan and Flanagan, 2020), adding increased pressure on water dependant ecosystems. Bogs may be under threat as the water table drops, rivers and streams may dry up in total or in parts, fragmenting species from their spawning grounds. This could have particular impact to the Freshwater Pearl Mussel, as its lifecycle is dependent on Salmonids and a flow of highly oxygenated, clean water.

Increasing sea-levels are predicted worldwide as a result of climate change. Within County Mayo, there will be an increased likelihood of overtopping of flood defences during storm events in future years due to the impacts of climate change. Coastal towns such as, Ballina, have also been identified in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy as being at risk from storm surges and/or high tides emanating from the Atlantic Ocean. Low lying coastal settlements in County Mayo are particularly at risk from coastal flooding due to the impacts of climate change.

Natura 2000 sites and biodiverse habitats can mitigate and/or adapt the landscape against the predicted effects of climate change through the provision of valuable ecosystem services such as the storing carbon, reducing the amount in the atmosphere that contributes to increased temperatures. The Natura 2000 network in County Mayo, and in Ireland, encapsulates a broad variety of valuable habitats from marine and coastal wetlands, woodlands, grasslands and bogs.

Bogs and wetlands such as those at Bellacorick Bog Complex SAC, store water that could otherwise be increasing flood water levels. Trees such as those present in Brackloon Woods SAC absorb substantial amount of water and biodiverse habitats, or the diversity of habitats spread across the Natura 2000 network, provide a variety of trees and plant species that reduce available water, along with protecting the soil from erosion.

Any monoculture crop habitat, whether grown for food or other usage, is at risk from impacts that may be exacerbated by climate change such as disease, non-native invasive species and drought. Biodiverse habitats can provide reserves or refuges for species that may have adaptability to these and could be relied on in the future for genetic variability. Nature is an essential part of the solution to tackling climate change and its impacts.

Ecosystem services provided by the Natura 2000 network can reduce the impacts of sea level rise by providing natural coastal protection, they can assist in reducing overall temperature increases by increasing the capture of carbon and by climate regulation through provision of shade and storage of moisture in the land. They can also reduce the risk or impact, of extreme events that are caused or exacerbated by climate change such as flooding, fires and storms.

The vulnerability of habitats or species to climate change depends on their exposure, their sensitivity and their adaptive capacity. This varies for each habitat and species and is a complex assessment. All species and habitats in Mayo will be vulnerable to some extent. The habitats and species that occur within and around County Mayo will be susceptible to the effects of climate change in varied ways. The negative effects of climate change will impact upon habitats and species, those of which have an unfavourable conservation status, as well as deteriorate those with a favourable conservation status.

Marine and coastal habitats such as Atlantic salt meadows (*Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritima*) [1330], Reefs [1170] and Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140] are amongst the most vulnerable habitats to climate change. The impact of climate change on Mayo's coastline is already evident, and further increases in relative sea levels, indicate that coastal areas will be increasingly susceptible to permanent inundation and erosion. These impacts are far reaching and are already changing the lives and livelihoods of coastal communities. As well as being vulnerable to increases in sea level, coastal and marine habitats and species are vulnerable to increasing temperatures changing species composition and altering spawning times or other natural patterns.

Marine and coastal species such as the Storm Petrel (*Hydrobates pelagicus*) [A014] or Puffin (*Fratercula arctica*) [A204] will be vulnerable to a loss of breeding, resting and feeding habitats due to climate change.

Ground and freshwater dependant terrestrial habitats and species, such as Turloughs [3180], Northern Atlantic wet heaths with *Erica tetralix* [4010], *Saxifraga hirculus* (Marsh Saxifrage) [1528], or *Vertigo geyeri* (Geyer's Whorl Snail) [1013] will be vulnerable from lowered precipitation and lower water table causing loss of suitable habitats and changes to key indicators of habitat quality such as water quantity.

Mammals including the *Rhinolophus hipposideros* (Lesser Horseshoe Bat) [1303], *Lutra lutra* (Otter) [1355] and *Phoca vitulina* (Harbour Seal) [1365] are vulnerable to changes in temperature and water quantity that may arise as a result of climate change.

Overall, of all the Natura 2000 habitats present, the most vulnerable habitat groups are the coastal habitats, freshwater habitats, bogs, mires and fens. However, in almost every habitat group, there are habitats and species present that are very vulnerable to climate change. The CDP also makes provisions for the management of green infrastructure for the regulation of micro-climates (green lung) and potentially, climate change adaptation. The Coastal Zone Policy NEP 16 specifically provides for the maintenance and enhancement of natural coastal defences to increase resilience to climate change.

Adaptive management and co-operation is key to managing the impacts that climate change may have on the vulnerabilities of the Natura 2000 network in Co Mayo and in Ireland. It is possible to change management regimes and policies to at least partially mitigate or adapt to impacts. The use of a structured, iterative process of optimal management decision-making based on system monitoring is needed, when faced with the uncertainty of climate change. Adaptive management builds in steps to assess progress towards achieving specified conservation goals and targets through monitoring actions, to see whether or not management actions are achieving species and/ or habitat targets. This is achieved in Ireland by National Parks and Wildlife Services, through the monitoring of Natura 2000 sites and the presentation of these results within the Article 17 reports. Under

Article 11 of the Habitats Directive, each member state is obliged to undertake surveillance of the conservation status of the natural habitats and species in the Annexes and under Article 17, to report to the European Commission every six years on their status and on the implementation of the measures taken under the Directive. The Mayo CDP recognises the importance of the Habitats Directive and seeks for all projects that may arise from the Plan to be compliant with the Directive. This is highlighted in the overarching strategic CDP objective SO 8 c) *To comply with the objectives and requirements of the Habitats Directive, specifically Article 6(3) and where necessary 6(4), Birds, Water Framework, and all other relevant EU Directives and all relevant transposing national legislation.*

As adaptive management is based on a learning process, it aims to improve management outcomes, by continuously adapting approaches, actions and measures on the basis of lessons learned. The development of the Mayo CDP is an iterative process which has considered, and will consider, the feedback from consultation and the outcome of the AA.

Mitigation measures within County Mayo and Ireland, that can mitigate against the impacts of climate change upon the Natura 2000 network include those that may occur on each site, those that must occur on a County level, and those that occur on a national and EU level. All mitigation measures required should be identified at the relevant levels through the AA process. Through assessing the potential impacts on all levels, including those that are cumulative and/or in-combination impacts and providing mitigation measures for these where relevant, significant adverse impacts should be mitigated against. Mitigation measures for those adverse impacts that relate to all potential adverse impacts including climate change are in Section 9.

5.9 Air Quality

The Air Framework Directive (96/62/EC) requires member states to divide countries into zones for the assessment and management of air quality

Ireland is divided into four zones which include:

- Zone A – Dublin Corporation
- Zone B – Cork Conurbation
- Zone C – Other Cities and large towns; and
- Zone D – Rural Ireland.

All of County Mayo is located within Zone D. Air quality is monitored by the EPA. Two air monitoring sites are located in Mayo, in Claremorris and Castlebar. The air quality index is calculated based on the information gathered from the monitoring stations using a Quality Index for Health, which is calculated every hour and indicates if air quality is good, fair, poor or very poor. The air quality in County Mayo is classified as "good". with daily up to date information available for download from <http://www.epa.ie/air/quality/data/cm/>

5.10 Agricultural development

Agricultural development throughout County Mayo is an important economic driver and the Plan recognises this. The agricultural industry contributes to exports, provides raw materials for the food processing industry and the artisan food sector. The Council takes a positive approach to applications for sustainable agricultural developments generally, subject to the protection of ground waters, residential amenities, designated habitats and the landscape.

While considerations are made to designated habitats in general, they are more thoroughly considered in the overall objectives of the Plan. EOP 22 supports the implementation, at

county level, of the provisions set out in Food Harvest 2025, subject to environmental carrying capacity constraints. Food Harvest 2025 has undergone the AA process. It recommends monitoring across all sectors of the agri-food industry on the environmental impacts of the 2025 strategy at all levels. The results of this monitoring should result in directing any actions needed to prevent adverse impacts, however, this is unlikely to mitigate against any adverse impacts that may arise to the Natura network as a result of increased pressure caused by a growth in agriculture in the short term. The majority of the actions of Food Wise 2025 have been identified as having positive impacts and the overall conclusion of the AA report is that there would be no adverse impacts on the integrity of the Natura 2000 network as a result of Food Wise 2025.

While the Mayo CDP promotes the expansion of the Agri-Food Sector, it does so in consideration of the relevant guidelines and legislation including the Habitats Directive (See SO 8). Therefore, provided that the overarching Strategic Objectives of the Plan are considered in the expansion of the agricultural sector and that any development that occurs in the expansion of agriculture is subject to the normal processes and procedures for development including screening for AA is necessary, at this level, there is not likely to be any significant adverse impacts to the Natura 2000 network as a result of agricultural development in County Mayo.

5.11 Development of marine and coastal zone tourism and economic industry

County Mayo has extensive marine and coastal resources, and these resources can contribute to the economic stability of the county as a whole if developed appropriately and with sensitivity to the environment and Natura 2000 network. The marine industry can be extremely sensitive to change both on a social and environmental level. Development on land can lead to changes to water quality and have direct impacts upon coastal and marine resources. Climate change, tourism and recreational pressures also can put significant pressure on coastal and marine habitats and the species that are dependent on them.

The Natura 2000 sites that are dependent on marine and/or coastal habitats in County Mayo or within the ZOI of the CDP are listed below (see Table 5-16 and Figure 5-3). Qualifying interests of sites such as Clew Bay Complex SAC 001482, such as Otter and Common (Harbour) Seal are at risk of loss of breeding and resting habitats from coastal developments. The conservation objectives of habitats such as Atlantic Salt Meadows, or Shifting Dunes along the shoreline with *Ammophila arenaria* (white dunes) [21A0] are at risk from loss of habitat due to coastal development, erosion and climate change.

However, any development that may arise as a result of the Plan will be required to go through the consenting process and undergo AA screening if necessary. Therefore, it is unlikely that any coastal or marine developments that may arise as a result of the Plan will incur significant adverse impacts upon the Natura 2000 network. Although this is not likely to mitigate against any potential adverse impacts that may arise cumulatively as a result of the Plan with Climate Change and therefore, mitigation measure will be required.

Table 5-16: Coastal and marine Natura 2000 sites

SITECODE	Natura 2000 site
004004	Inishkea Islands SPA
004036	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA
004036	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA
004072	Stags of Broad Haven SPA
004074	Illanmaster SPA
004084	Inishglora and Inishkeeragh SPA
004093	Termoncarragh Lake and Annagh Machair SPA
004111	Duvillaun Islands SPA

SITECODE	Natura 2000 site
004136	Clare Island SPA
004144	High Island, Inishshark and Davillaun SPA
004170	Cruagh Island SPA
004177	Bills Rocks SPA
004212	Cross Lough (Killadoon) SPA
004221	Illaunnaon SPA
004227	Mullet Peninsula SPA
004231	Inishbofin, Omev Island and Turbot Island SPA
004235	Doogort Machair SPA
004037	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA
000278	Inishbofin And Inishshark SAC
000458	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC
000458	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC
000470	Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC
000472	Broadhaven Bay SAC
000484	Cross Lough (Killadoon) SAC
000500	Glenamoy Bog Complex SAC
000522	Lough Gall Bog SAC
001228	Aughrusbeg Machair And Lake SAC
001309	Omev Island Machair SAC
001311	Rusheenduff Lough SAC
001482	Clew Bay Complex SAC
001529	Lough Cahasy, Lough Baun And Roonah Lough SAC
001932	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC
001955	Croaghaun/Slievemore SAC
002031	The Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex SAC
002118	Barnahallia Lough SAC
002130	Tully Lough SAC
001497	Doogort Machair/Lough Doo SAC
002265	Kingstown Bay SAC
000330	Tully Mountain SAC
000485	Corraun Plateau SAC
002243	Clare Island Cliffs SAC
002268	Achill Head SAC
000516	Lackan Saltmarsh and Kilcummin Head SAC
001501	Erris Head SAC
001513	Keel Machair/Menaun Cliffs SAC
002998	West Connacht Coast SAC
000495	Duvillaun Islands SAC
000507	Inishkea Islands SAC

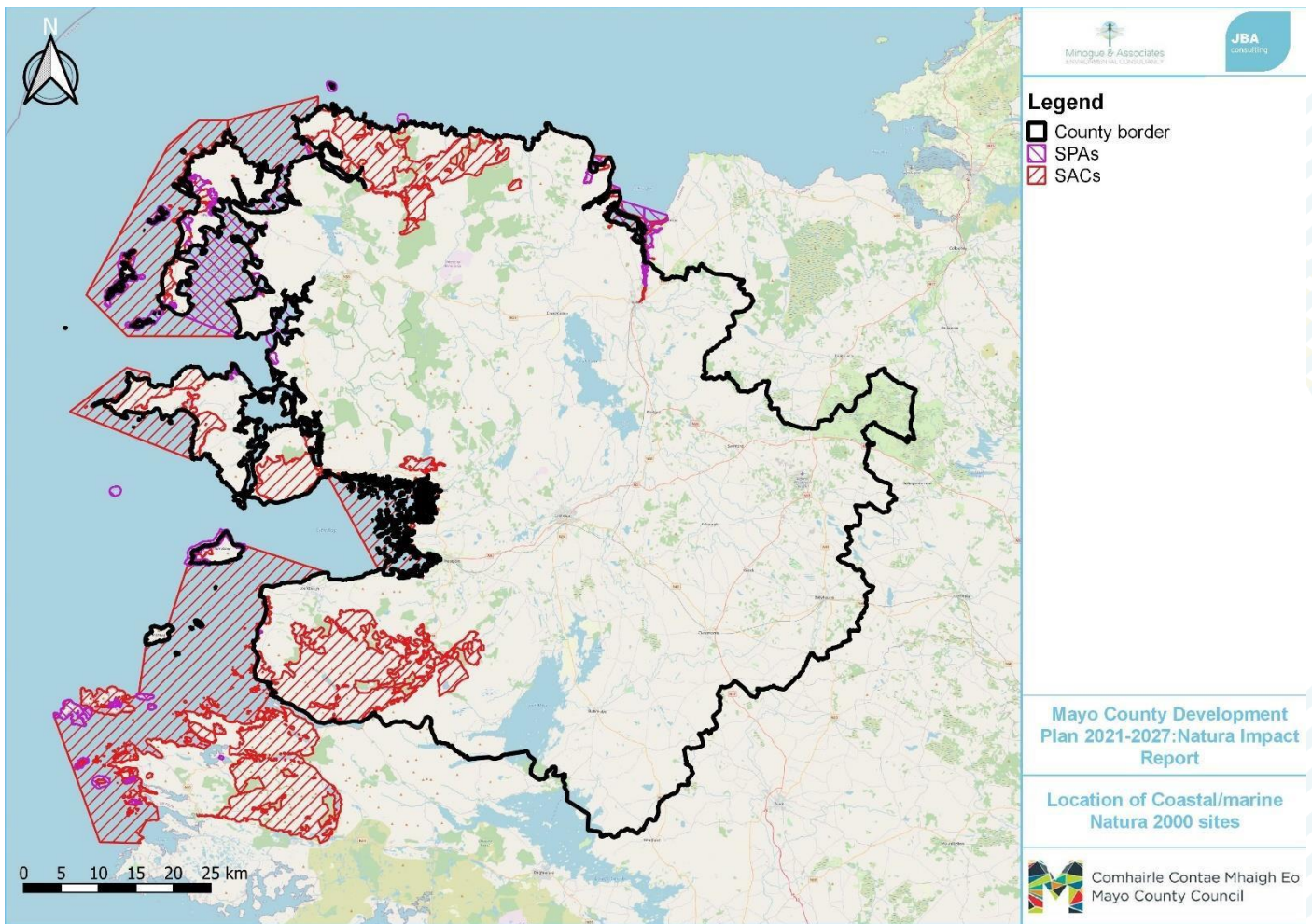


Figure 5-3: Location of coastal and marine Natura 2000 sites.

5.12 Biodiversity, environment and green infrastructure

Provisions are made throughout the Plan, but in particular in Chapter 10 Natural Environment, *to protect and enhance Mayo’s natural heritage and biodiversity, ensure that networks of green infrastructure are identified, created, protected and enhanced....*

While the aims, strategies, objectives and policies within the Plan relating to the environment and natural heritage are inherently of benefit to biodiversity and the Natura 2000 network, their execution must follow the same processes as those in all other sectors. Any projects that may arise as a result of the Plan must go through the normal consenting process and if necessary, may require screening for AA at a minimum. Considerations should always be made to consult with the relevant guidelines and best practise should always be followed.

Promotion, preservation and enhancement of biodiversity, treatment of Non-native Invasive Species or development of green infrastructure could impact upon the Natura 2000 network through various ways. Through reducing habitat quality, reduction in species density as a result of population fragmentation or direct mortalities and through changes to key indicators such as water quality or quantity.

The All Ireland Pollinator Plan has had a significant positive impact upon Ireland and in its promotion of biodiversity, many local groups and individuals have taken to seeding of wildflower meadows in previously unused or unappreciated land. While this can have a positive impact on biodiversity of brownfield sites or sites that have previously been fertilised and reseeded, wildflower seeds that are non-native are often used. This may not

be an issue in areas that are well managed or those that are not near to more natural Natura 2000 sites. But imported seeds that are spread within or adjacent to Natura 2000 sites, can reduce the quality of habitats present and replace native species impacting upon the overall integrity of the site.

Any works that may arise as a result of the Plan, that will occur within areas where non-native invasive species are present, will require biosecurity measures. This includes those works that will occur on land and/or in water. The spread of the Crayfish Plague is having devastating impacts upon populations of the White clawed Crayfish (*Austropotamobius pallipes*) with 100% mortalities. Therefore any projects or works that may occur as a result of the aims, objectives, policies and/or strategies of the Plan, whether for the protection of the natural environment or for any other means, should include provisions for biosecurity measures if necessary.

5.13 Tourism and Recreational pressures

A key element of the development plan is to promote tourism in County Mayo. Three key tourism pillars have been identified by the Plan, namely;

- The continued development and enhancement of tourism product and the various categories of tourism that bring visitors to Mayo;
- Ensuring that high quality services and accommodation are accessible and available for visitors;
- The identification of priority infrastructure designed to provide new and innovative activities and flagship products.

Tourism is of huge importance to the economy of County Mayo, particularly in coastal areas. The Wild Atlantic Way has been a huge boon to coastal areas in the west of Ireland. However, many Natura 2000 sites are under pressure from increased tourism and recreational activities; particularly sites with the following qualifying interests (Table 5-17):

Table 5-17: Natura 2000 sites potentially impacted by tourism and recreation

Qualifying features	Natura 2000 sites
Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> ("white dunes") [2130]	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC
	Lough Cahasy, Lough Baun And Roonah Lough SAC
	Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC
	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC
Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation ("grey dunes") [2150]	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC
	Lackan Saltmarsh and Kilcummin Head SAC
	Lough Cahasy, Lough Baun And Roonah Lough SAC
Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (Calluno-Ulicetea)	Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC
	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC
[21A0] Machairs (* in Ireland)	Clew Bay Complex SAC
	Doogort Machair/Lough Doo SAC

Qualifying features	Natura 2000 sites
	Glenamoy Bog Complex SAC
	Inishkea Islands SAC
	Keel Machair/Menaun Cliffs SAC
	Lough Cahasy, Lough Baun And Roonah Lough SAC
	Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC
	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC
	Omey Island Machair SAC
[1220] Perennial vegetation of stony banks	Clew Bay Complex SAC
	Cross Lough (Killadoon) SAC
	Keel Machair/Menaun Cliffs SAC
	Lough Cahasy, Lough Baun And Roonah Lough SAC
[1395] Petalophyllum ralfsii	Doogort Machair/Lough Doo SAC
	Glenamoy Bog Complex SAC
	Inishkea Islands SAC
	Keel Machair/Menaun Cliffs SAC
	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC
	Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC
	Omey Island Machair SAC
[1310] Salicornia and other annuals colonizing mud and sand	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC
	Lackan Saltmarsh and Kilcummin Head SAC
	Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC

Many sites with the above habitats in County Mayo have 'Human recreational activities, Golf links, walkways, increased human presence / walkways and recreational activities' listed as a threat on their Natura 2000 Standard Data forms.

Leisure fishing may also pose a threat to sites with aquatic habitats and species. For example, the River Moy is Ireland's premier Salmon river. Increased recreational fishing may result in increased pressure on this river and could result in detrimental impacts on Atlantic Salmon, one of the qualifying interests of this site.

5.14 Transport and related infrastructure

To enhance the local economy of County Mayo and to promote residential, commercial and recreational development, transport and its related infrastructure will likely increase. Currently the existing road network is deemed adequate for commercial transport of goods and to link population centres within the County and many roads have been upgraded to current best standard single carriageway. New or additional transport infrastructure to

support expanding development can have impacts, during construction and operation, on Natura 2000 sites within County Mayo. During construction of new infrastructure impacts can occur through habitat loss on habitats like:

- Machairs (21A0)
- Mediterranean salt meadows (*Juncetalia maritimi*) (1410)
- *Active raised bogs (7110)

The construction of new infrastructure may also impact on the following protected, and highly sensitive species, through pollution events or sediment runoff:

- Freshwater Pearl Mussel (*Margaritifera margaritifera*)
- White clawed Crayfish (*Austropotamobius pallipes*)
- Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo Salar*)

Furthermore, during operation of newly established infrastructure, the above QIs of Natura 2000 sites, including many other QIs (as identified in Table 8-1) have the potential to be impacted by habitat fragmentation, disturbance (visual and noise, polluted road runoff (hydrocarbons and microplastics) and vehicle emissions.

6 Cumulative and/or in-combination Impacts

As part of the Screening for an Appropriate Assessment, in addition to the proposed works, other relevant Projects and Plans in the region that may induce cumulative impacts must also be considered. As such, the list below contains Plans and Projects that are relevant to the Mayo County Development Plan and that may interact to cause cumulative and/or in-combination effects to Natura 2000 sites and Qualifying Interests. The Plans or Projects are listed according to a spatial hierarchy of National, Regional and Local. Potential cumulative and/or in-combination effects have been determined and are discussed in the section below, and are detailed in Appendix D. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

The following Projects and Plans were identified as potential sources of cumulative and in-combination impacts:

National

- River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021
- Water Services Strategic Plan 2015-2040 (Irish Water)
- Local Authorities Water Programme
- Moy Water Management Unit Action Plan
- Plan for Forests & Freshwater Pearl Mussel in Ireland and The Pearl Mussel Project
- Irish National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides
- Ireland's Nitrates Action Programme
- Climate Action Plan Ireland
- Environmental River Enhancement Programme (EREP)
- Green, Low-Carbon Agri-Environment Scheme (GLAS)
- Food Wise 2025
- National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021
- National Peatlands Strategy
- Project Ireland 2040 / National Development Plan 2018-2027 / National Planning Framework
- The National Spatial Strategy 2002-2020
- Our Sustainable Future - Framework for Sustainable Development in Ireland
- National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
- Sustainable Development Goals National Implementation Plan 2018 - 2020
- Ireland Forestry Programme 2014-2020

Regional

- County Groundwater Protection Schemes
- Destination Mayo - a strategy for the future development of tourism in County Mayo 2015-2020 (DRAFT)
- Renewable Energy Strategy 2011-2022
- County Development Plan Galway, Roscommon and Sligo
- Shellfish Water Action Programmes / Pollution Reduction Programmes for shellfish
- County Mayo Biodiversity Action Plan 2010-2015 (new Plan for 2020-2025 in prep)

- Mayo local economic and community plan 2015-2021
- Northwest BAU (Business Area Unit) Strategic Plan 2016-2020

Local

- Invasive Species Action Plans
- Forthcoming Castlebar, Ballina and Westport Local Area Plans
- All-Ireland Pollinator Plan
- Planning Applications

6.1 National Plans and Projects with potential Cumulative and In-Combination Effects

National Plans and Projects that could have potential cumulative and in-combination effects were identified and are described below.

6.1.1 River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021

The River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) (DoHLGH, 2018) for Ireland 2018-2021 sets out the actions that Ireland will take to improve water quality and achieve 'good' ecological status in water bodies (rivers, lakes, estuaries and coastal waters) by 2021 (DoHPLG, 2018a). Changes from previous River Basin Management Plans is that all River Basin Districts are merged as one national River Basin District. The Plan provides a more coordinated framework for improving the quality of our waters - to protect public health, the environment, water amenities and to sustain water-intensive industries, including agri-food and tourism, particularly in rural Ireland.

The first cycle of River Basin Management Plans included the Western River Basin District - River Basin Management Plan (ERBDMP) 2009 - 2015 (WFD, 2009). The plans summarised the water bodies that may not meet the environmental objectives of the WFD by 2015 and identified which pressures are contributing to the environmental objectives not being achieved. The plans described the classification results and identified measures that can be introduced in order to safeguard waters and meet the environmental objectives of the WFD:

- Prevent deterioration of water body status
- Restore good status to water bodies
- Achieve protected areas objectives
- Reduce chemical pollution of water bodies

With effective implementation of the RBMP, it can be expected to see the Plan's ambitious suite of measures translated into tangible improvements in water quality in over 700 water bodies around Ireland. The investment of €1.7 billion in waste-water infrastructure over the period of this Plan to 2021 will see over 250 projects in urban areas progressed and decisive steps towards sustainable and efficient water use will be taken. Assessment of risks to water quality in the planning processes will be enhanced and there will be more analyses of water quality carried out at a catchment level. Development related to the RBMP may have localised adverse impacts that will be assessed on a project level, however; overall impacts that may arise as a result of the RBMP are likely to be positive in nature. Due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide

suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.2 Water Services Strategic Plan 2015-2040 (Irish Water)

The Water Services Strategic Plan 2015-2040 (WSSP) (Irish Water, 2015) by Irish Water sets out strategic objectives for the delivery of water services up to 2040. It details current and future challenges which affect the provision of water services and identifies the priorities to be tackled in the short and medium term. Development of infrastructure that maybe required for the implementation of the Plan may have localised adverse impacts.

Therefore, projects that may arise as a result of the WSSP will undergo AA at a project level, which will ensure that any cumulative or in-combination impacts are addressed. Due to the high-level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail. Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.3 Plan for Forests & Freshwater Pearl Mussel in Ireland 2018 and The Pearl Mussel Project

The Plan for Forests & Freshwater Pearl Mussel in Ireland (DoAFM, 2018) aims to eliminate, reduce or mitigate diffuse and point sources of sediment and nutrients and the disruption of the natural hydrological regime, arising from forests and regulated forestry activities, to ensure that these do not threaten the achievement of the conservation objectives for Freshwater Pearl Mussel set for each of the SACs involved. There is a potential for indirect impact on other species as a result of protection measures. It is likely that any impacts will be positive in nature, however, in order to determine cumulative impacts these will have to be screened against potential impacts that may occur as a result of any actions that will occur at a project level. Project level assessment will ensure that any potential cumulative impacts are addressed.

The Freshwater Pearl Mussel Project is a pilot agri-environment programme that seeks to improve the quality of watercourses to benefit the endangered FPM. Farmers will be rewarded for their environmental services whilst having the freedom and flexibility to farm. This will in turn improve the outcomes and long-term sustainability of agri-environment schemes for biodiversity, and for rural communities. The Programme is being run by the Pearl Mussel Project Team, based in counties Kerry and Mayo. It is likely that any impacts will be positive in nature, however, in order to determine cumulative impacts these will have to be screened against potential impacts that may occur as a result of any actions that will occur at a project level. Project level assessment will ensure that any potential cumulative impacts are addressed. Due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.4 Irish National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides

The EU Sustainable Use Directive requires each Member State to develop a National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (NASUP) (DoAFM, 2019), which shall be reviewed at least every 5 years. The Plan sets out a national strategy to achieve a sustainable use of pesticides and aims to achieve a balance between ensuring human and environmental safety while maintaining continued viability of the farming and amenity sectors. Particular emphasis in this Plan is being placed on protecting drinking water from pesticides and no negative cumulative and/or in-combination effects are expected. However, actions that may arise as a result of the NAPSUP will be considered at a project level, which will ensure that any cumulative or in-combination impacts are addressed. Due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.5 Ireland's Nitrates Action Programme

Ireland's Nitrates Actions Programme (DoHLGH, 2017) is designed to prevent pollution of surface waters and groundwater from agricultural sources and to protect and improve water quality. Under the national NAP, each Member State's NAP must include 1) a limit on the amount of livestock manure applied to the land each year, 2) set periods when land spreading is prohibited due to risk, and 3) set capacity levels for the storage of livestock manure. Notwithstanding the economic success of the government's strategies to date, the agricultural sector faces a number of challenges, specifically relating to water quality standards and climate change commitments. As the industry embraces new levels of growth, it will also be required to show an absolute commitment to the principles of sustainability, recognising that gains in productivity must not be at the expense of the environment. As measures under the NAP are exclusively designed to prevent pollution of surface waters and groundwater, overall positive cumulative and/or in-combination effects are expected. However, due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.6 Climate Action Plan Ireland

Ireland's Climate Action Plan (Government of Ireland, 2019) sets out an ambitious course of action over the coming years to address this issue. The Plan identifies the nature and scale of the challenge, outlines the current state of play across key sectors including Electricity, Transport, Built Environment, Industry and Agriculture and charts a course towards ambitious decarbonisation targets. Reflecting the central priority climate change will have in Ireland's political and administrative systems into the future, the Plan sets out governance arrangements including carbon-proofing policies, establishment of carbon budgets, a strengthened Climate Change Advisory Council and greater accountability to the Oireachtas. It is not expected that measures proposed in this Plan will lead to significant cumulative and/or in-combination effects, although there might be a potential effect from alterations in land-use. Due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.7 Environmental River Enhancement Programme (EREP)

The Environmental River Enhancement Programme (EREP) (IFI, 2008) is an OPW funded project that is being coordinated and managed by Inland Fisheries Ireland. The Programme focuses on the enhancement of drained Salmonid rivers in Ireland. The EREP involves two different approaches to enhancement, these being capital enhancement and enhanced maintenance respectively. Infrastructural works that arise as a result of the EREP have the potential to impact other designated features, however, the effects will overall be positive. Actions that may arise as a result of the EREP will be considered at a project level, which will ensure that any cumulative or in-combination impacts are addressed. Due to the high level nature of this Programme, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Programme. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.8 Green, Low-Carbon Agri-Environment Scheme (GLAS) and follow-on schemes

The GLAS Scheme is part of the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (DoAFM, 2014a). It provides funding to farmers in return for delivering environmental management on their land. Farmers must commit to the scheme for a minimum period of 5 years. Farmers participating in the GLAS must comply with several basic measures, including protecting and maintaining all watercourses and wells and cease using herbicides, pesticides and fertilisers in and around hedgerows, lakes, ponds, rivers and streams (except with consent). GLAS recognises the importance of the riparian zone in rural areas and any proposed works should make recommendations that are compatible with GLAS. Development of infrastructure may have localised adverse impacts, however; overall impacts that may arise as a result of this Scheme are likely to be positive in nature. Actions that may arise as a result of the Scheme will be considered at a project level, which will ensure that any cumulative or in-combination impacts are addressed. Due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Scheme. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.9 Food Wise 2025

Food Wise 2025 (DoAFM, 2015) sets out a ten-year plan for Ireland's agri-food sector. It underlines the sector's unique and special position within the Irish economy, and it illustrates the potential which exists for this sector to grow even further. The Food Wise report was published in July 2015, with the Food Wise Implementation Plan and the final

Environmental Analysis on the strategy published in December 2015. Ireland's agri-food sector manages the vast majority of the natural resources in Ireland. In a global environment which is facing many challenges including an ever-increasing demand for food, increasing constraints on natural resources and the emerging challenges of Climate Change put pressure on the Irish agri-food sector. Ireland faces significant challenges in meeting some national and international environmental targets for air quality, biodiversity and water quality. Meeting Greenhouse Gas and ammonia emission reduction targets will be particularly challenging, but arresting biodiversity losses and continuing the improvement of water quality while increasing production will be equally demanding. Projects that may arise as a result of Food Wise 2025 plans have the potential to increase pressure on the environment through land management and therefore, could result in cumulative impacts to sites. However, due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of Foodwise 2025. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.10 National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021

The National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021 (DoCHG, 2017) captures the objectives, targets and actions for biodiversity that will be undertaken by a wide range of government, civil society and private sectors to achieve Ireland's Vision for Biodiversity. It provides a framework to track and assess progress towards Ireland's Vision for Biodiversity over a five-year timeframe from 2017 to 2021. Implementation of proposed measures could help achieve the aims of the National Biodiversity Plan through optimisation of biodiversity benefits in planning and therefore overall impacts will be positive. However, due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.11 National Peatlands Strategy 2015

The National Peatlands Strategy (NPWS, 2015) guides the Government's approach to peatlands management and conservation in the future, considering current and potential uses of this key resource. Specific outcomes of the Mayo CDP could impact the aims of the National Peatland Strategy, but implementation of specific measures could also contribute to the aim of the strategy in improving bogs. Projects that may arise as a result of the National Peatlands Strategy must be screened for in-combination and cumulative impacts that may occur with projects that arise as a result of the National Peatland Strategy at a project level. Due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of the National Peatlands Strategy. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.12 Project Ireland 2040

Project Ireland 2040 (DoPER, 2018) is the government's long-term overarching strategy to make Ireland a better country for all of its people. Alongside the development of physical infrastructure, Project Ireland 2040 supports business and communities across all of Ireland in realising their potential. The National Development Plan and the National Planning Framework combine to form Project Ireland 2040. Development of infrastructure may have localised adverse impacts. Actions that may arise as a result of Project Ireland 2040 will be considered at a project level, which will ensure that any cumulative or in-combination impacts are addressed. Due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of Project Ireland 2040. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.13 The National Spatial Strategy 2002-2020

The National Spatial Strategy 2002-2020 (DoHLGH, 2002) is a coherent national planning framework for Ireland, which aims to achieve a better balance of social, economic and physical development across Ireland, supported by more effective planning. In order to drive development in the regions, the NSS proposes that areas of sufficient scale and critical mass will be built up through a network of gateways and hubs. Development of infrastructure may have localised adverse impacts. However, due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of the National Spatial Strategy. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.14 Our Sustainable Future - Framework for Sustainable Development in Ireland

This Framework (DoCCA, 2012) identifies some 70 measures to be implemented across government and tasks a high-level inter-departmental group with ensuring that the vision set out in the policy document is translated into clear and effective action. Development of infrastructure that may be required in order to achieve the measures of this Plan may have localised adverse impacts. Actions that may arise as a result of this Framework will be considered at a project level, which will ensure that any cumulative or in-combination impacts are assessed for significance. Due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Framework. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.15 National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

The National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (NRDP) (DoAFM, 2014b), as part of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), is a common set of objectives, principles and rules

through which the European Union coordinates support for European agriculture. The CAP is structured around two complementary pillars: Pillar 1 deals with direct payments to farmers and market management measures; Pillar 2 covers multi-annual rural development measures which include those that have beneficial impacts on the environment and climate change. The NRDP recognises that agriculture can have significant impacts on the environment, including biodiversity, flood and drought control, and as a carbon sink. Therefore, overall impacts that may arise as a result of the NRDP will likely be negative. However, any actions that may arise as a result of the NRDP will be considered at a project level, which will ensure that any cumulative or in-combination impacts are addressed. Due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Programme. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.1.16 Sustainable Development Goals National Implementation Plan 2018 - 2020

The Sustainable Development Goals National Implementation Plan 2018 - 2020 (DoCCAE, 2018) is in direct response to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and provides a whole-of-government approach to implement the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Plan identifies four strategic priorities to guide implementation: 1) Awareness: raise public awareness of the SDGs; 2) Participation: provide stakeholders opportunities to engage and contribute to follow-up and review processes, and further develop national implementation of the Goals; 3) Support: encourage and support efforts of communities and organisations to contribute towards meeting the SDGs, and foster public participation; and 4) Policy alignment: develop alignment of national policy with the SDGs and identify opportunities for policy coherence. Actions that may arise as a result of this Plan will likely not result in cumulative and/or in-combination impacts.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts are unlikely to arise as a result of this Plan.

6.1.17 Ireland Forestry Programme 2014-2020

The Ireland Forestry Programme 2014-2020 (Forest Service/DoAFM, 2015) aims to develop a competitive and sustainable forest sector through the implementation of measures, in particular afforestation, woodland creation and the prevention and restoration of damage to forests. Development of the forest sector may have localised adverse impacts, however; some measures resulting from this Programme will be positive in nature. Actions that may arise as a result of the IFP will be considered at a project level, which will ensure that any cumulative or in-combination impacts are addressed. Due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.2 Regional Plans and Projects with potential Cumulative and In-Combination Effects

Regional Plans and Projects that could have potential cumulative and in-combination effects were identified and are described below.

6.2.1 Moy Water Management Unit Action Plan

The Moy Water Management Unit (WMU) Action Plan (Ordnance Survey Ireland/Galway County Council, 2010) maps the river and lake water bodies of the Moy Water Management Unit, states the status, impacts, pressures and risk for these water bodies and defines action programmes and objectives. In general, these tend to be positive in nature and designed for the overall management and preservation of water quality within the WMU, but at a high level. Due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.2.2 Mayo County Council Renewable Energy Strategy 2011-2022

The Mayo County Council Renewable Energy Strategy 2011-2022 (Mayo CoCo, 2011) sets out a path to allow County Mayo to contribute to meeting the national legally binding targets and sets out opportunities for individuals, communities and businesses to harness renewable energy in a sustainable manner and to assist in combating climate change. The Strategy also clarifies the approach Mayo County Council takes to renewable energy, and should assist direction and reduce uncertainty for the most regarding issues associated with renewable energy developments in Mayo. All major forms of renewable energy are considered in the Strategy, including micro renewables. This is a high-level Strategy and any projects that may arise as a result of this Strategy will be required to be assessed for significance of cumulative and/or in-combination effects at a project level. Development of infrastructure necessary to implement the Strategy may have localised adverse impacts. Due to the high-level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.2.3 Destination Mayo - a strategy for the future development of tourism in County Mayo 2015-2020 (DRAFT)

Destination Mayo, Mayo's Tourism Strategy (Mayo CoCo Enterprise & Investment Unit, 2015), seeks to build on the work of a previous study of tourism in Mayo called A Tourism Plan for Mayo. Some of the outcomes of the 1991 Plan included Mayo 5000, Mayo Naturally, designation of Ballycroy National Park and facilitated the development of a number of visitor attractions throughout the County, including Céide Fields, Mayo Naturally, National Museum of Ireland - Country Life and the Lough Lannagh Holiday Village. The vision for Mayo's tourism industry in 2020 is to be a high quality, inclusive and authentic destination. Key to the successful delivery of this vision are the availability of a skilled and enthusiastic workforce and good access to the County by road, rail and air. Destination Mayo seeks to promote tourism in Mayo and aims to attract more visitors to Mayo through destination marketing and other activities. It is expected that Projects that may result from this Plan

may have negative impacts, however; due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.2.4 County Development Plans Galway, Roscommon and Sligo

County Development Plans from counties sharing a border with County Mayo must also be considered, as proposed actions and measures from these Plans may induce cumulative and/or in-combination effects on SACs, SPAs and river systems in County Mayo.

A number of SACs and SPAs are overlapping Mayo’s borders and are shared with neighbouring counties. Any works in these areas may induce positive and/or negative cumulative in-combination impacts across the border into County Mayo. SACs and SPAs overlapping borders with neighbouring counties are:

Mayo/Galway border	Lough Carra/Mask Complex SAC
	Lough Corrib SAC
	Lough Corrib SPA
	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC
Mayo/Roscommon border	River Moy SAC
Mayo/Sligo border	River Moy SAC
	Lough Hoe Bog SAC
	Ox Mountains Bogs SAC
	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC
	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA

As County Mayo is bordered by County Galway, County Roscommon and County Sligo, the County Development Plans to be considered are:

- Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021 (Galway CoCo, 2015)
- Roscommon County Development Plan 2014-2020 (Roscommon CoCo, 2014)
- Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023 (Sligo CoCo, 2014)

Actions that may arise as a result of the Galway, Roscommon and Sligo CDPs will be considered at a project level where appropriate, which will ensure that any cumulative or in-combination impacts are addressed. However, due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.2.5 Shellfish Water Action Plans 2019

Under the EU Shellfish Waters Directive, Ireland is obliged to establish measures to protect shellfish waters against pollution and to safeguard certain shellfish populations from various harmful consequences, resulting from the discharge of pollutant substances into the sea.

Shellfish Action Plans will next be reviewed on a priority basis starting in 2021 which is in line with the third River Basin Cycle under the Water Framework Directive. Any proposed works will have to ensure that the water quality of shellfish areas is not impacted. Any works that may arise as a result of these programmed will be designed to ensure that the water quality of shellfish areas is not adversely impacted and may even be designed to enhance water quality, causing positive impacts. Development of infrastructure required for these changes may have localised adverse impacts, however; overall impacts that may arise as a result of the Programmes are likely to be positive in nature. Actions that may arise as a result of the Programmes, must be assessed further at a project level. Due to the high level nature of these Programmes, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of these projects that may occur as a result of these Programmes. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.2.1 Mayo County Groundwater Protection Scheme

The Mayo County Groundwater Protection Scheme (Geological Survey Ireland, 2018) provide guidelines for the planning and licensing authorities in carrying out their functions, and a framework to assist in decision-making on the location, nature and control of developments and activities in order to protect groundwater. County Groundwater Protection Schemes provide a framework to assist in decision-making on the location, nature and control of developments and activities in order to protect groundwater in a given location. Even though measures can improve groundwater, groundwater protection responses may involve hard structures or alterations to hydrology, and could therefore change water levels, quality or quantity, impacting sites and ground water dependent Qualifying Interests. Actions that may arise as a result of the County Groundwater Protection Schemes will be considered at a project level, which will ensure that any cumulative or in-combination impacts are addressed. Due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.2.2 County Mayo Biodiversity Action Plan 2010-2015 / Strategy for the protection, conservation and promotion of Mayo's biodiversity 2020 - 2025

The County Mayo Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) (Mayo CoCo, 2010) aims to raise awareness of and promote the conservation of the natural heritage and biodiversity of the County. The Plan provides a framework for the conservation of biodiversity at a local level and helps ensure that national & international targets for biodiversity conservation can be achieved. A new strategy for the protection, conservation and promotion of Mayo's biodiversity is currently in preparation. This strategy will form part of the new County Mayo Heritage Plan 2020-2025 currently being developed and mirrors the National Biodiversity Action Plan. The County Mayo BAP provides a framework for the conservation of biodiversity at a local level and helps ensure that national and international targets for biodiversity conservation can be achieved, while at same time addressing local priorities. Therefore, overall impacts

will be positive. However, due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.2.3 Mayo Local Economic and Community Plan 2015-2021

The Mayo Local Economic and Community Plan 2015-2021 (Mayo Local Community Development Committee, 2015) identifies economic and local community issues in County Mayo and gives effect to the delivery of economic and community development in a manner that is consistent with higher level plans and strategies including the Regional Planning Guidelines for the West Region 2010-2022 and the Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020. It is possible that any actions that may arise as a result of this Plan be assessed for significance of negative in-combination effects with the Mayo CDP. Development of infrastructure may have localised adverse impacts. However, due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.2.4 Northwest BAU (Business Area Unit) Strategic Plan 2016-2020

The Northwest Business Area Unit Strategic Plan (Coillte, 2016) sets out plans for the forest and non-forest business that will take place in the BAU during the plan period. In practicing sustainable forest management, Coillte's aim is to develop its forests in a way that is environmentally sustainable, socially sustainable and economically sustainable. Measures as a result of this Plan may have localised adverse impacts. Actions that may arise as a result of this Plan will be considered at a project level, which will ensure that any cumulative or in-combination impacts are addressed. However, due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.3 Local Plans and Projects with potential Cumulative and In-Combination Effects

Local Plans and Projects that could have potential cumulative and in-combination effects were identified and are described below.

6.3.1 Invasive Species Action Plans

An Invasive Species Action Plan (ISAP), like Mayo's Management of Invasive Alien Plant Species (IAPS) for Japanese Knotweed (Mayo CoCo, 2016) is a requiry under the National Biodiversity Action Plan to prepare strategies, in consultation with Northern Ireland, to control introduced species and to prevent, or minimise, future (accidental or deliberate)

introduction of alien species, which might threaten biodiversity. The purpose of an ISAP is to outline the work to be done and strategies to be followed for the control of invasive species. ISAPs are directly related to the control management of a species, however, there is potential to indirectly impact on other species as a result of measures that may be put in place. However; overall impacts will likely be positive. However, due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of these Plans. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.3.2 Forthcoming Castlebar, Ballina and Westport Local Area Plans

Mayo County Council intends to prepare a Local Area Plans for the towns in the County which have a population exceeding 5000, these towns are Castlebar, Ballina and Westport. Castlebar and Ballina have been designated as Key Towns in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES), published by the Northern and Western Regional Assembly on 23 January 2020, whilst Westport was also identified as a regional driver. The formal preparation of the Local Area Plans for Castlebar, Ballina and Westport will commence after the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2021-2027 has been published. It is possible that any actions that may arise as a result of Local Areas Plans are assessed for significance of negative in-combination effects with the Mayo CDP. However, due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of these Plans. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.3.3 All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan (NBDC, 2015) is a strategy that works to support the decline of pollinators including Ireland's 98 bee species, one-third of which are threatened with extinction. Mayo County Council signed up as a partner to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan in May 2019 and works to support the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan through working with communities and local authority staff and hosting workshops and talks on the Plan. The AIPP is focused on taking measures in order to protect species and habitats and therefore overall positive impacts are expected. However, due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or mitigation measures required yet in detail.

Therefore, cumulative or in-combination impacts may arise as a result of projects that may occur as a result of this Plan. Any projects that may arise as a result of this plan will have a project level AA which will assess these in detail and provide suitable mitigation measures where appropriate. Mitigation measures that may be required are discussed in Section 9.

6.3.4 Planning Applications

Planning and infrastructure may have localised adverse impacts. Due to the high level nature of this Plan, it is not possible to determine with confidence the likely impacts or

mitigation measures required yet in detail, and therefore actions that may arise as a result of these planning applications will be considered at a project level. This will ensure that any cumulative or in-combination impacts are addressed. Project level assessments will also be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this.

6.3.5 Tourism and Leisure Activities and Associated Threats to Natura 2000 Sites in County Mayo

A key element of the development plan is to promote tourism in County Mayo. We recognise that tourism is of huge importance to the economy of County Mayo, particularly in coastal areas. The Wild Atlantic Way has been a huge boon to coastal areas in the west of Ireland. However, our review of the sites which would be considered within the CDP reveal that many sites are under pressure from increased tourism and recreational activities; particularly sites with the following qualifying interests:

- Shifting dunes along the shoreline with *Ammophila arenaria* ("white dunes") [2130]
- Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation ("grey dunes") [2150]
- Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (*Calluno-Ulicetea*)
- 21A0] Machairs (* in Ireland)
- [1220] Perennial vegetation of stony banks
- [1395] *Petalophyllum ralfsii*
- [1310] *Salicornia* and other annuals colonizing mud and sand
- [8330] Submerged or partly submerged sea caves

Many sites with the above habitats in County Mayo have 'Human recreational activities, Golf links, walkways, increased human presence / walkways and recreational activities' listed as a threat on their Natura 2000 Standard Data forms.

Leisure fishing may also pose a threat to sites with aquatic habitats and species. For example, the River Moy is Ireland's premier Salmon river. Increased recreational fishing may result in increased pressure on this river and could result in detrimental impacts on Atlantic Salmon, one of the qualifying interests of this site.

In order to ensure a balanced, pragmatic approach, we would work closely with the Forward Planning Team and would liaise with other bodies such as Fáilte Ireland and Inland Fisheries Ireland to ensure that increased tourism and recreational activity in County Mayo does not result in significant adverse effects on coastal, terrestrial and freshwater habitats. We also recognise the increasing level of importance being put on community-led approaches to planning and management of resources, through legislation such as the Water Framework Directive. For example, The Maharees Conservation Association in County Kerry has had great success in restoring sand dune ecosystems through a community-led initiative, supported by Kerry County Council, to tackle problems associated with increased tourism and leisure activities. We would therefore also propose to work with Mayo County Council to engage with communities early on in the development of the plan; such an approach may reduce the number of amendments required following the official consultation process.

6.4 Climate Change

There is a requirement in the AA process to consider the effects of climate change on Natura 2000 sites and how this may interact with the impacts and in-combination effects of the plan or project being considered. This can be somewhat challenging, given the uncertainties of climate change projections and the range of habitats that may be affected.

The Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Change Research Programme (CCRP) carries out relevant and up to date studies on climate change in Ireland. Analysis of the meteorological records shows that Ireland's climate is changing in line with global patterns.

The clearest trend is evident in the temperature records which show a mean temperature increase of 0.7°C between 1890 and 2008, i.e. an increase of 0.06°C per decade. The increase was 0.4°C during the period 1980-2008, i.e. equivalent to 0.14°C per decade. Other indicators of climate change in Ireland are 1) six of the ten warmest years in Ireland have occurred since 1990, 2) a reduction in the number of frost days and shortening of frost season length, and 3) an increase in annual rainfall in northern and western areas with decreases or small increases in the south and east.

These changes are reflected in Ireland’s natural environment with an increase in the growing season and with greater number of animals suited to warmer temperatures being evident in Ireland and its surrounding waters.

Climate change impacts are projected to increase in the coming decades and during the rest of this century. Uncertainties remain in relation to the scale and extent of these impacts, particularly during the second half of the century. The greatest uncertainty lies in how effective global actions will be in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Predicted adverse impacts include more intense storms and rainfall events, an increased likelihood and magnitude of river and coastal flooding, adverse impacts on water quality and changes in distribution of plant and animal species.

Mayo County Council has developed a Climate Adaptation Strategy named Climate Ready Mayo (Mayo CoCo, 2019). This Strategy sets out a vision for a County that will be climate ready, a County that understands how climate change will affect communities and businesses, and a County that works together to reduce the risk and avail of the opportunities that climate change will bring.

6.4.1 Climate change and biodiversity

Impacts that may occur to the Natura 2000 network of County Mayo as a result of climate change are discussed extensively in Section 8. However, climate change can also cause cumulative and in-combination impacts.

Impacts that will affect wetlands and water dependant ecosystems as a result of climate change, will be exacerbated by extractions of increasingly larger amounts of water to meet the needs of the population. Bogs, wetlands and groundwater dependant terrestrial ecosystems that are already under pressure from drainage and extraction will suffer as a result of the cumulative and in-combination impacts from the lowering of the water table due to reduced precipitation and extraction of water from the agricultural industry.

Rising sea levels, alongside increase in temperatures on land and in the water, will put cumulative pressure on marine and coastal habitats that are already under pressure from development. An increase in temperatures can lead to the direct impacts that have been discussed previously, but they can also cause the spread of non-native invasive species more suited to warmer temperatures. The impact of the spread of these species can cause cumulative impacts upon the integrity of the Natura 2000 network through loss and degradation of habitats present as well as loss of species such as those caused by the spread of the crayfish plague.

Mitigation measures are required to mitigate against the potential cumulative and in-combination impacts of climate change on the integrity of the Natura 2000 network in and around County Mayo. These are in Section 9.

6.5 Cumulative and in-combination impacts

Cumulative and in-combination impacts are assessed and listed in Appendix D. 017 in vicinity of proposed site.

6.6 Summary

Cumulative impacts have been assessed (see Appendix D). There may be an increase in pressures upon designated features as a result of actions that will take place in the implementation of these plans, any potential impacts must be determined through AA screening at a project level. Project level assessment will ensure that cumulative impacts are addressed and therefore, no negative effects were determined to result from cumulative or in-combination impacts, between this River Basins Plan and the plans and policies assessed.

Given the presence of pathways and the potential impacts posed by the proposed Plan on the Natura 2000 sites (Table 7-2), it is concluded that it is not possible to screen out likely significant effects on these Natura 2000 sites.

7 Appropriate Assessment Screening

7.1 Introduction

Assessment of the potential impacts of Mayo County Development Plans aims, objectives, strategies and policies within the Plan as described, are required under regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011).

This section aims to identify whether the proposed Plans aims, objectives, strategies and policies are likely to have a significant effect, either alone, or in-combination with other projects and plans, on the Natura 2000 sites within the zone of influence.

The 'screening' process addresses and records the reasoning and conclusions in relation to the first two tests of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive:

- Is the plan or programme directly connected to or necessary for the management of the site; and
- Will the plan or programme, alone or in-combination with other plans and projects, have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 site in view of its conservation objectives.

If the effects are deemed to be significant, potentially significant or uncertain, then the plan or programme that is under assessment is subject to a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, reported in the form of a Natura Impact Report.

The aims, objectives, strategies and policies of Mayo County Development Plan are not directly connected to the management of any Natura 2000 sites, however, they could have potential to cause significant effects on Natura 2000 sites.

7.2 Screening methodology

In accordance with DEHLG guidance, the key to determining if an Appropriate Assessment is required for a Plan, is in the assessment of whether the plan and its policies and objectives are likely to have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 site.

For this process, the screening of this plan has been broken down into 4 steps.

1. Description of the programme (Section 2);
2. Screening of Natura 2000 sites within the various zones of influence of the plan dependent on the presence of potential pathways and nature of the qualifying interests (Appendix B).
3. Assessing the measures to identify potential impacts. Determining the significance of these potential impacts and the requirement for follow up assessments. This is presented in Appendix A.
4. Screening Statement with conclusions. This is presented in Section 7.5.

7.3 Study Area

The following section describes the screening methods used at various scales to ensure inclusion of all Natura 2000 sites that may be potentially impacted by all objectives and measures of the Plan.

Identification of Relevant Natura 2000 sites

The relevant Natura 2000 sites were identified dependent on several factors. This included those within the River Basin, those within 15km of the River Basin and those connected hydrologically either through groundwater or surface water pathways as defined by the WFD and EPA. Natura 2000 sites containing Freshwater Pearl Mussel (FWPM) *Margaritifera margaritifera* or *Margaritifera durrovensis* within 35km were included, as were Natura 2000 sites that contained Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems (GWDTes) that were

hydrologically connected. Consultation was carried out with EPA staff in relation to the method for screenings of GWDTEs.

Data for this process was obtained from the WFD and NPWS website and JBA derived data, then visualised and assessed using QGIS and Microsoft Excel. Further details of the relevant Natura 2000 sites within the likely zones of influence of the Plan are presented in tables in Section 7.4.

The zones of impact of consideration for potential impacts on Natura 2000 sites are discussed here:

County scale

Natura 2000 sites that are within the County, and therefore within the area of the Plan, are at risk of direct and indirect impacts as a result of the objectives and measures of the Plan.

15km Scale

A buffer area of 15km was used for selection of Natura 2000 sites, based on DEHLG Guidance (DEHLG, 2010), which is the distance considered appropriate for Plans. This 15km buffer also addresses the potential land and air pathways, as the distances defined in Ryan Hanley (2014) for land and air pathways, are well accommodated within 15km. This distance was evaluated on a case by case basis, dependent on the nature of the Qualifying Interests present. The method used in this current assessment is a slight variation on the method of Ryan Hanley (2014), as it uses more up to date information regarding potential pathways present in a catchment. The Ryan Hanley method, if it were used, would remove Natura 2000 sites with no surface water connectivity to a County, but which are situated within the catchment of a county and this may result in the exclusion of a Natura 2000 sites that may be potentially impacted by land and air pathways. Therefore, the use of the County and 15km buffer will, by default, include Natura 2000 sites potentially impacted by all relevant pathways.

Hydrologically connected

Hydrological connections between the River Basin and Natura 2000 sites were identified through the use of WFD defined active aquifers and EPA defined river network. These connections can increase or reduce the number of Natura 2000 sites at risk from potential impacts as a result of the objectives and measures of the Plan.

Groundwater pathways with the potential to transport impact to GWDTE of Natura 2000 sites, are defined by the use of active groundwater bodies shapefiles from the EPA Envision Maps, 2020. This method is based upon the WFD risk assessments and WFD GWDTE maps. According to the WFD assessment guidance, the impact of pollutants or nutrients within the zone of influence varies according to a number of factors including aquifer vulnerability.

Freshwater Pearl Mussel (FWMP) and Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems (GWDTE)

In order to take into account Freshwater Pearl Mussel (*Margaritifera margaritifera* and/or *Margaritifera durrovensis*) populations, all Natura 2000 sites within 35km of the River Basin (adapted from Ryan Hanley (2014)) were selected to include for Natura 2000 sites containing Freshwater Pearl Mussel populations. In relation to Freshwater Pearl Mussel, Natura 2000 sites that have FWPM as a qualifying interest were assessed and then on a case by case basis, the location of possible FWPM populations were examined.

Natura 2000 sites located outside of the River Basin's surface water and groundwater catchments were screened out on the basis that there would be no impact on Natura 2000 sites outside of the catchment. Those sites within River Basin then proceeded to a more detailed review by an ecologist in JBA and were either screened in or out on the basis of the following criteria:

Distance from the River Basin at various levels based upon an adapted methodology from Ryan Hanley (2014b) including the WFD surface, 15km buffer and groundwater catchments and the 35km downstream buffer for FWPM;

- Hydrological connectivity to River Basin;
- Qualifying interests and special conservation interests for which the site was selected and their sensitivities e.g. GWDTEs; and
- The conservation objectives for those sites.

7.4 Findings of the Screening Process

138 Natura 2000 sites were screened for potential impacts as they were determined to be within at least one of the previously described zones of influence (Section 7.3). 73 Natura 2000 sites are within County Mayo. These 73 Natura 2000 sites will require further assessment for potential impacts.

Of the 63 Natura 2000 sites outside County Mayo, 32 sites are within 15 km and are hydrologically connected. These 32 sites can be included with the original 73 sites that require further assessment for potential impacts totalling 105 Natura 2000 sites requiring further assessment. Another 2 Natura 2000 sites are within 15km but are not hydrologically connected, these 2 sites will not need to be considered further due to lack of pathway for transporting impacts.

Of the remaining 31 sites, 8 sites are connected only through Groundwater pathways but are greater than 15km away from the County. Ten sites are only connected through surface water pathways but are greater than 15km from the County and do not have Freshwater Pearl Mussel as a Qualifying Interest, therefore, do not require further assessment in keeping with the methodology as outlined in Section 1.4 and Section 2.5.1. Eight sites are connected via surface water and groundwater pathways but are greater than 15km from the County and so effects of dilution can be considered. Of the original 16 sites located greater than 15km from the County and are connected through groundwater pathways to the County, 15 have Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems. However, as they are beyond 15km they are unlikely to be adversely impacted by the project. The remaining four sites are not hydrologically connected to the County, therefore, do not require further assessment.

Of the 105 screened in Natura 2000 sites, Lough Corrib SAC, Mweelrea/Sheffry/Erriff Complex SAC and Newport River SAC have Freshwater Pearl Mussel as a Qualifying Interest and are located inside of the County so these have already been considered in the overall figure of 105 Natura 2000 sites. The Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex SAC has Freshwater Pearl Mussel as a Qualifying Interest but is located outside of the County. This SAC is not connected via surface water to the County but is connected by groundwater pathway.

In conclusion, a total of 105 Natura 2000 sites are within, or hydrologically connected to the County, may be impacted by measures implemented within the County and so may require further assessment depending on the nature of the potential impacts, as determined in Section 8 and Appendix A. As discussed in Section 5.3, as part of Chapter 12 of the Mayo CDP, settlement plans have been developed for a number of settlements. Works carried out as a result of Mayo CPD may result in impacts to Natura 2000 sites. For example, as a result of works associated with the Mayo CPD in Balla may result in impacts to Balla Turlough SAC via groundwater pathways due to the close vicinity of the Natura site to the settlement. Works associated with the settlement plan for Charlestown may result in impacts to the River Moy SAC which runs through the town via surface water pathways. Additionally, Natura 2000 sites may be impacted via land and air pathways as a result of the proposed settlement plants, for example the settlement plan for Newport may result in impacts to the Newport River SAC via land and air pathways due to the close vicinity of the Natura 2000 site. The 105 Natura 2000 sites, including the Natura 2000 sites potentially impacted

by proposed settlement plans, requiring further assessment are presented in Table 7-2 and their conservation objectives are listed in Appendix C.

Table 7-1: Natura 2000 sites screened and screening criteria

Site code	Natura 2000 sites listed	Within County	Distance (km)	FWPM	GWDTE	GW connected	SW connected
002268	Achill Head SAC	x			x	x	x
001626	Annaghmore Lough (Roscommon) SAC		35		x	x	
000461	Ardkill Turlough SAC	x			x	x	x
004133	Aughris Head SPA		19			x	x
001228	Aughrusbeg Machair And Lake SAC		19		x	x	x
000463	Balla Turlough SAC	x			x	x	x
002081	Ballinafad SAC	x				x	
000474	Ballymaglancy Cave, Cong SAC	x				x	
000622	Ballysadare Bay SAC		22		x	x	x
004129	Ballysadare Bay SPA		22		x	x	x
002118	Barnahallia Lough SAC		19		x	x	
001922	Bellacorick Bog Complex SAC	x			x	x	x
000466	Bellacorick Iron Flush SAC	x				x	x
002005	Bellacragher Saltmarsh SAC	x				x	x
000592	Bellanagare Bog SAC		13		x		x
004105	Bellanagare Bog SPA		12				x
004177	Bills Rocks SPA	x					x
004037	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA	x			x	x	x
000471	Brackloon Woods SAC	x				x	
001656	Bricklieve Mountains and Keishcorran SAC		11		x	x	x
000472	Broadhaven Bay SAC	x			x	x	x
000595	Callow Bog SAC		6		x	x	x
002347	Camderry Bog SAC		23		x		x
000597	Carrowbehy/Caher Bog SAC		1			x	x
000475	Carrowkeel Turlough SAC	x			x	x	x
000476	Carrowmore Lake Complex SAC	x			x	x	x
004052	Carrowmore Lake SPA	x				x	x
001242	Carrowmagappul Bog SAC		26		x		x
002243	Clare Island Cliffs SAC	x				x	
004136	Clare Island SPA	x				x	x
001482	Clew Bay Complex SAC	x			x	x	x
001899	Cloonakillina Lough SAC	x			x	x	x

Site code	Natura 2000 sites listed	Within County	Distance (km)	FWPM	GWDTE	GW connected	SW connected
000600	Cloonchambers Bog SAC		5		x	x	x
000614	Cloonshanville Bog SAC		15		x		x
000479	Cloughmoyne SAC	x				x	
000480	Clyard Kettle-Holes SAC	x			x	x	x
002034	Connemara Bog Complex SAC		15		x	x	
004181	Connemara Bog Complex SPA		15			x	
000218	Coolcam Turlough SAC		6		x		x
002110	Corliskea/Trien/Cloonfelliv Bog SAC		10		x	x	x
000485	Corraun Plateau SAC	x				x	
001251	Cregduff Lough SAC		26		x		
001955	Croaghaun/Slievemore SAC	x				x	x
000255	Croaghill Turlough SAC		7		x		x
000484	Cross Lough (Killadoon) SAC	x				x	x
004212	Cross Lough (Killadoon) SPA	x				x	x
004170	Cruagh Island SPA		23				x
000627	Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay) SAC		27				x
002350	Curraglehanagh Bog SAC		26		x		
000604	Derrinea Bog SAC		0.3		x	x	x
002197	Derrinlough (Cloonkeenleananode) Bog SAC		20		x	x	
001257	Dog's Bay SAC		27				x
000492	Doocastle Turlough SAC	x			x	x	x
004235	Doogort Machair SPA	x				x	x
001497	Doogort Machair/Lough Doo SAC	x				x	x
002338	Drumalough Bog SAC		4		x	x	x
000495	Duvillaun Islands SAC	x				x	x
004111	Duvillaun Islands SPA	x				x	x
001501	Erris Head SAC	x				x	
000607	Errit Lough SAC		0.5		x	x	x
000497	Flughany Bog SAC	x			x	x	x
000268	Galway Bay Complex SAC		23		x		x
000500	Glenamoy Bog Complex SAC	x			x		x
000503	Greaghans Turlough SAC	x			x	x	x
004144	High Island, Inishshark and Davillaun SPA		13				x

Site code	Natura 2000 sites listed	Within County	Distance (km)	FWPM	GWDTE	GW connected	SW connected
004074	Illanmaster SPA	x				x	x
004221	Illaunnaon SPA		11			x	
000278	Inishbofin And Inishshark SAC		7				x
004231	Inishbofin, Omev Island and Turbot Island SPA		7				
004084	Inishglora and Inishkeeragh SPA	x				x	x
000507	Inishkea Islands SAC	x				x	x
004004	Inishkea Islands SPA	x				x	x
004031	Inner Galway Bay SPA		24		x	x	x
001513	Keel Machair/Menaun Cliffs SAC	x				x	x
002320	Kildun Souterrain SAC	x				x	
000504	Kilglassan/Caheravoostia Turlough Complex SAC	x			x	x	x
002111	Kilkieran Bay And Islands SAC		22		x		
000458	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC	x			x	x	x
004036	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA	x			x	x	x
000285	Kilsallagh Bog SAC		14		x		x
002265	Kingstown Bay SAC		20		x	x	x
001669	Knockalongy and Knockachree Cliffs SAC		14			x	
000516	Lackan Saltmarsh and Kilcummin Head SAC	x				x	x
000295	Levally Lough SAC		17		x	x	
000296	Lisnageeragh Bog and Ballinastack Turlough SAC		15		x		x
001673	Lough Arrow SAC		16		x	x	x
004050	Lough Arrow SPA		16		x	x	x
001529	Lough Cahasy, Lough Baun And Roonah Lough SAC	x			x	x	x
004051	Lough Carra SPA	x				x	x
001774	Lough Carra/Mask Complex SAC	x			x	x	x
004228	Lough Conn and Lough Cullin SPA	x			x	x	x
000297	Lough Corrib SAC	x		x	x	x	x
004042	Lough Corrib SPA	x			x	x	x
002177	Lough Dahybaun SAC	x			x	x	x
000522	Lough Gall Bog SAC	x			x	x	x
004048	Lough Gara SPA		6			x	x
000633	Lough Hoe Bog SAC	x			x	x	x

Site code	Natura 2000 sites listed	Within County	Distance (km)	FWPM	GWDE	GW connected	SW connected
000301	Lough Lurgreen Bog/Glenamaddy Turlough SAC		16		x		x
004062	Lough Mask SPA	x			x	x	x
000634	Lough Nabrickkeagh Bog SAC		2		x	x	x
002008	Maumturk Mountains SAC		0.4		x	x	
001536	Mocorha Lough SAC	x			x	x	x
002352	Monivea Bog SAC		31		x	x	
000527	Moore Hall (Lough Carra) SAC	x				x	x
004227	Mullet Peninsula SPA	x				x	x
000470	Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC	x			x	x	x
000612	Mullygollan Turlough SAC		31		x	x	
002129	Murvey Machair SAC		28				x
001932	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC	x		x	x	x	x
002144	Newport River SAC	x		x		x	x
000532	Oldhead Wood SAC	x				x	
001309	Omey Island Machair SAC		28		x	x	
000534	Owenduff/Nepin Complex SAC	x			x	x	x
004098	Owenduff/Nepin Complex SPA	x				x	x
002006	Ox Mountains Bogs SAC	x			x	x	x
002298	River Moy SAC	x			x	x	x
001976	Rosroe Bog SAC		17		x		
001312	Ross Lake And Woods SAC		10		x		
001311	Rusheenduff Lough SAC		8		x	x	
000326	Shankill West Bog SAC		26		x		x
000525	Shrule Turlough SAC	x			x	x	x
000541	Skealaghan Turlough SAC	x			x	x	x
000542	Slieve Fyagh Bog SAC	x			x	x	x
000328	Slyne Head Islands SAC		27				x
002074	Slyne Head Peninsula SAC		23		x	x	
004072	Stags of Broad Haven SPA	x				x	x
000636	Templehouse And Cloonacleigha Loughs SAC		5		x	x	x
004093	Termoncarragh Lake and Annagh Machair SPA	x			x	x	x

Site code	Natura 2000 sites listed	Within County	Distance (km)	FWPM	GWDE	GW connected	SW connected
002031	The Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex SAC		0.8	x	x	x	
002179	Towerhill House SAC	x				x	
002354	Tullaghanrock Bog SAC		6		x	x	x
002130	Tully Lough SAC		9		x	x	
000637	Turloughmore (Sligo) SAC		4		x	x	x
000638	Union Wood SAC		20			x	
001898	Unshin River SAC		14		x	x	x
001571	Urlaur Lakes SAC	x			x	x	x
002998	West Connacht Coast SAC	x					x
002296	Williamstown Turloughs SAC		7		x	x	x

Table 7-2: Natura 2000 sites requiring further assessment

Site Code	Site Name	Requirement for Appropriate Assessment
002268	Achill Head SAC	Required
000461	Ardkill Turlough SAC	Required
000463	Balla Turlough SAC	Required
002081	Ballinafad SAC	Required
000474	Ballymaglancy Cave, Cong SAC	Required
001922	Bellacorick Bog Complex SAC	Required
000466	Bellacorick Iron Flush SAC	Required
002005	Bellacragher Saltmarsh SAC	Required
004177	Bills Rocks SPA	Required
004037	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA	Required
000471	Brackloon Woods SAC	Required
000472	Broadhaven Bay SAC	Required
000475	Carrowkeel Turlough SAC	Required
000476	Carrowmore Lake Complex SAC	Required
004052	Carrowmore Lake SPA	Required
002243	Clare Island Cliffs SAC	Required
004136	Clare Island SPA	Required
001482	Clew Bay Complex SAC	Required
001899	Cloonakillina Lough SAC	Required
000479	Cloughmoyne SAC	Required
000480	Clyard Kettle-Holes SAC	Required
000485	Corraun Plateau SAC	Required

Site Code	Site Name	Requirement for Appropriate Assessment
001955	Croaghaun/Slievemore SAC	Required
000484	Cross Lough (Killadoon) SAC	Required
004212	Cross Lough (Killadoon) SPA	Required
000492	Doocastle Turlough SAC	Required
004235	Doogort Machair SPA	Required
001497	Doogort Machair/Lough Doo SAC	Required
000495	Duvillaun Islands SAC	Required
004111	Duvillaun Islands SPA	Required
001501	Erris Head SAC	Required
000497	Flughany Bog SAC	Required
000500	Glenamoy Bog Complex SAC	Required
000503	Greaghans Turlough SAC	Required
004074	Illanmaster SPA	Required
004084	Inishglora and Inishkeeragh SPA	Required
000507	Inishkea Islands SAC	Required
004004	Inishkea Islands SPA	Required
001513	Keel Machair/Menaun Cliffs SAC	Required
002320	Kildun Souterrain SAC	Required
000504	Kilglassan/Caheravoostia Turlough Complex SAC	Required
000458	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC	Required
004036	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA	Required
000516	Lackan Saltmarsh and Kilcummin Head SAC	Required
001529	Lough Cahasy, Lough Baun And Roonah Lough SAC	Required
004051	Lough Carra SPA	Required
001774	Lough Carra/Mask Complex SAC	Required
004228	Lough Conn and Lough Cullin SPA	Required
000297	Lough Corrib SAC	Required
004042	Lough Corrib SPA	Required
002177	Lough Dahybaun SAC	Required
000522	Lough Gall Bog SAC	Required
000633	Lough Hoe Bog SAC	Required
004062	Lough Mask SPA	Required
001536	Mocorha Lough SAC	Required
000527	Moore Hall (Lough Carra) SAC	Required
004227	Mullet Peninsula SPA	Required
000470	Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC	Required
001932	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC	Required
002144	Newport River SAC	Required

Site Code	Site Name	Requirement for Appropriate Assessment
000532	Oldhead Wood SAC	Required
000534	Owenduff/Nephin Complex SAC	Required
004098	Owenduff/Nephin Complex SPA	Required
002006	Ox Mountains Bogs SAC	Required
002298	River Moy SAC	Required
000525	Shrule Turlough SAC	Required
000541	Skealaghan Turlough SAC	Required
000542	Slieve Fyagh Bog SAC	Required
004072	Stags of Broad Haven SPA	Required
004093	Termoncarragh Lake and Annagh Machair SPA	Required
002179	Towerhill House SAC	Required
001571	Urlaur Lakes SAC	Required
002998	West Connacht Coast SAC	Required
000614	Cloonshanville Bog SAC	Required
002034	Connemara Bog Complex SAC	Required
004181	Connemara Bog Complex SPA	Required
000296	Lisnageeragh Bog and Ballinastack Turlough SAC	Required
000285	Kilsallagh Bog SAC	Required
001669	Knockalongy and Knockachree Cliffs SAC	Required
001898	Unshin River SAC	Required
000592	Bellanagare Bog SAC	Required
004144	High Island, Inishshark and Davillaun SPA	Required
004105	Bellanagare Bog SPA	Required
001656	Bricklieve Mountains and Keishcorran SAC	Required
004221	Illaunnaon SPA	Required
002110	Corliskea/Trien/Cloonfolliv Bog SAC	Required
002130	Tully Lough SAC	Required
001311	Rusheenduff Lough SAC	Required
000255	Croaghill Turlough SAC	Required
000278	Inishbofin And Inishshark SAC	Required
002296	Williamstown Turloughs SAC	Required
000595	Callow Bog SAC	Required
000218	Coolcam Turlough SAC	Required
004048	Lough Gara SPA	Required
002354	Tullaghanrock Bog SAC	Required
000600	Cloonchambers Bog SAC	Required
000636	Templehouse And Cloonacleigha Loughs SAC	Required
002338	Drumalough Bog SAC	Required

Site Code	Site Name	Requirement for Appropriate Assessment
000637	Turloughmore (Sligo) SAC	Required
000634	Lough Nabrickkeagh Bog SAC	Required
000597	Carrowbehy/Caher Bog SAC	Required
002031	The Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex SAC	Required
000607	Errit Lough SAC	Required
002008	Maumturk Mountains SAC	Required
000604	Derrinea Bog SAC	Required

7.4.1 Qualifying Interests

The Qualifying interests for the Natura 2000 sites that were screened in are provided in Appendix B. Designated habitat types and species within the screened in SACs and SPAs have potential to be affected by the implementation of the proposed Plan.

7.4.2 Conservation Objectives

The overall aim of the Habitats Directive is to maintain or restore the favourable conservation status of habitats and species of community interest. The maintenance of habitats and species within Natura 2000 sites at favourable conservation condition will contribute to the overall maintenance of favourable conservation status of those habitats and species at a national level.

Conservation objectives for SACs and SPAs (i.e. sites within the Natura 2000 network) are required for the habitats and species for which the sites are selected. Detailed site-specific conservation objectives have been provided for the majority of SACs and SPAs, which can be found within the Conservation Objectives document for each site on the NPWS website and Appendix C. Generic conservation objectives have been compiled for the remaining SAC and SPAs.

The overall aim of conservation objectives is for the maintenance or restoration of the favourable conservation conditions of the Annex I habitats and/or the Annex II species for which a SAC has been selected, under which the site-specific objectives contain more detailed attributes, measures and targets.

Favourable conservation status of a habitat is achieved when:

- its natural range, and area it covers within that range, are stable or increasing, and
- the specific structure and functions which are necessary for its long-term maintenance exist and are likely to continue to exist for the foreseeable future, and
- the conservation status of its typical species is favourable.

The favourable conservation status of a species is achieved when:

- population dynamics data on the species concerned indicate that it is maintaining itself on a long-term basis as a viable component of its natural habitats, and
- the natural range of the species is neither being reduced nor is likely to be reduced for the foreseeable future, and
- there is, and will probably continue to be, a sufficiently large habitat to maintain its populations on a long-term basis.

The conservation objectives for SPAs are also to maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for SPAs, which are defined by the following list of attributes and targets;

- Population trend; Measure of percentage change and whether the long-term population trend stable or increasing.
- Distribution: Number, range, timing and intensity of use of areas. There is to be no significant decrease in the range, timing or intensity of use of areas by golden plover, other than that occurring from natural patterns of variation.

The conservation objective for non-breeding birds Special Conservation Interests for SPAs are as follows;

- To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the non-breeding water bird Special Conservation Interest species listed for a SPA.
- To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the wetland habitat for a SPA as a resource for the regularly occurring migratory water birds that utilise it.

The conservation objectives were considered when carrying out the AA screening process for the Mayo CDP that may potentially impact on Natura 2000 sites.

7.4.3 Cumulative Impact

Given the specificity of the relevant plans and project developments in Section 6 (see Appendix D), to the County, their connectivity in terms of surface water, groundwater and land & air pathways to the Natura 2000 sites is likely to be similar to the proposed site. With this in consideration, it can be stated that cumulative impacts are anticipated.

7.5 Summary

As outlined in Section 5 and Section 8, a number of objectives, aims, policies and strategies of the Plan are deemed to have a likely significant effect on Natura 2000 sites. Given that the implementation extent of these measures at Plan level is throughout the County and River Basins, those Natura 2000 sites listed in Table 7-2 could potentially be impacted as a result.

The proposed Plan is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of Natura 2000 sites. It is, accordingly, necessary for the competent authority to assess whether the proposed Plan, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have significant effects on any Natura 2000 site.

Cumulative impacts have been assessed. There may be an increase in ecological and environmental pressures upon designated features as a result of actions that will take place in the implementation of these plans, however, any potential impacts must be determined through AA screening at a project level. Project level assessment will ensure that cumulative impacts are addressed and therefore, no negative effects were determined to result from cumulative or in-combination impacts, because of the plans and policies assessed.

Given the presence of pathways and the potential impacts posed by the proposed Plan on the 105 Natura 2000 sites (Table 7-2), it is concluded by the authors of this report that it is not possible to rule out (screen out) likely significant effects on these Natura 2000 sites. Therefore, it is recommended by the authors of this report that the proposed Plan should be brought forward to the second stage of the Appropriate Assessment process. The resulting Natura Impact Statement follows.

8 Natura Impact Report

This Natura Impact Report (NIR) aims to determine whether the proposed Plan would result in significant adverse impacts on the integrity of any Natura 2000 site with respect to the site’s structure, function, and/ or conservation objectives as defined in Appendix C. It also aims to provide supporting information for the competent authority to carry out an Appropriate Assessment of the proposed Plan.

Mayo County Development Plan is a high-level plan, which provides objectives, aims, strategies and policies for progression within Mayo. In general, this proposed Plan does not detail specifics of any potential projects that may be implemented that could cause significant effects on Natura 2000 sites although some specific locations are highlighted, and some specific projects are supported or guided as a result of the Plan. The sources of potential impacts are discussed in Section 3 and potential impacts are in Section 5. Thus, the potential significant effects from potential impacts as identified in Section 5 are discussed below in Section 8.1, in terms of the general measures being implemented throughout the County.

Overall, the Plan lays out a framework for development, promoting and guiding residential, commercial, recreational and infrastructural development within the County. There is likely to be direct and in-direct impacts upon the overall integrity of the Natura 2000 sites that have been screened in as in Table 7-2. The potential impacts identified in Section 3 are in general, related to the pressure that development places on nature and the environment.

Potential impacts that may arise are outlined below and discussed in further detail to determine significance based on their impact upon the overall integrity of the relevant Natura 2000 sites and their conservation objectives. Their conservation objectives are in Appendix C.

8.1 Potential significant effects

As outlined in Section 5, the potential impacts that could occur through the implementation of the Plan are;

- Loss/ reduction of habitat area
- Disturbance to key species
- Habitat or species population fragmentation
- Reduction in species density
- Changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity.

8.1.1 Loss or reduction of habitat area

Direct habitat loss is caused where there is complete removal of a habitat type. Loss of habitat can also occur through the deterioration of habitat quality and therefore a loss of the function of that habitat. This can be due to factors such as land take requirements, physical alterations and introduction of invasive species non-native as a result of development or works necessary to promote sustainable or any type of development. The outcomes of the objectives, aims, strategies and policies of the Plan, such as development leading to population increase, reduction in vacancy of existing buildings and the support of the growth of towns and villages could potentially cause these impacts.

There is potential that the Natura 2000 sites screened into this assessment may be adversely affected in this manner through the implementation of the proposed Plan.

Indirect habitat loss may also occur through disruption of hydrological links to a designated site that supports surface or ground water dependent habitats such as peatland and wetland habitats e.g. implementation of SuDs and diversion of water flows that may occur due to

new housing or retail development. The objectives of the proposed Plan, such as BAO1 which could result in the disruption of hydrological links in the settlement of Balla which could negatively impact the Qualifying Feature (Turloughs [3180]) of the nearby Balla Turlough SAC. The disruption of this hydrological link may result in a reduction of the water table directly impacting the site.

The implementation of environmental mitigation measures throughout County wide development and growth, although primarily beneficial in the provision of refuges for species and the protection and restoration of habitats including bog and wetland habitats, may result in changes of land use within the County. If measures are inappropriately implemented, habitat loss or degradation of habitat quality may occur. For example, the inappropriate implementation of measures may result in a reduction of water quality negatively impacting Qualifying Interests which rely on good water quality such as Freshwater Pearl Mussels in the Newport River SAC. A decline in water quality may also result in a decline in Salmonid abundance and therefore disrupting the life cycle of Freshwater Pearl Mussels.

As the objectives of the proposed Plan are set at a high level, loss or reduction of habitat area of the Natura 2000 sites screened into this assessment cannot be ruled out at this stage. Therefore, the significance of potential habitat loss will be assessed at project level and will be dependent on the final locations and detailed design of the proposed objectives.

Mitigation measures are detailed in Section 9 to ensure the potential for habitat loss will not adversely affect the integrity of a Natura 2000 site due to the implementation of the proposed Plan.

8.1.2 Disturbance to key species

Key species are those species listed within the annexes of the Habitats Directive for which Natura sites are designated. Disturbance to species supported by a Natura 2000 site may result due to physical disturbance of a habitat that may result in direct mortalities or displacement of the species. Sources of disturbance may also take the form of increased noise, visual presence of people, vibration and increased illumination of areas through increased or expanded development without mitigation measures in place. Increased disturbance levels within the sensitivity threshold of a species may cause the displacement or flight of a species from their respective habitat.

In relation to the proposed Plan, activities that may potentially disturb key species are those that will result in physical disturbance due to works being carried out, such as the implementation of the policies and/or objectives of the plan including increased tourism, population growth or development in general. These objectives may pose sources of disturbance during construction of works and their operation. The works may also cause disturbance to the resting and/ or breeding places and foraging areas of these key species.

The objectives of the proposed Plan have the potential to cause disturbance impacts to key species of the Natura sites screened into this assessment. As these objectives are set at a high level and the location has not been determined, the significance of disturbance to key species will be assessed at project level and will be dependent on the final locations and detailed design of the proposed objectives. As an example, objective FDO 2, exploring the creation of a new river walk, could cause disturbance to Otters, a Qualifying Interest of the River Moy SAC, may be disrupted due to increased noise, vibration and illumination if objectives are implemented in the settlement of Foxford.

Of the SACs and SPAs (Natura 2000 sites) screened into the assessment, the species that could be potentially be disturbed as a result of the Plan are listed below in Table 8-1.

Mitigation measures are detailed in Section 9 to ensure that disturbance to key species will not adversely affect the integrity of a Natura 2000 site due to the implementation of the proposed Plan.

Table 8-1: Key species of the Screened-In Natura 2000 sites

Species	Natura 2000 site
Arctic Tern	High Island, Inishshark and Davillaun SPA
	Inishglora and Inishkeeragh SPA
	Inishkea Islands SPA
	Lough Corrib SPA
Barnacle Goose	High Island, Inishshark and Davillaun SPA
	Termoncarragh Lake and Annagh Machair SPA
	Duvillaun Islands SPA
	Inishglora and Inishkeeragh SPA
	Inishkea Islands SPA
Bar-tailed Godwit	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA
	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA
Brook Lamprey	River Moy SAC
	Lough Corrib SAC
Chough	Termoncarragh Lake and Annagh Machair SPA
	Clare Island SPA
Common Gull	Connemara Bog Complex SPA
	Clare Island SPA
	Inishkea Islands SPA
	Lough Carra SPA
	Lough Conn and Lough Cullin SPA
	Lough Corrib SPA

Species	Natura 2000 site
	Lough Mask SPA
Cormorant	Connemara Bog Complex SPA
	Inishglora and Inishkeeragh SPA
Dunlin	Termoncarragh Lake and Annagh Machair SPA
	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA
	Doogort Machair SPA
	Inishkea Islands SPA
	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA
Fulmar	High Island, Inishshark and Davillaun SPA
	Clare Island SPA
	Duvillaun Islands SPA
Geyer's whorl snail	Ox Mountains Bogs SAC
	Bellacorick Bog Complex SAC
	Clew Bay Complex SAC
	Lough Hoe Bog SAC
	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC
Golden Plover	Connemara Bog Complex SPA
	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA
	Owenduff/Nephin Complex SPA
	Lough Corrib SPA
Greenland white-	Lough Gara SPA
	Termoncarragh Lake and Annagh Machair SPA

Species	Natura 2000 site
fronted Goose	Lough Conn and Lough Cullin SPA
	Lough Corrib SPA
	Lough Mask SPA
Grey Plover	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA
Harbour Seal	Clew Bay Complex SAC
	Inishkea Islands SAC
	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC
Herring Gull	Inishglora and Inishkeeragh SPA
	Inishkea Islands SPA
Killarney Fern	Knockalongy and Knockachree Cliffs SAC
Leach's Storm-petrel	Stags of Broad Haven SPA
Light-bellied Brent Goose	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA
Marsh Fritillary	Connemara Bog Complex SAC
	Bricklieve Mountains and Keishcorran SAC
Marsh Saxifrage	Owenduff/Nephin Complex SAC
	Ox Mountains Bogs SAC
	Bellacorick Bog Complex SAC
	Bellacorick Iron Flush SAC
	Carrowmore Lake Complex SAC

Species	Natura 2000 site
	Glenamoy Bog Complex SAC
Merlin	Connemara Bog Complex SPA
	Owenduff/Nephin Complex SPA
Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC
	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC
Otter	Connemara Bog Complex SAC
	Owenduff/Nephin Complex SAC
	Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC
	River Moy SAC
	Clew Bay Complex SAC
	Lough Carra/Mask Complex SAC
	Lough Corrib SAC
	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC
	Unshin River SAC
	The Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex SAC
Petalwort	Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC
	Doogort Machair/Lough Doo SAC
	Glenamoy Bog Complex SAC
	Inishkea Islands SAC
	Keel Machair/Menaun Cliffs SAC
	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC
Redshank	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA

Species	Natura 2000 site
Salmon	Connemara Bog Complex SAC
	Owenduff/Nephin Complex SAC
	Newport River SAC
	River Moy SAC
	Glenamoy Bog Complex SAC
	Lough Corrib SAC
	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC
	Unshin River SAC
	The Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex SAC
	Maumturk Mountains SAC
Sanderling	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA
	Inishkea Islands SPA
	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA
Sandwich Tern	Illaunnaon SPA
	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA
	Carrowmore Lake SPA
	Cross Lough (Killadoon) SPA
Sea Lamprey	River Moy SAC
	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC
	Lough Corrib SAC
Shag	Clare Island SPA
	Inishglora and Inishkeeragh SPA

Species	Natura 2000 site
	Inishkea Islands SPA
Slender Green Feather-moss	Owenduff/Nephin Complex SAC
	Carrowmore Lake Complex SAC
	Glenamoy Bog Complex SAC
	Lough Carra/Mask Complex SAC
	Lough Corrib SAC
Slender naiad	Connemara Bog Complex SAC
	Lough Corrib SAC
	Lough Dahybaun SAC
	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC
	Tully Lough SAC
	Rusheenduff Lough SAC
	The Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex SAC
	Maumturk Mountains SAC
Storm Petrel	Stags of Broad Haven SPA
	Bills Rocks SPA
	Duvillaun Islands SPA
	Illanmaster SPA
	Inishglora and Inishkeeragh SPA
Tufted Duck	Lough Conn and Lough Cullin SPA
	Lough Corrib SPA
	Lough Mask SPA

Species	Natura 2000 site
White-clawed Crayfish	River Moy SAC
	Lough Corrib SAC
	Lough Hoe Bog SAC
	Bricklieve Mountains and Keishcorran SAC
Whooper Swan	Lough Gara SPA
	Bellanagare Bog SPA
	Termoncarragh Lake and Annagh Machair SPA
Corncrake	Termoncarragh Lake and Annagh Machair SPA
	Mullet Peninsula SPA
Lapwing	Termoncarragh Lake and Annagh Machair SPA
Freshwater Pearl Mussel	Newport River SAC
	Lough Corrib SAC
	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC
	The Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex SAC
Lesser Horseshoe Bat	Ballinafad SAC
	Ballymaglancy Cave, Cong SAC
	Kildun Souterrain SAC
	Lough Carra/Mask Complex SAC
	Lough Corrib SAC
	Moore Hall (Lough Carra) SAC
	Towerhill House SAC
Puffin	Bills Rocks SPA

Species	Natura 2000 site
Red-throated Diver	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA
Great Northern Diver	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA
Slavonian Grebe	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA
Common Scoter	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA
	Lough Conn and Lough Cullin SPA
	Lough Corrib SPA
Red-breasted Merganser	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA
Ringed Plover	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA
	Inishkea Islands SPA
	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA
Curlew	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA
	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA
Kittiwake	Clare Island SPA
Guillemot	Clare Island SPA
Razorbill	Clare Island SPA
Grey Seal	Duvillaun Islands SAC
	Inishbofin and Inishshark SAC
Common Bottlenose Dolphin	Duvillaun Islands SAC
	West Connacht Coast SAC

Species	Natura 2000 site
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Inishglora and Inishkeeragh SPA
Purple Sandpiper	Inishkea Islands SPA
Turnstone	Inishkea Islands SPA
Little Tern	Inishkea Islands SPA
Gadwall	Lough Corrib SPA
Shoveler	Lough Corrib SPA
Pochard	Lough Corrib SPA
Hen Harrier	Lough Corrib SPA
Coot	Lough Corrib SPA
Black-headed Gull	Lough Corrib SPA
	Lough Mask SPA
Common Tern	Lough Corrib SPA

8.1.3 Fragmentation

Habitat and species population fragmentation occurs when the connectivity between habitats and species is restricted or lost and impedes the natural movement of a species. This can result in singular habitat units being formed and isolated species communities. Fragmentation can arise as a result of barriers to migratory movements where important corridors exist, e.g. river, riparian and coastal corridors. The inappropriate installation of measures that may act as a barrier to free movement of a species and/ or physically separate a habitat, will result in fragmentation.

The implementation of the policies and/or objectives of the plan including increased tourism, population growth or development in general may pose sources of disturbance during construction of works and their operation that can lead to fragmentation. They may result in the installation of structures that may impeded movement of a species. For example, the unmitigated installation of a bridge needed for access to a housing estate may impede the movement of Salmon within a river catchment and act as a migratory barrier. This may in turn prevent Salmon reaching Freshwater Pearl Mussel located upstream, thus

breaking the lifecycle of Freshwater Pearl Mussel and creating an isolated population. Long term this could result in the end of this population if not mitigated against.

As the objectives of the proposed Plan are not specific regarding location of implementation, fragmentation of the Natura 2000 sites screened into this assessment cannot be ruled out. Also, the significance of potential fragmentation will be required to be assessed at project level and will be dependent on the final locations and detailed design of the resulting projects that arise from this Plan. An example of where species fragmentation could occur is if objective GSO 11 is implemented in the settlement of Newport, where increased development and tourism could impact the movement of Salmon into the Newport River SAC either due to the installation of structures which may impede Salmon migration or degradation of the habitat due to increased pollution making the SAC unsuitable for the QI. In this case, the fragmentation of Salmon could impact the ability of Freshwater Pearl Mussel to complete its lifecycle.

Mitigation measures are detailed in Section 9 to ensure that fragmentation will not adversely affect the integrity of a Natura 2000 site due to the implementation of the proposed Plan.

8.1.4 Reduction in species density

Reduction in the density of species may arise due to the factors discussed above; habitat loss or degradation, disturbance and fragmentation. As outlined above, the objectives of the proposed Plan have the potential to cause these impacts. The implementation of the objectives for rural development could also result in development in rural areas where species are sensitive to human activity.

As this is a high level plan and the objectives, policies, strategies and aims of the proposed Plan are not specific regarding location of implementation, reduction in species density of the Natura 2000 sites screened into this assessment cannot be ruled out. Therefore, the significance of potential reduction of species density will be assessed at project level and will be dependent on the final locations and detailed design of the proposed objectives. A decline in water quality and/or species fragmentation of the River Moy SAC due to the implementation of objectives (such as FDO 3) for the settlement of Foxford may impede migratory species (Salmon, Brook Lamprey, Sea Lamprey) from travelling, potentially impacting the reproductive success of these species, resulting in an decrease in species density in the Natura 2000 site in the long term.

Mitigation measures are detailed in Section 9 to ensure that reduction in species density will not adversely affect the integrity of a Natura 2000 site due to the implementation of the proposed Plan.

8.1.5 Changes in key indicators of conservation value

The key indicators of conservation value for the Natura sites likely to be affected by the implementation of the proposed Plan include surface water and groundwater quality and quantity. Waterbodies are one of the key pathways for impact and are easily affected by impacts themselves. As outlined in the screening process and Table 7-2, the Natura sites either fall within the area of the River Basin or are hydrologically connected to the area of the proposed Plan. Any deterioration in water quality could potentially result in adverse impacts, either directly or indirectly, on a range of habitats and species that are surface water or groundwater dependent, such as lakes, rivers, coastal lagoons and bays, seals, Salmon, Otter and Freshwater Pearl Mussel. Maintaining the hydrological regime, e.g. recharge, flow rates and direction, of these habitats is also very important for the function and structure of the habitats and the species that they support.

The outcomes of the objectives, aims, strategies and policies of the Plan, such as development leading to population increase, reduction in vacancy of existing buildings and

the support of the growth of towns and villages could potentially cause impacts to water quality and quantity. These pressures would mainly arise from the activity of both land-based and in-stream works, where there is the potential for discharge of silt laden runoff and pollutants such as hydrocarbons to coastal, freshwater and groundwater bodies. Hydrological alterations may also occur through the potential diversion of flows and implementation of SuDs and natural flood risk management measures that are used for sustainable development and growth. Therefore, all projects that arise as a result of the objectives, aims and strategies of this Plan must be appropriately assessed for their suitability at a given location.

As the objectives of the proposed Plan are not specific regarding location of implementation, changes in key indicators of conservation value of the Natura 2000 sites screened into this assessment cannot be ruled out. Therefore, the significance of potential changes in key indicators will be assessed at project level and will be dependent on the final locations and detailed design of the proposed objectives. Implementation of objectives around the settlement of Foxford has potential to cause an increase in dust emissions and release of pollutants via surface water runoff resulting in a decline in water quality of the River Moy SAC which divides the settlement. This would affect the conservation value of the Natura 2000 site, impacting QIs such as Salmon, Otter, White-clawed Crayfish, Sea Lamprey and Brook Lamprey which rely on good water quality.

Mitigation measures are detailed in Section 9 to ensure that changes in key indicators of conservation value will not adversely affect the integrity of a Natura 2000 site due to the implementation of the proposed Plan.

8.2 Implementation routes for physical works

Measures or projects arising from the objectives, aims, strategies or policies of the Plan requiring physical works may either require planning consent or confirmation, or will be an exempted development.

Works that will require planning consent or confirmation, will be carried out by either a private developer or the Local Authority. Works may progress to construction stage as one of the following:

- Project led by private developer in line with the Aims, policies, objectives or strategies of the Plan.
- Project led by the Local Authority under the Planning and Development Regulations.
- Project led by the Local Authority under the Strategic Infrastructure Act.

Project level assessments that may be required for all types of project include:

- Environmental Impact Assessment: For a project above the thresholds specified under Article 24 of the European Communities (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations, 1989 as amended or a project likely to have significant effects on the environment, having regard to the criteria specified for under Article 27 of the same EIA Regulations 1989 as amended.
- Appropriate Assessment: All projects will be screened for Appropriate Assessment and, where there is a potential for a significant effect on a European (Natura 2000) site, an Appropriate Assessment will be undertaken in accordance the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011.

Exempted developments include those of limited scale and scope, that may fall under the category of flood mitigation works or housing protection schemes. Exempted developments may be carried out by Local Authorities under funding by the OPW, will be exempted in

accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and will comply with all relevant environmental legislation. This could require the undertaking of an EIA or AA screening for physical works. Local Authorities must supply written confirmation of legislative compliance under condition of funding.

9 Mitigation Measures

Mayo County Development Plan will not in itself, cause any adverse impacts to the overall integrity of the Natura 2000 sites within the ZOI of the Plan. However, Projects that arise as a result of the Plan may have adverse effects.

Projects stemming from the Mayo County Development Plan will apply a range of standard processes and measures that will mitigate potential environmental impacts. While the applicability of processes and particular measures will be dependent on the nature and scale of each project, examples of typical processes and measures that will be implemented where applicable at the different stages of project implementation are set out in the below sections.

It must also be noted that some Aims, Objectives, Strategies and policies of the Plan will increase the levels of environmental protection afforded to Natura 2000 sites and their conservation objectives e.g. Strategic Objective SO 8:

"Appropriate Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

a) To ensure the assessment of all planning applications in the Plan area have regard to the information, data and requirements of the Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report, SEA Environmental Report and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Report contained in Appendices XX of the Mayo CDP 2021-2027

b) To require project planning to be fully informed by ecological and environmental constraints at the earliest stage of project development and any necessary assessment to be undertaken, including assessments of disturbance to species protected under the Wildlife Act and/or the Flora Protection Act.

c) To comply with the objectives and requirements of the Habitats Directive, specifically Article 6(3) and where necessary 6(4), Birds, Water Framework, and all other relevant EU Directives and all relevant transposing national legislation.

d) Ensure that proposals for developments located within identified or potential flood risk areas, or which may exacerbate the risk of flooding elsewhere, are assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Flood Risk Management Guidelines (DoEHLG/OPW 2009) and Circular PL2/2014 (or any updated/superseding document), the relevant policies, objectives and guidelines within this plan and shall also take account of the National CFRAM Programme Flood Hazard Mapping and Flood Risk Management Plans when they become available."

9.1 Project Mitigation: Consenting Process

As set out in Section 8.2 above, the consenting process for the progression of measures, actions or projects supported, guided or recommended within the Plan involving physical works, will require the applicable environmental assessments. Also, the consenting authorities may set out specific environmental conditions as part of the project approval.

9.2 Project Mitigation: Pre-Construction / Detailed Design

For the detailed design of projects that may arise as a result of the Plan, where options are available, the design should use a hierarchy to mitigation measures along the following principles:

- Avoidance: avoid creating the potential impact where feasible.
- Mitigation: minimise the potential impact through mitigating measures

- Enhancement: Enhance the environment to better than pre-project conditions, where reasonably possible

The progression of any projects that may arise as a result of the Plan, through the detailed design phase can entail a series of surveys to inform the design, where the scale of surveys would be proportionate to the complexity and potential impacts of the project. These can include:

- engineering structure surveys,
- topographical surveys,
- habitat and species surveys¹
- ornithological surveys,
- bat surveys,
- fish surveys,
- water quality surveys,
- archaeological surveys,
- landscape and visual assessments,
- land valuation surveys and
- other surveys as deemed necessary to prepare a project.

Where necessary, Wildlife Derogation Licences will be sought from Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

The scope of any necessary EIS will contain a WFD assessment, which will include a hydro-morphological assessment, to more clearly consider and support the Water Framework Directive (WFD) objectives. This WFD assessment will inform the project level AA regarding likely significant effects and adverse impacts on the site integrity of Natura 2000 sites in respect of their conservation objectives and if necessary, appropriate mitigation measures will be implemented at project level to ensure adverse effects will not occur.

9.2.1 Project Mitigation: Construction Stage

For large and complex projects and sites, where environmental management may entail multiple aspects, a project specific Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) may be developed. This will form a framework for all environmental management processes, mitigation measures and monitoring and will include other environmental requirements such as invasive species management measures, if applicable.²

¹ In the context of ecological mitigation, the habitat and species surveys are conducted as required to assess the various aspects for the project, such as ecological surveys for:

- protected or notable habitats and species, including Annex 1 habitats, Annex II and Annex IV species,
- species protected under the Wildlife Acts,
- species protected under the Flora Protection Order,
- the resting and breeding places of relevant species and,
- invasive species, both plant and animal.

² There are a range standard type mitigation measures consisting of good construction practices and good planning of works, that are used within construction projects such as for example: Refuelling of plant and vehicles away from watercourses, Installation of wheel-wash and plant washing facilities, working in-channel or on specific works only within environmental windows e.g. in-stream works in Salmonid channels from May to September.

A designated environmental officer and project ecologist will be appointed, as appropriate for the project.

Biosecurity measures may be required and should be considered depending on the location and conditions on-site.

9.2.2 Project Monitoring

The Plan, with its associated SEA and plan-level AA, sets out a series of monitoring requirements, in connection with the SEA objectives and the predicted effects of the Plan. For measures involving physical works, the project-level EIA and AA, where conducted, will set out the specific monitoring required for each measure.

9.3 Summary and Conclusion

A number of aims, objectives, strategies and policies have been developed as a result of the Plan that are designed to promote the sustainable development and growth of County Mayo. This NIR has determined the potential impacts that may occur through the implementation of the Plan and has assessed each one of these potential impacts in as much detail as is possible with the level of detail that is available at this high level. General mitigation measures have been provided in this NIR, however, where actions may occur in the implementation of these measures, project level assessment of works will be required.

Mitigation measures that are provided in the NIR will be implemented throughout the entire extent of the execution of projects that may stem from the Plan. This includes mitigation measures to be implemented at the Consenting Process Stage, Pre-Construction, Construction and Monitoring for any projects that may arise as a result of the Plan.

Providing the recommended mitigation measures are implemented, it can be concluded that this Plan will not adversely impact on the Natura 2000 sites, either alone or in-combination with other plans, projects or policies.

10 Influence of NIR on the Plan

This NIR informs both the Draft Mayo County Development Plan and the Draft SEA Statement and Monitoring Programme. The Plan template has changed in response to direct observations made in the NIR and may change further following Public Consultation of the NIR.

The Plan may be revised and the outcome of the revision of the Plan, depending on the result of statutory consultation and the findings of this NIR. These revisions may include clarifications and/or refinement of processes or any measures to be implemented.

The approval / adoption of the Plan has not and does not confer approval or permission for the installation or construction of any physical works, without AA Screening and Appropriate Assessment as necessary. Implementation of the Plan to the level as described at this stage, will require the inclusion of mitigation measures that have been detailed in this NIR. Following the approval of the Plan, the next stage is to progress the proposed Plan by undertaking more detailed assessment and design at project level for any structural or physical works, before submitting the proposal for Public Exhibition or planning permission as required depending on the nature of the works. For measures involving physical works, the project-level EIA and AA, where conducted, will set out the specific monitoring and mitigation measures required for each measure. The need for on-site specific mitigation measures at a project level will be a requirement of the planning consent for physical project works. This NIR supports the recommendations of the Plan in this regard.

11 Material Amendments

The Draft Plan consultation stage was originally advertised to take place from December 23rd, 2020 until March 16th, 2021. 1,267 submissions were received during this Draft Plan consultation period, of which 5 no. were subsequently withdrawn. Councillors agreed to extend the Development Plan review period on the 26th of July 2021, following a commencement order to extend the plan process arising from Covid disruptions (Section 9A of Planning & Development Act (amendment) 2021). This draft plan takes the consideration of the Chief Executive's Report and material amendments to Draft Plan

11.1 Updates to Section 1.4 Methodology

Newly published or updated methodology which this screening has been carried out with reference to includes those listed below. Updates do not change the methodologies of the previous assessment, but provide more up-to-date reference. The fundamental elements of methodology of assessment is the same.

- Office of the Planning Regulator (2021) OPR Practice Note PN01 - Appropriate Assessment Screening for Development Management. (OPR, 2021).
- European Communities (EC) (2018) Managing Natura 2000 Sites: the provisions of Article 6 of the 'Habitats' Directive 92/43/EEC, Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, Luxembourg. European Commission (European Commission, 2018).
- CIEEM (2018). Guidelines for Ecological Impact Assessment in the UK and Ireland - Terrestrial, Freshwater and Coastal, Second Ed. (CIEEM, 2018)
- (DTA, 2021) The Habitats Regulations Assessment Handbook, UK by Tyldesley, D. and Chapman, C. (accessed online only with login requirements).

11.2 Updates to Section 1.2 Legislative Context

The original draft assessment took recognition of the below cases, and these cases are specifically acknowledged within this assessment.

Recent judgements of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and how they are used in this assessment are:

- The CJEU issued a ruling on the consideration of avoidance and reduction measures as a result of the case known as People over Wind, Peter Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta (Case C-323/17). This judgement stated that measures intended to reduce or avoid effects on a European site should only be considered within the framework of an AA, and it is not permissible to take into account such measures at the screening stage. In practice, this means that any activities that are not integral to the project (i.e. the project could conceivably take place without them) and have the effect of avoiding or reducing an impact on a European site, cannot be considered at the screening stage.
- The CJEU ruling in the case of Grace & Sweetman [2018] (C-164/17) clarified the difference between avoidance and reduction (mitigation) measures and compensation. Measures intended to compensate for the negative effects of a project cannot be taken into account in the assessment of the implications of a project, and instead are considered under Article 6(4). This means that any project where an effect on the integrity of a European site remains and can only be offset by compensation, would need to proceed under Article 6(4), demonstrating "imperative reasons of overriding public interest".

- The judgements referred to as the Dutch Nitrogen cases [2018] (C-293/17 and C-294/17) have important implications for projects that could potentially impact on sites that are exceeding critical thresholds for input of damaging ammonia (but could also reasonably apply where other nutrients are impacting European sites). The judgements state that the use of thresholds to exclude project impacts is acceptable in principle, and that strategic plans can be used as mitigation but only with consideration of the certainty (or otherwise) of the outcomes of those strategic plans. It clarifies that where the status of a habitat type is already unfavourable the possibility of authorising activities which increase the problem is necessarily limited.
- The CJEU ruling in the case of *Holohan v An Bord Pleanála* (C-462/17) also clarified the importance in AA of taking into account habitat types and species outside the boundary of the European site, where implications of the impacts on those habitat and species may impact the conservation objectives of the European site. In this assessment functionally linked and supporting habitat for species outside of European site boundaries are assessed where they could potentially impact the conservation objectives of any screened in European sites.
- In *Heather Hill Management Company CLG v An Bord Pleanála* (Burkeway Homes Limited as Notice Party) [2019] IEHC 450 the Applicants claimed that the Board incorrectly determined that the proposed development was not likely to have significant effects on a European site and that it failed to carry out proper AA screening, pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC (the Habitats Directive). The court held that the Board had relied on a commitment to comply with 'best practice measures' during construction in order to minimise any emissions into the Trusky Stream, which was identified as being a potential pathway to the SPA and SAC in Galway Bay. The court held that this commitment to comply with 'best practice measures' represented an avoidance or reduction measure that must be excluded for the purposes of reaching a screening determination. The Board had sought to rely on the Inspector's report which stated that the best practice measures in place to minimise emissions to the Trusky stream were not intended to reduce or avoid any harmful effect on a European site as any harmful effects would be dissipated by tidal currents. The court held that the determination of whether there was significant effect did not rest exclusively on the tidal dissipation. The Inspector and Board were relying on the combined effect of this and the 'best practice measures' to make this determination. On that basis, the court rejected the Board's argument and held that it should have proceeded to a stage 2 AA and requested a Natura Impact Statement from the developer.

11.3 Screening Categories

The amended development policies and objectives have initially been screened following the methodology set out in DTA Publications Habitats Regulations Assessment Handbook (DTA 2021). Each policy is allocated one or more screening categories, shown in Table 11-1 below. The results of the initial screening are shown in Table 11-2. Where a number of categories to screen out a policy are applicable, the most relevant categories are listed in the table. The screening outcome includes any relevant in-combination assessment outcomes.

Table 11-1: Screening categories for the development policies (adapted from DTA, 2021)

Screening Category	Description	Screening Outcome
A	General statement of policy/ general aspiration.	Out
B	Policy listing general criteria for testing the acceptability / sustainability of proposals.	Out
C	Proposal referred to but not proposed by the plan.	Out

D	Environmental Protection / site safeguarding policy.	Out
E	Policies or proposals that steer change in such a way as to protect European sites from adverse effects.	Out
F	Policy that cannot lead to development or other change.	Out
G	Policy or proposal that could not have any conceivable effect on a European site.	Out
H	Policy or proposal, the actual or theoretical effects of which cannot undermine the conservation objectives (either alone or in combination with other aspects of this or other plans or projects).	Out
I	Policy or proposal with a likely significant effect on a site alone.	In
J	Policy or proposal with an effect on a site but not likely to be significant alone, so need to check for likely significant effects in combination.	Dependant on in-combination test
K	Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in combination.	Screened out after in-combination test
L	Policy or proposal likely to have a significant effect in combination.	Screened in after in-combination test.

11.4 Changes in the Natura Network

A check for changes in SAC and SPA boundaries or Qualifying Interests was undertaken. The original GIS datasets provided by the NPWS were checked against the new dataset downloaded March 2022. Each Natura site has a version incorporated into the dataset, and the two datasets were compared, using the version numbers. Changes in the Natura Network were found in the following SACs outline in Table 11-2.

Table 11-2: Assessment for changes in direct impact or change in receptors which could be affected by indirect impact on all of the SACs and SPAs in the zone of influence identified in the Draft Plan

SAC	County	Potential for Direct Impact	Change in Receptors (QI's)
Inishbofin And Inishshark SAC	ga		n
Kilsallagh Bog SAC	ga		n
Lough Corrib SAC	ga		n
Lough Lurgheen Bog/Glenamaddy Turlough SAC	ga		n
Shankill West Bog SAC	ga		n
Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC	ma, sl	y	n
Broadhaven Bay SAC	ma	y	n
Carrowmore Lake Complex SAC	ma	y	n
Cross Lough (Killadoon) SAC	ma	y	n
Slieve Fyagh Bog SAC	ma	y	n
Bellanagare Bog SAC	ro		n
Callow Bog SAC	ro		n
Lough Hoe Bog SAC	ma, sl	y	n
Lough Nabrickkeagh Bog SAC	sl		n
Templehouse And Cloonacleigha Loughs SAC	sl		n

SAC	County	Potential for Direct Impact	Change in Receptors (QI's)
Aughrusbeg Machair And Lake SAC	ga		n
Omey Island Machair SAC	ga		n
Rusheenduff Lough SAC	ga		n
Ross Lake And Woods SAC	ga		n
Lough Cahasy, Lough Baun And Roonah Lough SAC	ma	y	n
Urlaur Lakes SAC	ma, ro	y	n
Ox Mountains Bogs SAC	ma, sl	y	n
Maumturk Mountains SAC	ga		n
Slyne Head Peninsula SAC	ga		n
Corliskea/Trien/Cloonfelliv Bog SAC	ga, ro		n
Murvey Machair SAC	ga		n
Lough Dahybaun SAC	ma	y	n
Drumalough Bog SA	ro		n
Blacksod Bay / Broad Haven SPA	ma	y	n

The boundaries of those in Co. Mayo were examined to see if there was potential for direct impact. There are some significant changes along the fringes of Killala Bay to incorporate the terrestrial margins of the bay and bring some of the tidal edges fully into the SAC. There was also some areas of intact bog added at Slieve Fyagh Bog SAC. The majority of changes between the versions though are tidying up small offsets caused by differing projections or different co-ordinate systems.

11.5 Material Alterations: Volume 1: Written Statement

How Alterations are Indicated

A table template is used to identify the alteration, which includes the reference number (based on the Draft Plan Chapter no. prefix), the relevant section, heading and page number of the Draft Development Plan, followed by the details of the amendment.

Unchanged text:

Existing, unchanged text will remain in normal font.

Additions:

Additions to the text in the Mayo Development Plan are shown in green font below the table, for example:

Proposed Amendment CH 1.2		
Section	Heading	Page no.
1.8	Planning Policy	5

To amend 'Figure 1.1: Strategic Policy Inputs into the Draft County Development Plan 2021-2027' to include the following text:

supported by other relevant national, regional and local documents.

Deletions:

Deletions to the text in the Mayo Development Plan are shown in red font with strikethrough below the table, for example:

Proposed Amendment CH 1.3		
Section	Heading	Page no.
1.13.2.1	Water Services Strategic Plan (under review in 2020)	15

Delete the words '~~under review in 2020~~' from the heading.

How Screening is Indicated

Following each amendment (as outlined above) the new text, policy, objective or strategy is assessed and assigned a category as per Table 11-1. The assessment appears in the turquoise box as below.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

11.5.1 Chapter 1: Introduction

Proposed Amendment CH 1.1		
Section	Heading	Page no.
1.4	UN Sustainable Development Goals	14

Insert the following text in Section 1.4 of Chapter 1 of the draft plan:

The NPF states: “sustainability is at the heart of long-term planning and the NPF seeks to ensure that decisions we take today meet our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs”. RPO 5.5 of the RSES expands on the concept the sustainable use of natural assets by seeking to: Ensure efficient and sustainable use of all our natural resources, including inland waterways, peatlands, and forests in a manner which ensures a healthy society a clean environment and there is no net contribution to biodiversity loss arising from development supported in this strategy. Conserve and protect designated areas and natural heritage areas. Conserve and protect European sites and their integrity.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides positive strengthening. D - Environmental Protection / site safeguarding policy.	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 1.2		
Section	Heading	Page no.
1.5	Climate Action	15

Amend Section 1.5 to include the following details on the European Green Deal:

Climate change impacts are currently experienced worldwide. Coastal areas in western parts of Europe, such as Ireland, can expect more heavy rain, higher risk of flooding from rivers and higher risk of storms in winter. County Mayo is particularly vulnerable to river, coastal/tidal flooding, drought, colder winters as well as surface water flooding arising from heavy rain. Tackling climate change is a top priority for the EU and the European Commission has presented a package of measures designed to make Europe the world’s first climate-neutral continent by 2050. The European Green Deal includes key policies aimed at ambitiously cutting emissions, preserving Europe’s natural environment and investing in cutting-edge research and innovation. It sets out an achievable roadmap that will ensure the EU’s economy becomes sustainable by turning climate and environmental challenges into opportunities across all policy areas that will result in economic growth and jobs. Furthermore, the National Climate Action Plan (2019) sets out a course of action to address the impacts of climate change on Ireland’s environment, society, economic and natural resources.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

11.5.2 Chapter 2: Core & Settlement Strategy

Proposed Amendment CH 2.1		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.3	Strategic Aims	25

Amend Housing bullet-point within Strategic Aim 2.3 by deleting “and” from first sentence and add the words “and countryside” after villages.

Housing - To facilitate the sustainable growth of all rural areas, towns ~~and~~ villages **and countryside** throughout the county by seeking to accommodate, as far as possible, all persons in their choices to live in our rural areas, towns and villages; by supporting and strengthening the rural economy to sustain vibrant rural communities and by promoting consolidation and compact development of all urban and rural settlements in an attractive setting that provides a suitable mix of housing with supporting amenities; and by ensuring coordinated investment in infrastructure that will support economic competitiveness and create a high quality living and working environment.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration B - Policy listing general criteria for testing the acceptability / sustainability of proposals K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 2.2		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.3	Strategic Aims	26

Amend Settlements bullet-point within Strategic Aim 2.3 by deleting “and” from first sentence and add the words “and countryside” after villages.

Settlements - To develop Mayo's settlements as a network of attractive, livable towns ~~and~~ villages **and countryside** in the county with sustainable levels of population, employment activity and enhanced levels of amenity which encourage a high quality of life and well-being and support a sustainable synergy with the rural countryside.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration B - Policy listing general criteria for testing the acceptability / sustainability of proposals K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 2.3		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.3	Strategic Aims	26

Insert map showing the strategic road network in the county.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional information that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 2.4		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.3	Strategic Aims	26

Insert additional Strategic Aim in Section 2.3 directly beneath Movement and Transport to read as follows:

Strategic Road Network - To maintain the strategic function, capacity and safety of the national roads network, including planning for future capacity enhancements, and to ensure that the existing extensive transport networks, are maintained to a high level to ensure quality levels of service, safety, accessibility and connectivity to transport users.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Increased capacity (i.e. increased air pollution) could impact Natura Sites I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 2.5		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.6	Strategic County Development Objectives	30

Amend the title of SO 9 from:

~~Appropriate Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment~~ to Ecological Impact Assessment, Appropriate Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome

Minor text amendment that provides context but does not give rise to increased development.
 A – General statement policy / general aspiration
 K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination

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Proposed Amendment CH 2.6		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.6	Strategic County Development Objectives	30

Amend text in Part b of SO 9 as follows:

b) To require project planning to be fully informed by ecological and environmental constraints at the earliest stage of project development and any necessary assessment to be undertaken, including **Ecological Impact Assessments (EclA)** and assessments of disturbance to species protected under the Wildlife Act and/or the Flora Protection Act **and of Habitat IV species protected under the Habitats Directive**

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Strengthening of requirements for project level impact assessments, particularly for taking into account ecological features of local importance. D - General plan-wide environmental protection/ site safeguarding/ threshold polices E - Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect European sites from adverse effects K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Recommendation: Add Mayo Biodiversity Action Plan, local area biodiversity plans, water quality, particularly with reference to Freshwater Pearl Mussel and Salmonid catchments.

Proposed Amendment CH 2.7		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.5.7	Core Strategy Table	35

Amend Core Strategy and HNDA/Housing Strategy of the Draft Plan to accord with the requirements of the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines, as per Appendix II (Core Strategy) and Appendix IV (HNDA/Housing Strategy) of the CE Report.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:

Screening Outcome **A**ilting

This strategy for development of housing may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed potentially resulting in significant effects on the Natura 2000 Network.
 I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone
 L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination

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Proposed Amendment CH 2.8		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.5.7	Core Strategy Table	35

Amend Core Strategy Table, to quantify, in hectares, existing and proposed residential zoned lands, and lands zoned for a mix of residential and other uses for Tier II settlements and include a combined figure at tier level for Tier III, Tier IV and Tier V town/village centres.

See above Amended Core Strategy Table (Proposed Amendment CH 2.7)

AA Screening Category and Consideration:

Screening Outcome

This change has a revised strategy for development of housing that may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed potentially resulting in significant effects on the Natura 2000 Network.
 I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone
 L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination

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Proposed Amendment CH 2.9		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.5.7	Core Strategy Table	35

Amend Table 2.4 so that the relevant period for population and housing supply growth targets in the revised Core Strategy Table shall change from 2022 to 2027 to 2022-2028.

Revised Core Strategy Table (Table 2.4)

Settlement Tiers	Settlements	Population 2016	Population 2021	Population increase to end of 2027	Population Growth Rate % Change	No. of residential units required Housing Targets*	At least 30% of residential units into built up footprint Housing Growth Rate %	Quantum of lands zoned Existing Residential	Quantum of lands zoned for New Residential use*	Quantum of lands zoned for Strategic Residential Reserve Tier I	Quantum of lands zoned for Strategic Residential Reserve Tier II
				12,150							

AA Screening Category and Consideration:

Screening Outcome

Additional text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development.
 A – General statement policy / general aspiration
 B - Policy listing general criteria for testing the acceptability / sustainability of proposals
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Proposed Amendment CH 2.10		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.7.8	Retail Strategy	36

Insert County Retail Hierarchy Table as shown below:

Tiers	Town	RPGs Retail Hierarchy Tiers
Tier I(a) – Key Towns	Ballina and Castlebar	Regional (Tier 2)
Tier I(b) – Strategic Growth Centre	Westport	Sub-Regional/District Centre (Tier 3)
Tier II – Self-Sustaining Growth Centres	Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Belmullet, Claremorris and Swinford	Small Towns and Rural Areas (Tier 4)
Tier III – Self-Sustaining Growth Centres	Balla, Charlestown Crossmolina, Foxford, Knock, Killala, Kiltimagh, Louisburgh and Newport.	Small Towns and Rural Areas (Tier 4)
Tier IV – Rural Settlements	18 no. Rural Settlements	Local Shopping (Tier 5)
Tier V – Rural Villages	37 no. Rural Villages	Local Shopping (Tier 5)

Additional text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development.
 A – General statement policy / general aspiration
 B - Policy listing general criteria for testing the acceptability / sustainability of proposals
 K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination

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Proposed Amendment CH 2.11		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.7.9	Monitoring & Management	36

Amend text within 2.7.9 Monitoring & Management as below:

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With the adoption of specific population targets for the county and each settlement/tier typology, the monitoring of the extent of residential development is required to ensure that development occurs in a coherent, reasoned and evidence-based manner. The delivery of all residential development will be carefully monitored during the lifetime of this Plan to ensure it does not cumulatively result in housing units or population being exceeded **within the context of the overall population limits within the county and in accordance with the Core Strategy and S28 Housing Target Guidelines.** Furthermore, if the **projected population/unit within a particular Key Town, Strategic Growth Town or Tier II settlement is reached during the lifetime of the Plan, it is considered that there should be scope to exceed this target within the settlement, while remaining within the confines of the overall population allocation for the county.**

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration B - Policy listing general criteria for testing the acceptability / sustainability of proposals K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 2.12		
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2.6.10	Core Strategy Policies	36

Amend CSP 1 by replacing “sustainable” with “all” in first sentence, full stop after county.
Delete remainder of Policy.

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CSP 1 To promote and facilitate the development of ~~sustainable~~ all communities in the county. ~~by managing the level of growth in each settlement to ensure future growth is in accordance with the Core Strategy and County Settlement Hierarchy, in order to deliver sustainable and vibrant rural and urban communities.~~

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>This change has a revised policy for development of housing that may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed, and through the deletion of 'sustainable' could lead to could lead to unmanaged growth of settlements in a manner which is not consistent with the protection of the Natura 2000 Network.</p> <p>I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination</p>	<i>In</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 2.13		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.6.10	Core Strategy Policies	36

Delete CDP 2.

CSP 2 ~~To support the implementation of the Core Strategy for Mayo in a manner that is consistent with policies at a national and regional level, in particular population targets and distribution.~~

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>National legislation and European legislation to protect European Sites will be upheld, even in the absence of support for national and regional strategy.</p> <p>A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination</p>	<i>Out</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 2.14		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.6.10	Core Strategy Policies	37

Amend CSP 4 by deleting “compact” from the 1st line. Add “and open countryside” after villages. Full stop after county. Delete remainder of Policy

CSP 4: To support the ~~compact~~ growth of towns and villages ~~and open countryside~~ to ensure that development proceeds sustainably and at an appropriate scale. ~~density and sequence and in line with the Core Strategy Table.~~

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>This revised policy for development of housing may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed, and could lead to could lead to unmanaged growth of settlements in</p>	<i>In</i>

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
a manner which is not consistent with the protection of the Natura 2000 Network. Removal of the word 'compact' allows for a greater level of development than the previously assessed wording. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	

Proposed Amendment CH 2.15		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.6.10	Core Strategy Objectives	37

Amend CSO 4 by adding the words “where available” after “sites” on the 2ndline. Delete the words “in preference” and replace with “as an alternative”.

CSO 4 To move towards more compact towns by promoting the development of infill and brownfield/consolidation/regeneration sites **where available** and the redevelopment of underutilised land within and close to the existing built up footprint of existing settlements ~~in preference~~ **as an alternative** to edge of centre locations.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Alternative text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration B - Policy listing general criteria for testing the acceptability / sustainability of proposals K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 2.16		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.6.10	Core Strategy Objectives	37

Delete CSO 5 text and replace with “To encourage where possible the delivery of 30% of new homes in urban areas within the existing built up footprint of settlement.”

~~**CSO 5** To deliver at least 30% of all new homes in urban areas within the existing built up footprint of settlements.~~

CSO 5 To encourage where possible the delivery of 30% of new homes in urban areas within the existing built up footprint of settlement.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome

Alternative text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development.
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Proposed Amendment CH 2.17		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.6.10	Core Strategy Objectives	37

Amend Objective CSO 6 to read as follows:

To deliver at least 20% of all new homes in the rural area on suitable brownfield sites, including rural towns, villages and the open countryside within the existing built up footprint of settlements. For the purpose of clarity, rural towns/villages are settlements with population levels less than 1,500 persons.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
This revised policy for development of housing may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed, and could lead to unmanaged growth of settlements in a manner which is not consistent with the protection of the Natura 2000 Network. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 2.18		
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2.6.10	Core Strategy Objectives	37

Delete CSO 7.

~~CSO 7 To implement all land use planning policies and objectives in a manner which takes account of and is consistent with the Core Strategy, in order to accelerate a transition to a greener, low carbon and climate resilient county with a focus on reduced travel demand through the promotion of sustainable settlement patterns.~~

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Removal of a Core Strategy policy without a background document, outlining the proposed alternative development patterns could lead to uncontrolled development in a manner which is not consistent with the protection of the Natura 2000 Network. Compact housing and focus on settlement within villages and towns, uses facilities that are already in-situ. One-off developments may require the delivery of electrical services, broadband services, as well as provision of water and waste services, as well as other supporting infrastructure. While inherent policies are in place within the Plan to protect	In

European Sites , the cumulative impact of such a policy change has not been assessed and mitigation has not been outlined e.g. charging points requirements, feasibility of energy generation for one off housing in remote areas. Ancillary services must be considered as part of the AA process.

- I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone
- L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination

Proposed Amendment CH 2.19		
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2.6.10	Core Strategy Policies	37

Insert new policy into Core Strategy Policies:

CSP 5 To facilitate, if necessary, an increase in the housing unit allocation within a particular Key Town, Strategic Growth or Tier II settlement, should the allocated housing target for that settlement be reached within the lifetime of the Plan, while remaining within the confines of the overall population target for the county, as reflected in the Core Strategy.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>This policy could lead to an imbalance of growth and pressures on space, and it could result increased development in sensitive locations potentially resulting in significant effects on the Natura 2000 Network .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination 	<i>In</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 2.20		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.6.10	Core Strategy Policies	37

Insert new policy after CSP 4:

CSP It is a Policy the Council to examine the feasibility and where practical, seek to facilitate serviced sites on council acquired land, at affordable prices within the footprint of existing settlements, predominantly aimed at Tier II and Tier III settlements. These serviced sites would be developed and master planned by Mayo County Council and made available for sale to persons who meet a defined range of criteria to be established in consultation with the Housing SPC and/or national guidelines.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>New policy that will lead to development and may have a likely significant effects on the Natura 2000 network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination 	<i>In</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 2.21		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.6.10	Core Strategy Objectives	38

Delete CSO 8.

~~CSO 8 To monitor development for compliance with the objectives of the Core Strategy and adjust, where necessary, the approach taken to the consideration of development proposals, in order to ensure effective and reasonable alignment with national and regional policy and objectives.~~

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>This change removes a policy which requires compliance with a Core Strategy that takes account of pressures and impacts. It therefore, weakens the protection of the Natura 2000 Network.</p> <p>I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination</p>	In

Proposed Amendment CH 2.22		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.8	Settlement Strategy	38

Amend Settlement Strategy as below:

The settlement strategy will continue to provide the ~~framework for the~~ sustainable development of the county by continuing to balance ~~balancing~~ the distribution of Mayo's population at current ratio levels – rural to urban ~~to the ratio of 60:40 Rural to Urban by ensuring development is targeted in a manner that revitalises Mayo's rural population~~ without compromising the growth of either. ~~its urban areas. The aim is to provide a sustainable synergy between both through the settlement hierarchy.~~

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>Alternative strategy for settlement that in itself won't give rise to increased development.</p> <p>A – General statement policy / general aspiration B - Policy listing general criteria for testing the acceptability / sustainability of proposals K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination</p>	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 2.23		
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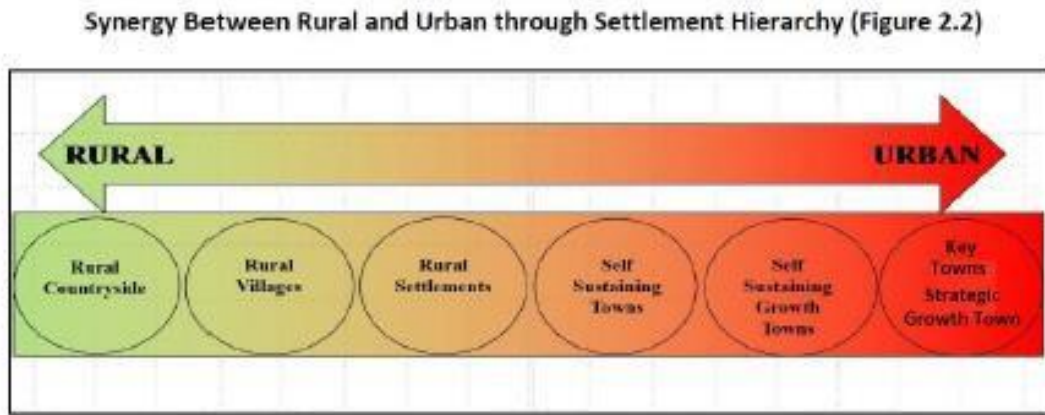
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2.8	Settlement Strategy	38
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Amend Figure 2.2 (Synergy Between Rural and Urban through Settlement Hierarchy (Figure 2.2) and add **Key Towns** above Strategic Growth Town as illustrated below.



AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Alternative text that provides context, but that will not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 2.24		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.8.1	Settlement Hierarchy Table	39

Settlement Hierarchy for County Mayo (Table 2.5)

Rural					Urban
Rural Countryside	Tier 5	Tier 4	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 1
	Rural Villages	Rural Settlements	Self-Sustaining Towns	Self-Sustaining Growth Towns	Key Towns Strategic Growth Towns
	Aghagower, Aghamara, An Tirbhéar (Inver), Atymass, Ballyconry, Ballyglass, Ballyheane, Beken, Breaflly, Brackens, Sun an Chruaigh (Binnacorn), Carnacon, Carracork, Ceathrú Theidhe (Carranlagh), Coirckloch (Cerdough), Cross, Crossbeg, Dalport, Eadihm (Aghcom), Geath Sille (Gweesala), Geath Mór (Binghamstown), Gleann na Muidhe (Sieramby), Gleniest, Glensland, Hollymount, Islandeady, Killybeg, Knockmore, Mayo Abbey, Moygownagh, Moyra (Kimsena), Parka, Parra, Polla (Stomas), (Pelleamish), Roundfort, The Neale & Tur Mha, Cateigh (Tourmahady).	Isle-Clough, Struck, Ubbaly, Goban, Chora (Acht), Suard, Sengur Eris, Ballycote, Berrycornelan, Ballynary, Eimera, Cong, Turlogh, Mubanna, Belcama, Boko, Lahardrie, rishow, Dama, Thuma (Doshoma).	Balla, Charlestown, Crossmorna, Pooford, Killa Killineigh, Knock, Lounbergh, Newport	Balinnobe, Ballynema, Deenan Murrthead, (Belmulet), Glenmorna, Swiford	Balla, Castlebar, Westport

Amend Table 2.5 (Settlement Hierarchy) and add Key Towns above Strategic Growth Town as illustrated above:

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Alternative text that provides context, but that will not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 2.25		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.8.1.1	Rural Countryside	41

Amend 2.8.1.1 by deleting the word “avoiding inappropriate development from urban areas” as below:

The rural countryside is and will continue to be a living and lived-in landscape focusing on the requirements of rural economies and communities, while at the same time **avoiding inappropriate development from urban areas** and protecting environmental assets. The Council will ensure that development of the unserved rural areas takes place in a manner that is compatible with the protection of key economic, environmental, biodiversity and cultural/heritage assets such as the road network, water quality and important landscapes.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Alternative text that provides context, but that in itself will not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 2.26		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.8.1.5	Self-Sustaining Growth Towns (Tier II)	43

Amend Section 2.8.1.5 paragraph two below to read as follows:

On an individual level, it is considered that Swinford also merits inclusion based on its strategic location on the N5, along the Atlantic Economic Corridor and in close proximity to Ireland West Airport Knock and the **Strategic Growth Centres Key Towns** of Ballina and Castlebar. Béal an Mhuirthead also merits inclusion being an important Gaeltacht Service Town along the Coastal Zone and Wild Atlantic Way. The town plays a key role in the delivering services and supporting employment for the northwest region of Mayo which is at a remove from other growth towns.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
This revision of Key Towns may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed potentially resulting in significant effects on the Natura 2000 Network. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 2.27		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.8.1.6	Self-Sustaining Growth Towns (Tier II)	43

Amend paragraph one of Section 2.8.1.6 below to read as follows:

2.8.1.6 Keys Towns and Strategic Growth Towns (Tier I)

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The towns included in Tier I of the settlement strategy are described as **Tier 1(a) Key Towns and a Tier I (b) Strategic Growth Towns**. These towns are the main urban centres of scale in the county. The RSES designates Castlebar and Ballina as Key Towns. Key Towns are defined as regionally, strategic employment centres of significant scale that can act as regional drivers that complement and support the higher-order urban areas within the settlement hierarchy. **Westport, a Strategic Growth Town in the settlement hierarchy, is identified in the RSES as an urban centre with strategic development potential, which and seeks to build on the strong physical, economic and social intrinsic links with between Castlebar and Westport.** The future growth of Castlebar and Westport is best achieved by building on these intrinsic links to grow in tandem as a driver of economic development for the county and region.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Alternative text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration B - Policy listing general criteria for testing the acceptability / sustainability of proposals K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 2.28		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.8.1.6	Settlement Strategy Objectives	45

Delete wording for SSO 1 and replace with new SSO 1 wording as below:

~~**SSO 1** To facilitate the appropriate growth of the Rural Countryside by offering a sustainable choice for people to live in order to maintain vibrant Rural Communities.~~

SSO 1 To promote rural sustainability by facilitating people who wish to live in the rural countryside.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Alternative text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration B - Policy listing general criteria for testing the acceptability / sustainability of proposals K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 2.29		
Section	Heading	Page no.
2.8.1.6	Settlement Strategy Objectives	46

Amend Objective SSO 9 to read as follows:

SSO 9: To ensure that all applications for retail developments are appropriate to the retail role, function and capacity of settlements within the settlement hierarchy and **County Retail Hierarchy (Table 2.6) and** have regard to the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoEHLG 2012, as amended Amendments

or superseded).

Additional text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development.
A – General statement policy / general aspiration
B - Policy listing general criteria for testing the acceptability / sustainability of proposals
K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination



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2.8.1.6	Settlement Strategy Objectives	46

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Insert new objectives after Objective SSO 12 in Chapter 2 of the Draft Plan to read as follows:

SSO: The land use zoning provisions of the existing town and environs development plans for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport shall continue to be implemented on an interim basis until such time as local area plans are adopted for these towns, whilst also having regard to any draft local area plan, and subject to compliance with the provisions of the Mayo County Development Plan, including the Core Strategy population/housing targets.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Alternative text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

SSO: Development proposals in Ballina, Castlebar and Westport shall be assessed on an interim basis taking account of the principles of proper planning and sustainable development inter alia traffic safety, residential amenity, flood risk, cultural, natural and built heritage, and in accordance with the provisions of the Mayo County Development Plan, including the Core Strategy population/housing targets.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

SSO: To support and facilitate the achievement of the key priorities identified for the Key Towns of Ballina and Castlebar to maximise opportunities of regional scale, as set out in Section 3.8 of the RSES (2020-2032).

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

SSO: To identify and facilitate higher and increased building heights for appropriate uses at suitable locations in the Tier I (a) Key Towns of Ballina and Castlebar consistent with SPPRs 1-4 of the Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (2018).

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome

New policy that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development.
A – General statement policy / general aspiration
K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination

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11.5.3 Chapter 3: Housing

Proposed Amendment CH 3.1		
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3.1	Strategic Aim	48

Delete and replace Strategic Aim with below wording:

~~The strategic aim of this chapter is to facilitate the sustainable growth of all rural areas, towns and villages throughout the county by seeking to accommodate, as far as possible, all persons in their choices to live in our rural areas, towns and villages; by supporting and strengthening the rural economy to sustain vibrant rural communities, by promoting consolidation and compact development of all urban and rural settlements in an attractive setting that provides a suitable mix of housing with supporting amenities; and by ensuring coordinated investment in infrastructure that will support economic competitiveness and create a high quality living and working environment.~~

It is the strategic aim of this chapter to facilitate the progressive growth of all rural areas, towns, villages and open countryside throughout the country by seeking to accommodate all persons in their choices to live in rural areas.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>This revision of this strategic aim, and the removal of reference to facilitating ‘sustainable growth’, may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed, and could lead to could lead to unmanaged growth of settlements in a manner which is not consistent with the protection of the Natura 2000 Network.</p> <p>I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination</p>	<i>In</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 3.2		
Section	Heading	Page no.
3.2	Introduction	49

Amend Section 3.2 by inserting the words “and open countryside” after the word villages in 3rd line as shown below:

This chapter has been guided by the above strategic aim, sustainable development goals and national strategic objectives to ensure sustainable growth of housing provision and to ensure all housing needs are appropriately accommodated in the rural areas and towns and villages **and open countryside** of County Mayo. The chapter has also considered the key legislative and policy documents set out in Appendix III, including the NPF and RSES for the Northern and Western region.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
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Alternative that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development.
 A – General statement policy / general aspiration
 K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination

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Proposed Amendment CH 3.3		
Section	Heading	Page no.
3.4.7	Housing Strategy Policies and Objectives	54

Insert new Policy after HSP 6, wording below:

HSP: To consider the use of Modular Units for use as permanent residences, in both single and multi-unit developments, where it complies with the requirements of Section 3.4.7.1 below and normal planning and environmental criteria.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome		
Proposed Amendment CH 3.4			
Section	Heading	Page no.	
3.4.7	Housing Strategy Policies	55	

Amend Objective HSO 8 to read:

HSO 8: To support the ongoing monitoring and review of the HNDA, in accordance with the forthcoming guidance on HNDA methodology to be issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, and Heritage. This will include monitoring and maintenance of a record of residential development permitted as single rural houses.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Alternative that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 3.5		
Section	Heading	Page no.
3.4.7.1	Modular Homes	55

Create a new Section 3.4.7.1 Modular Homes and insert following text Modular Homes as shown below:

The use of modular units as permanent residences, in both single and multi-unit developments, will be given consideration on a case-by-case basis. It must be demonstrated that the units will provide a high quality, sustainable construction with a lifetime similar to concrete construction (minimum 60 years). The external finishes of the units must be in keeping with the local vernacular finishes, and in this regard the units must therefore have an external plaster finish and normal (conventional) roof slates. The units must comply with all other standards pertaining to residential developments.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 3.6		
Section	Heading	Page no.
3.4.8	Rural Single Housing	55

Amend Section 3.4.8 by:

Deleting the word “unsustainable” in the fourth line.

Deleting the sentence beginning with “These urban” on 7th line and finishing with the word “directory” on 3rd last line in paragraph.

Delete the words “and existing rural settlement patterns” on 3rd last line and replace with “where greater than 30 inhabited units per square kilometre”.

Add the following to the end of 3.4.8” Note: Rural Villages located in areas under urban pressure are to be excluded from the above restrictions for a radial distance of 500 metres from village centres.” As shown below:

It is recognised that there is a continuing need for housing provision for people to live and work in rural Mayo to sustain vibrant rural communities. The NPF states that it will continue to be necessary to demonstrate a functional economic or social requirement for housing need in areas under **unsustainable** urban influence. Elsewhere, the NPF states that single houses in the countryside will be facilitated based primarily on siting and design criteria. The Plan makes a distinction between

‘Rural Areas under Strong Urban Influence’ and ‘Remaining Rural Areas. Map 3.1 delineates the ‘Rural Areas under Strong Urban Influence’ for Tier I and Tier II towns of the Settlement Hierarchy. ~~These urban pressure areas were informed by examining a range of factors, including commuter zones, travel times, existing pressure areas, density per square km and existing rural settlement patterns (Geodirectory).~~ The factors of density per square km ~~and existing rural settlement patterns~~ where greater than 30 inhabited units per square kilometre were considered the most appropriate indicators to establish ‘Rural Areas under Strong Urban Influence’ and ‘Remaining Rural Areas’.

Note: Rural Villages located in areas under urban pressure are to be excluded from the above restrictions for a radial distance of 500 metres from village centres.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>This revision of this strategy may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed, and could lead to unmanaged growth of settlements in a manner which is not consistent with the protection of the Natura 2000 Network, for example there are a number of Natura 2000 sites within 500m of village centres which could be effected by changes to this strategy.</p> <p>I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination</p>	In

Proposed Amendment CH 3.7		
Section	Heading	Page no.
3.4.8	Rural Single Housing	55

Amend Section 3.4.8 by inserting the words “It is recognised that new dwellings in these areas make a contribution to the vitality and viability of the local rural and urban communities” after the viability. Delete final sentence starting with the word “planning” as shown below:

Category 1 - Rural Areas under Strong Urban Influence: These areas include the open rural countryside around the Tier I (Key Towns and Strategic Growth Towns) and Tier II (Self-Sustaining Growth Towns) towns. They have been designated to support the sustainable growth of the urban areas, to provide for the immediate, local rural community who have a genuine housing requirement, while directing urban generated housing into designated settlements, maintaining their vitality and viability. ~~It is recognised that new dwellings in these areas make a contribution to the vitality and viability of the local rural and urban communities. Planning applications for single dwellings in these areas must have a demonstrable economic or social need to live in these areas and should be accompanied by supporting documentation.~~

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>Change in text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development.</p> <p>A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination</p>	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 3.8		
Section	Heading	Page no.
3.4.8	Rural Single Housing	55

Amend Section 3.4.8 by:

Replace word “facilitate” with “encourage” on 4th last line of paragraph.

Replace word “retaining” with “increasing” in second last line in paragraph, as shown below:

Category 2 - Remaining Rural Areas: These areas comprise of all other rural areas outside of the identified pressure areas under strong urban influence. It is recognised that sustaining smaller community areas is important and as such, it is considered appropriate to ~~facilitate~~ encourage rural housing in accordance with the principles of proper planning and sustainable development. In these areas, the Council recognises the importance of ~~retaining~~ increasing population and supporting the rural economy, while seeking to consolidate the existing rural town and village network.

The sensitive reuse, refurbishment and replacement of existing rural dwellings is also recognised as a vital element in maintaining the vibrancy of the countryside.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Change in text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 3.9		
Section	Heading	Page no.
3.4.8	Rural Housing Policies	57

Delete RHP 2 and replace with:

~~RHP 2 To support a balanced approach to the development of rural areas to retain vibrancy, to accommodate within the rural area people who are functionally or socially part of the rural community, and to direct urban generated housing demand into established rural settlements.~~

RHP 2 To support the development of all rural areas to regain sustainability and vibrancy and to reverse the significant rural population decline since 1951

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Growth of rural areas needs to be managed carefully to ensure the sustainability of the natural environment, particularly where sensitive receptors such as Natura 2000 sites or their Qualifying Interests, are present. Mitigation and appropriate checks should allow for a sustainable local communities and a healthy environment.	In

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
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Proposed Amendment CH 3.10		
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3.4.8	Rural Housing Policies	57

Delete the word “and” and replace with comma in the 2nd last line and add the words “and open countryside” after the word “villages”.

Full stop after considerations, delete remainder of paragraph as shown below.

RHP 3 To endeavour to accommodate the housing needs of the population, as projected in the Core Strategy, while at all times seeking to facilitate, as far as possible, all persons in their choices to live in our rural areas, towns ~~and~~, villages ~~and open countryside~~, subject to normal planning considerations. ~~and carrying capacity of natural resources.~~

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Deletion of the text ‘carrying capacity of natural resources’ has weakened recognition that some areas are more environmentally sensitive than others, and have different carrying capacities. Weakening of the protection of the Natura 2000 Network. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 3.11		
Section	Heading	Page no.
3.4.8	Rural Housing Policies	58

Amend RHP by adding a full stop after considerations in second line, delete remainder of paragraph as shown below:

RHP 7 To consider replacement dwellings or development of other structures to habitable homes in all rural areas, subject to normal planning considerations. ~~such as availability of services, adequacy of ground conditions for disposal of effluent from the development, traffic safety, residential amenity, visual amenity etc. Where it is proposed to replace a dwelling, the replacement dwelling may require to be located on the footprint of the existing structure and the scale and character of the existing building may require replication or be of similar scale and design, depending on the location of the development (e.g. sensitive or vulnerable locations such as coastal, the shorelines of large lakes or upland areas).~~

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>This policy weakens the protection for sensitive receptors, such as the Natura 2000 network. Normal planning considerations are inherent mitigation for protection of environment.</p> <p>I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination</p>	In

Proposed Amendment CH 3.12		
Section	Heading	Page no.
3.4.8	Rural Housing Objectives	58

Amend RHO 1 as shown below:

~~**RHO 1** To facilitate single houses in the open countryside, however in Rural Areas under Urban Influence, applicants will be required to demonstrate a social or economic link to the rural area in which they want to build.~~

~~An economic need would include applicants who are functionally dependent on the local rural area for employment, where they seek to build their first home i.e. employment is rural based.~~

~~A social need would include applicants who have long standing local intrinsic links to the rural area, where they seek to build their first home i.e. growing up in the area, educated in the area and continue to have strong social links to the rural area.~~

~~Note: An occupancy clause will be attached to any grant of planning permission.~~

RHO 1 To facilitate single houses in the countryside. However in Rural Areas under Urban Influence applicants will be required to demonstrate a social or economic link to the area in which they wish to build. An economic need would include applicants having a genuine housing need and whose future or current employment is in close proximity to the primary residence they propose to build. Local rural area includes, but is not limited to Parish, District Electoral Division and Townlands. A genuine housing need includes, but is not limited to:

1. Farmers, their sons and daughters, close relations or any persons taking over the running of a farm in the area in which they propose to live.
2. Sons, daughters or other relations of none farming persons who have spent a period of their lives living in the general rural area in which they propose to build a home.

3. Returning immigrants who spent a period of their lives living in the rural area in which propose to build and now wish to return to reside close or convenient to family members or guardians to care for or support them or work locally or to retire.
4. Persons involved in farming activity including equine enterprise, health related occupations, persons employed locally in education or security positions, persons employed or intending to take up employment in any other local Service or Enterprise.
5. Persons whose health circumstances require them to live in a particular environment or close to family support. Applicants qualifying under this category of housing need are required to demonstrate by way of medical deceneration why this is preferable.
6. Where permission has been granted for a rural housing proposal in an area deemed to be under urban pressure an occupancy condition may be imposed by agreement with the applicant under section 47 of the Planning and Development act 2000.

An occupancy clause shall not be applied to any successful application outside of areas deemed to be under urban pressure.

The Residency Condition shall not affect the sale of the house or site by a mortgagee in possession or by any person deriving title from such a sale where force majeure applies, for example, death, illness, relationship break up, emigration, unemployment, relocation due to work issues which would necessitate a new primary place of residence.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
This change in text may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed and could lead to could lead to unmanaged growth of settlements in a manner which is not consistent with the protection of the Natura 2000 Network. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 3.13		
Section	Heading	Page no.
3.4.12	Town and Village Housing Policies	61-62

Amend TVHP 3 as below:

TVHP 3 To encourage and foster the creation of attractive, mixed use, sustainable communities that include a suitable mix of housing types including larger detached units, and tenure with supporting facilities, amenities and services that meet the needs of the community and are in

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accordance with the principles of universal design, life-long adaptability, energy efficiency and urban greening, in as far as practicable.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Change in text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	<i>Out</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 3.14		
Section	Heading	Page no.
3.4.8	Rural Housing Objectives	PAGE 60 TVHO 11 PAGE 63

Insert new objective after RHO 11:

RHO: Mayo County Council supports and encourages multi-generational housing, and the adaption of existing housing to facilitate multi-generational living, whereby a family member of an older or younger generation (or both) can be facilitated with the provision of additional accommodation onto an existing dwelling, the adaption of the existing accommodation, or at construction, the facilitation of the need for multigenerational living.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Objective that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	<i>Out</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 3.15		
Section	Heading	Page no.
3.4.12	Town and Village Housing Objectives	63

Include new objective after Objective TVHO 11 to read as follows:

TVHO: To review the car parking standards (Table 7 of Section 7.12.1 Vol. II) over the lifetime of the plan to include maximum parking standards. In the interim period, a reduction of parking standard requirements will be considered for urban infill and brownfield locations, subject to the individual merits of each development proposals, with respect to performance-based criteria, in accordance with the provisions of NPO 13.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:

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Objective that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development.
 A – General statement policy / general aspiration
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11.5.4 Chapter 4: Economic Development

Proposed Amendment CH 4.1		
Section	Heading	Page no.
4.3	National and Regional Position	66

Amend the first paragraph in Section 4.3 (National and Regional Position) of Chapter 4 (Economic Development) to read as follows:

The NPF and the RSES also recognise the important economic role of urban settlements at a county and regional level, and rural settlements at a local level, whilst identifying the need to strengthen rural economies and communities by broadening the employment base of rural areas, improving connectivity and addressing infrastructural deficits. **In terms of job creation in urban areas, the overarching guidance provided in the NPF is that job creation should follow population increase at a ratio of 0.66:1 (NPO 1c).**

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New text in body of document that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 4.2		
Section	Heading	Page no.
4.4.5	Economic Development Objectives	70

Amend objective EDO 21 as follows:

EDO 21 To encourage and facilitate **small** indigenous industries, at appropriate locations with good communication infrastructure, in recognition of their increasing importance in providing local employment and helping to stimulate economic activity within small communities.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended objective text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 4.3		
Section	Heading	Page no.
4.4.5	Economic Development Objectives	70

Amend objective EDO 22 as follows:

EDO 22 To support the use of town centre ~~core~~ and other suitable locations for new service focused enterprises.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended objective text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 4.4		
Section	Heading	Page no.
4.4.5	Growth Clusters	74

Amend objective EDO 38 as follows:

~~To prepare an economic growth strategy for Ballina and its supporting catchment~~
To seek to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Ballina/North Mayo Growth Cluster Study to advance the economic development of North Mayo.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended objective text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 4.5		
Section	Heading	Page no.
4.4.6	Retail Objectives	74

Amend Objective EDO 41 to read as follows:

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EDO 41: To implement/review the Mayo County Retail Strategy in accordance with the Retail Planning Guidelines 2021, as amended or superseded, within 3 no. years of the final adoption of the Mayo County Development Plan.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended objective text that provides context but does not in itself give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 4.6		
Section	Heading	Page no.
4.4.6	Retail Objectives	74

Include the following additional objectives to Section 4.4.6 (Retail) of Chapter 4 (Economic Development) after objective EDO 47 to read as follows:

EDO: To support retail in town and village centres through the sequential approach, as provided within the Retail Guidelines, and to encourage appropriate development formats within the town and village centres.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

EDO: To encourage new (and expanding) retail developments to locate close to public transport corridors, to enable sustainable travel to and from our Town and Village Centres, where applicable.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

EDO: To adopt a presumption in favour of the reuse, and restoration of town centre buildings for use as retail space, subject to satisfying other planning criteria and standards.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	<i>Out</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 4.7		
Section	Heading	Page no.
4.4.8	Rural Economy	77

Amend Section 4.4.8, Chapter 4 to include the following:

In addition to the natural resources and food sector as traditional pillars of the rural economy, improved connectivity facilitating home working and digital hubs, broadband and rural economic development opportunities offer the potential to ensure our rural area remains and strengthens as a living and working community. **Local Development Companies are important collaborators with Mayo County Council on rural economic development through their work with the LEADER Rural Development Programme and other rural based programmes.**

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New text in body of document that does not, in itself, give rise to development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	<i>Out</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 4.8		
Section	Heading	Page no.
4.4.10	Extractive Industries	80

Amend the text in Section 4.4.10 of the draft plan as follows:

The Planning Authority will have regard to the Department of the Environment’s Guidelines for Planning Authorities for Quarries and Ancillary Activities 2004 (and any updated editions) and to the GSI’s Geological Heritage Guidelines for Extractive Industries, when assessing applications relating to the extraction industry in the county.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New text in body of document that does not, in itself, give rise to development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 4.9		
Section	Heading	Page no.
4.4.10	Extractive Industries	81

Amend EDO 60 as follows:

Have regard to the Quarry and Ancillary Activities Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities DoEHLG (April 2004) and to the GSI’s Geological Heritage Guidelines for Extractive Industries, or any new or subsequent quarry guidance.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended objective text that does not, in itself, give rise to development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

11.5.5 Chapter 5: Tourism & Recreation

Proposed Amendment CH 5.1		
Section	Heading	Page no.
5.4.2	Fáilte Ireland's Settlement Approach	89

Delete existing text in Section 5.4.2 and replace with new text as outlined below:

5.4.2 Fáilte Ireland's Settlement Approach

~~Fáilte Ireland has identified a strategic approach to building tourism considerations into the settlement hierarchy. This involves the identification, prioritisation and strengthening of the 3-tier concept of 'Always On' (Hub), 'Seasonal' (Service Centre) and 'Attraction', with maximum development and minimal seasonality at the Hub. Westport and Ballina are identified as 'Hubs' as both have the greatest potential offering to tourism. In terms of 'Service Centres', these include settlements such as Newport and Beal an Mhuirthead (Belmullet).~~

5.4.2 Regional Tourism Plans (RTPs)

Fáilte Ireland are in the process of preparing Regional Tourism Plans for each of the four Regional Experience Brands (Dublin, Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland's Ancient East and Ireland's Hidden Heartlands). The purpose of the Regional Tourism Plans is to identify the sustainable tourism development priorities that will help to unlock the commercial potential of the region bringing benefits to all stakeholders and industry. Each plan will be prepared based on the VICE model which is a methodology for working towards sustainable tourism that seeks to strike an appropriate balance between the needs of the Visitor, the Industry and Community and the Environment. The plans will be for the period to 2025 and will be grounded in the Fáilte Ireland's new Corporate Strategy. There will be a strong spatial element to the plans which will seek to identify where development should take place in order to unlock the tourism potential of the region.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended objective text that does not, in itself, give rise to development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration C - Proposal referred to but not proposed by the plan K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 5.2		
Section	Heading	Page no.
5.4.2	General Tourism Policies	90

Amend wording of TRP 3 as follows:

To support the work of Fáilte Ireland and the strategic growth of tourism development in the County through:

~~(a) The implementation of Fáilte Irelands designations 'Always On' Hubs, 'Seasonal' Service Centres and 'Attractions' within the county.~~

(a) To support the implementation of the Wild Atlantic Way Regional Tourism Plan.

(b) The implementation of Fáilte Irelands Visitor Experience Development Plans (VEDP's) for Clew Bay and North Mayo/Erris.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>Amended objective text that does not, in itself, give rise to development – the Wild Atlantic Way has an NIR associated with the plan. Tourism plans are considered in the in-combination assessment (Appendix D).</p> <p>A – General statement policy / general aspiration C - Proposal referred to but not proposed by the plan K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination</p>	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 5.3		
Section	Heading	Page no.
5.4.2	General Tourism Policies	91

Amend wording of TRP 6 to include the following:

TRP 6

To promote and support the continued strategic development of Westport, Ballina and Castlebar as tourist destinations through:

(a) Supporting the enhancement of Westport as a major tourism centre in the West of Ireland, building on its reputation as one of Ireland's premier visitor destinations along the Wild Atlantic Way, as a heritage town and gateway to areas of outstanding natural and built heritage.

(b) Supporting the development of Westport's key assets e.g. Westport House Demesne, Quay area, extension of the Great Western Greenway and additional greenway linkages e.g. Westport-Cong Trail and National Coastal Path.

(c) Exploration of the development potential of Westport and Ballina harbour areas in terms of marine related tourism and extensive marine resources.

(d) Promote the significant tourism potential of Ballina and its location as a prominent stop on the Wild Atlantic Way, a gateway to Northwest Mayo, the Céide Fields, and internationally renowned salmon fishing, through investment in tourism related infrastructure, including Monasteries of the Moy Greenway from Belleek to Killala, incorporating EuroVelo1 Atlantic Coastal Route, Mountain Biking Trail via Ballina connecting the Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park to the National Mountain Bike Trail at Coolaney and ongoing development of the Wild Atlantic Way, including Discovery Points at Crockets Town.

(e) Promote the development of Castlebar as a nationally important Sports Tourism and Adventure Hub, including leveraging existing sports assets and existing natural and built facilities at Lough Lannagh Holiday Village.

(f) Promote the development of Castlebar as a nationally important events, conference and business tourism hub, including through leveraging existing local assets such as Galway Mayo Institute of Technology, Castlebar Campus, Castlebar Regional Training Centre, Breaffy House Resort, the Royal Theatre, and expanding the scale and capacity of hotel and other accommodation within the town.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended objective text that does not, in itself, give rise to development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 5.4		
Section	Heading	Page no.
5.4.2	General Tourism Policies	91

Amend TRP 6 - General Tourism Policies to include the following:

TRP 6:

To promote and support the continued strategic development of Westport, Ballina and Castlebar as tourist destinations through:

(a) Supporting the enhancement of Westport as a major tourism centre in the West of Ireland, building on its reputation as one of Ireland’s premier visitor destinations along the Wild Atlantic Way, as a heritage town and gateway to areas of outstanding natural and built heritage.

(b) Supporting the development of Westport’s key assets e.g. Westport House Demesne, Quay area, extension of the Great Western Greenway and additional greenway linkages e.g. Westport-Cong Trail and National Coastal Path.

(c) Exploration of the development potential of Westport and Ballina harbour areas in terms of marine related tourism and extensive marine resources.

(d) Promote the significant tourism potential of Ballina and its location as a prominent stop on the Wild Atlantic Way, a gateway to Northwest Mayo, the Céide Fields, and internationally renowned salmon fishing, through investment in tourism related infrastructure, including Monasteries of the Moy Greenway from Belleek to Killala, incorporating EuroVelo1 Atlantic Coastal Route, Mountain Biking Trail via Ballina connecting the Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park to the National Mountain Bike Trail at Coolaney and ongoing development of the Wild Atlantic Way, including Discovery Points at Crockets Town.

(e) Promote the development of Castlebar as a nationally important Sports Tourism and Adventure Hub, including leveraging existing sports assets and existing natural and built facilities at Lough Lannagh Holiday Village.

'(f) To support the implementation of the feasibility study entitled Moy Estuary, A Development Strategy, A Shared Vision, where appropriate.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
This new policy may lead to increased development with associated effects on the Natura 2000 network. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 5.5		
Section	Heading	Page no.
5.4.2	General Tourism Policies	91

Insert new Policy after TRP 7, wording below:

TRP: To work with relevant authorities to promote the concept of creating Ireland’s first “National Marine Park” in Killala Bay from Easkey Head to Kilcummin Head. This would enhance the Economic, Environmental and Social Values of Killala Bay and promote the understanding and enjoyment of these special qualities by the public.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
This new policy may lead to increased development. Any development within the county or marine area could potentially have direct and/or indirect effects on the Natura 2000 network, particularly around Killala Bay, through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 5.6		
Section	Heading	Page no.
5.4.3.1	Activity, Adventure and Sports Tourism	94

Add Scuba Diving to 1st line of 1st Paragraph on page 94:

Water sports activities are also very popular across coastal, lakes and river locations, including swimming, surfing, canoeing, kayaking, scuba diving and sailing.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
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Amended objective text that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development.
 A – General statement policy / general aspiration
 K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination

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Proposed Amendment CH 5.7		
Section	Heading	Page no.
5.4.3.1	Cultural and Amenity Tourism Objectives	98

Amend TRO 9 as follows:

Encourage sensitively designed and located development which provides for the appreciation, interpretation, upgrade and provision of access to natural habitats, scenic vistas and heritage **and geoheritage** features for the benefit of rural tourism, subject to normal planning and nature conservation consideration.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended objective text that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 5.8		
Section	Heading	Page no.
5.4.3.2	Infrastructure and Visitor Objectives	100-101

Insert new objective after TRO 13 to read as follows:

TRO: To work with key stakeholders, including transport providers, to promote, support and facilitate the provision of sustainable rural transport modes to key tourist locations within the county.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective text that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 5.9		
Section	Heading	Page no.
5.4.3.3	Key Tourism Pillar 3 – Flagship Infrastructural Projects	103

Amend section 5.4.3.3 Key Tourism Pillar 3: Flagship Infrastructure Projects, Wild Atlantic Way – Discovery Points as shown below:

Section 5.4.3.3

The Wild Atlantic Way has been very successful tourism initiative by Fáilte Ireland, particularly for the West of Ireland. It showcases the natural assets and outstanding scenery of the West and has been an important economic driver for County Mayo to date. Mayo County Council recognises that the Wild Atlantic Way is essential to the future of tourism and economic growth in the county. The Wild Atlantic Way is one of the longest defined coastal routes in the world, stretching approximately 2,500km. The section of the Wild Atlantic Way which runs through Mayo is a 543km coastal drive, from Killary Harbour in the south, to Ballina in the north of the county and beyond into County Sligo. The route contains 35 Discovery Points, three of which are Signature Points (Downpatrick Head, Keem Bay & Killary Harbour). Pivotal to the success of the initiative is investment in necessary infrastructure along the way, including signage and parking facilities. Signature Discovery points are worthy of significant investment and works have been completed at Downpatrick Head. Planning and design of a **unique and architecturally striking interpretation signature discovery point** is ongoing for Keem Bay, **including improved walk access and improved toilet facilities**. It is intended that this Signature Point will magnetise visitors to the Wild Atlantic Way and Achill, in particular”.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Could lead to small scale construction and increased disturbance in a sensitive location, as well as an increase in nutrients and other polluting matter which could significantly effect the Natura 2000 Network. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	<i>In</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 5.10		
Section	Heading	Page no.
5.4.3.3	Key Tourism Pillar 3 – Flagship Infrastructural Projects	104

Amend Policy TRP 27 to include the following:

TRP 27

To support the promotion of the Wild Atlantic Way in its role to grow the economic contribution of tourism along its route, through the upgrade and improvement of the touring network, facilities and visitor attractions through:

- (a) Exploration of the development of signature discovery points to assist and secure Mayo’s position as ‘The Heartbeat of the Wild Atlantic Way’.
- (b) Working with all relevant stakeholders and Fáilte Ireland to facilitate the erection of standardised signage for tourism facilities and tourist attractions along the Wild Atlantic Way.

(c) Working with relevant landholders and recreational/tourism agencies to increase access to the countryside and our coastal areas, and to ensure maintenance and access to the existing network of trails, paths, and tourist sites along the Wild Atlantic Way.

(d) Supporting the exploration of the development of new tourist services, parking and facilities or upgrading/extension of existing tourist services, parking and facilities at tourist sites along the Wild Atlantic Way.

(e) Build the concept of sustainability firmly into ongoing planning processes for tourism and outdoor recreation. In conducting tourism and recreation planning processes during the lifetime of the Mayo CDP, work towards adopting an ecosystem-based approach that assesses capacity of landscapes, communities, and natural resources to provide a basis for decision making that is firmly based on the principles of sustainability

(f) Apply environmental measures as presented in the Wild Atlantic Way Operational Programme, the SEA and NIR of the Destination Mayo Strategy and support monitoring of environmental effects associated with tourism growth to ensure cumulative and in combination effects are avoided.

(g) To support the preparation of a masterplan and/or visitor traffic management plan at Downpatrick Head-Discovery Point.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective text that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

11.5.6 Chapter 6: Movement & Transport

Proposed Amendment CH 6.1		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.1	Integrated Land Use and Transportation Policies	111-112

Insert the following the below Policy after MTP 3:

MTP: To work with the NTA and Bus Eireann to make all existing public transport services throughout the county more accessible for wheelchair users and those with disabilities and require that proposals for new transport infrastructure are subject to an Accessibility Audit.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.2		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.1	Integrated Land Use and Transportation Policies	111-112

Insert the following the below Policy after MTP 3:

MTP: To ensure new development areas and employment land-uses are permeable for walking and cycling and are laid out in such a way as to facilitate the operation of and access to public transport by residents and employees.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.3		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.1	Integrated Land Use and Transportation Policies	111-112

Insert the following the below Policy after MTP 3:

MTP: To ensure that the layout and design of new developments provide for bus stops, passenger waiting facilities, and bus turning and service regulatory layover facilities, as required.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:

Screening
Outcome

New policy that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development.

A – General statement policy / general aspiration

K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination

Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.4		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.2	Sustainable Mobility	114

Amend Table 6.2 and 6.3 to include CSO 2026 modal share figures for County Mayo, as per Appendix II of the CE Report.

Table 6.2

Mode of Travel	Castlebar	Ballina	Westport	Tier 1 (a & b) Combined Average	Mayo CSO 2016*	National CSO 2016
Car Driver	59.35%	53.80%	50.56%	54.57%	43%	61.40%
Car Passenger	17.91%	18.43%	19.26%	18.53%	22.43%	4.10%
Bus	3.77%	4.10%	7.85%	5.24%	8.42%	5.90%
Train	0.08%	0%	0.65%	0.24%	0.27%	3.40%
Walk	11.58%	13.18%	13.86%	12.87%	9.63%	9.30%
Bicycle	0.73%	1.03%	1.21%	0.99%	0.81%	3.00%
Motorbike/Scooter	0.14%	0.14%	0.16%	0.15%	0.11%	0.40%
Other (incl. lorry/van)	4.56%	6.61%	5.82%	5.66%	0.52%	7.30%
Not Stated	2.42%	3.20%	2.19%	2.42%	3.92%	5.00%

* Modal share data for Mayo are based on the CSO 2016 figures for Population aged 5 years and over by means of travel to work, school or college.

Table 6.3

Mode of Travel	Ballinrobe	Ballyhaunis	Béal an Mhuirthead (Belmullet)	Claremorris	Swinford	Tier 2 Combined Average	Mayo CSO 2016*	National CSO 2016
Car Driver	35.88%	40.88%	79.14%	47.29%	49.94%	50.63%	43%	61.40%
Car Passenger	26.38%	23.04%	23.52%	22.13%	23.79%	23.77%	22.43%	4.10%
Bus	11.57%	9.33%	0.59%	9.33%	8.47%	7.86%	8.42%	5.90%
Train	0.34%	0.42%	0.00%	0.16%	0.06%	0.18%	0.27%	3.40%
Walk	12.79%	15.71%	10.95%	12.07%	8.53%	12.01%	9.63%	9.30%
Bicycle	0.81%	0.64%	0.44%	0.93%	0.35%	0.63%	0.81%	3.00%
Motorbike/ Scooter	0.15%	0.17%	0.00%	0.16%	0.06%	0.11%	0.11%	0.40%
Other (incl. lorry/van)	2.96%	1.57%	1.77%	1.53%	1.64%	1.89%	0.52%	7.30%

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New body text that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.5		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.2	Sustainable Mobility Policies	115

Insert new policy after MTP 5 to read as follows:

MTP: Work with the NTA to undertake analysis in relation to modal shift between settlements and derive a realistic modal change target for increased usage of sustainable modes of transport for the county.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.6		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.2	Sustainable Mobility Policies	115

Insert new policy after MTP 5 to read as follows:

MTP: To support and develop public transport routes throughout the County through collaboration with the National Transport Authority.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.7		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.2	Sustainable Mobility Objectives	115

Insert new objective after MTO 4 to read as follows:

MTO: To retrospectively provide public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure and facilities in existing development areas to achieve growth in sustainable mobility

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Provision of infrastructure may include construction and development with associated effects on the Natura 2000 Network. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 6.8		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.2	Sustainable Mobility Objectives	115

Insert new objective after MTO 4 to read as follows:

MTO: To provide suitable infrastructure on public transport corridors to improve safety and efficiency for public transport users.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Provision of infrastructure may include construction and development with associated effects on the Natura 2000 Network. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 6.9		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.2	Sustainable Mobility Objectives	115

Insert new objective after MTO 4 to read as follows:

MTO: To establish modal shift targets and a monitoring regime to increase the usage of sustainable modes of transport in the towns of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, as informed by local transport plans.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.10		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.2	Pedestrian & Cyclist Objectives	117

Amend MTO 6 with the following additions:

MTO 6: To support the establishment of a network of interlinked cycle ways and walk ways in the county and the adjoining counties and specifically to support the development of a link between the Great Northern Greenway and the Great Western Greenway, having regard to best practice standards including the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and the NTA Cycle Manual and the TII Standard DN-GEO-03084 'The Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads or any amending/superseding national guidance or manuals. To specifically conduct a feasibility study for the development of a Greenway linking the Great Northern Greenway at Collooney to the Great Western Greenway via the high amenity areas of the Ox mountains, with a link point to the Ballina - Castlebar - Westport interurban Greenway at Foxford, Co. Mayo.

That the Western Rail Corridor (WRC) is protected and preserved for the delivery of Rail Infrastructure to develop the region and is excluded from any feasibility study for the WRC.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Although at feasibility stage, the study should include assessment of environmental constraints, including potential significant effects on the Natura 2000 Network, to allow for avoidance of impact at design level. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 6.11		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.2	Pedestrian & Cyclist Objectives	117

Amend Objective MTO 8 as follows:

MTO 8: To encourage, where appropriate, the incorporation of safe and efficient cycleways, accessible footpaths and pedestrian routes into the design schemes for town/neighborhood centres, residential, educational, employment, recreational developments and other uses, with the design informed by published design manuals, including the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and the NTA Cycle Manual and TII Standard DN-GEO-03084 'The Treatment of Transition Zones to Towns and Villages on National Roads, or any amending/superseding national guidance or manuals.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.12		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.3	Bus	119

Insert the following policy in after MTP 8:

MTP: To support improvements to public transport accessibility to and from Ireland West Airport Knock (IWAK).

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.13		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.3	Bus	119

Insert the following policy in after MTP 8:

MTP: To support improvements to public transport accessibility to and from key tourism hubs and visitor attractions.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.14		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.3	Bus	119

Insert the following policy in after MTP 8:

MTP: To support the implementation of the Connecting Ireland Plan where appropriate.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.15		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.1.4	Rail	120

Insert amendment to MTO 15

MTO 15 To liaise with and encourage Iarnród Éireann to:

- (a) Continue investment in rail freight facilities at Ballina & **Claremorris-Westport (existing) and Claremorris & Castlebar (as potential freight hubs).**
- (b) Increase frequency of commuter services on the mainline rail network between Westport, Castlebar and Ballina.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.16		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.2.1	National Road Policies	122

Amend MTP 16 as follows:

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MTP 16 To avoid the creation of **any** additional **direct** access points from new development **adjoining national roads** or the generation of **increased additional** traffic from existing **direct** accesses to national roads to which speed limits greater than **680 km/h** apply **except for economic or social reasons**.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.17		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.2.1	National Road Objectives	122

Replace MTO 19 with new wording as below:

~~**MTO 19** To apply a less restrictive approach to non-residential development of strategic or national importance or extensions to such developments accessing onto the National Road Network in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.6 of the ‘Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for planning authorities’ (2012).~~

MTO 19 A less restrictive approach to non residential access to National Roads may apply to development considered to be of National or Strategic Importance. Exceptions are required to be identified for incorporation into the Development Plan and the Council will undertake a survey to identify such sites and agree cases in consultation with the TII where ‘exceptional circumstances’ will apply in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.6 of the DoECLG Guidelines. Such exceptions may also include extensions to existing permitted developments along National Roads. In such cases the existing access may require mitigation measures and upgrading where it is found to be substandard.

The Planning Authority will commence the engagement with the TII to agree the case for access off the National Road. One such site has been identified in Ballina:

- IDA Site at Quignashee, Ballina (off the N59) and
- Additional sites where required and agreed with the TII

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect effects on the Natura 2000 network. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 6.18		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.2.1	National Road Objectives	122-123

Insert new objective after MTO 22 as below:

MTO: To protect the study area, route corridor options and thereafter the preferred route corridor selected for the national road schemes being progressed in the Development Plan in accordance with National Development Plan Objectives and to prohibit development that could prejudice their future delivery.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.19		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.2.1	National Road Objectives	122-123

Insert new objective after MTO 22 as below:

MTO: To protect the capacity and efficiency of the national road network drainage regimes in the County for national road drainage purposes.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.20		
Section	Heading	Page no.
6.4.2.2	Non-National Road Policies	123

Amend MTP 2 by deleting 60km/h and on second line and replace with 80km/h

MTP 20 It is an objective of Mayo County Council, in relation to lands adjoining Strategically Important Regional Roads to which to which speed limits greater than ~~60~~80 km/h apply, to avoid the creation of any additional access points from new development or the generation of increased traffic from existing accesses to Strategically Important Regional Roads, unless it can be demonstrated that the development is required for economic or social reasons and cannot be accessed from a non-Strategically Important Regional Road.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 6.21		
Table	Heading	Page no.
6.5	Road Projects in Mayo	126

Amend Table 6.5 as follows:

Road Projects in Co. Mayo			
National Roads		Regional & Local Roads	
Road Number	Project Title	Road Number	Section
N5/N26/N58	N5/N26/N58 Mount Falconto Swinford, Castlebar East to Bohola Project incorporating the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N5 upgrade between Castlebar East & Bohola • N26 upgrade between Mount Falcon & Swinford • N58 upgrade between Foxoford and Ballyvary • N26/N58 Bypass of Foxford town 	R310 – R311	R310 Pontoon Road to the R311 Newport Road
N5	N5 Turlough to Westport		Killala Inner Relief Road (Phase 2) (See Map KA 3)
N17	N17 Knock to Collooney	R322	R322 Kilmaine to Foxhall
N59	N59 Upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N59 Westport to Mulranny road project • N59/N26 Eastern bypass of Ballina • N5/N59 Southern bypass of Westport 	R312	Glenisland
N60	N60 upgrades: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N60 Bypass of Breaffy Village N60 Manulla Cross • N60 Lagnamuck N60 Heathlawn • N60 Claremorris Inner Relief Road 	R320	N17/R320 Junction at Lisduff

N59/N26	N59/N26 Western bypass of Ballina (N26 Ballina bypass phase1)		Killala Strategic Link
N83	N83 Upgrade: N83 Bypass of Ballyhaunis (See Map BS 4)		Kiltimagh Strategic Link (See Map KI 3)
N84	N84 upgrade: • N84 Bypass of Ballinrobe • (See Map BE 4)		Cong Relief Road
	Charlestown Strategic Link		

Table 6.5 Road Projects in Mayo

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>These indicative routes could result in a significant effect on the Natura 2000 Network. This objective could also lead to increased development that could impact on the Natura 2000 Network.</p> <p>I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination</p>	<i>In</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 6.22		
Table	Heading	Page no.
6.6	National & Strategically Important Regional Roads in Mayo	126

Amend Table 6.6 National & Strategically Important Regional Roads in Mayo, add text *Belclare junction* before Westport

Road Classifications in Co. Mayo			
National Roads		Strategically Important Regional Roads	
Road Number	Road Classification	Road Number	Section
N5	National Primary Road	R294	Ballina – Bunoyconnelloe
N17	National Primary Road	R294	Bunoyconnelloe – Sligo County Boundary
N26	National Primary Road	R310	Castlebar – Pontoon – Ballina
N58	National Secondary Road	R311	Castlebar - Newport
N59	National Secondary Road	R312	Castlebar – Bellacorrick
N60	National Secondary Road	R313	Bangor Erris – Belmullet
N83	National Secondary Road	R314	Ballina – Killala
N84	National Secondary Road	R319	Mulranny – Achill Sound
		R321	Ballylahan-Kiltmogh
		R323	Kiltmogh – Knock – Ballyhaunis
		R327 R330	Claremorris – Roscommon County Boundary at Cloonfad
		R330	Westport - Partry
		R331	Ballinrobe – Claremorris
		R332	Kilmajine -Galway-County Boundary
		R334	Ballinrobe – Galway County Boundary
		R335	Belclare junction Westport – Louisburgh
		R345	The Neale-Cong-Galway County Boundary.
		R346	Cross to Cong

AA Screening Category and Consideration:

Screening Outcome

Amended text that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development.
 A – General statement policy / general aspiration
 K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination

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11.5.7 Chapter 7: Infrastructure

Proposed Amendment CH 7.1		
Section	Heading	Page no.
7.1	Strategic Aim	131

Amend Strategic Aim 7.1 as follows:

The strategic aim of this chapter is to protect, improve and provide water, wastewater, surface water and flood alleviation services throughout the county, and to facilitate the provision of high-quality information communication technology, broadband, telecommunication information and electricity network required to support and enhance the key aims of best place to live, work, visit and invest. **and facilitate the transition to a low carbon and climate resilient society.**

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New text that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 7.2		
Section	Heading	Page no.
7.4.3.2	Surface Water Policies	140

Amend INP 10 as follows:

To support, in conjunction with Irish Water, the improvement of storm water infrastructure to **improve increase** the use of sustainable drainage and reduce the risk of flooding in urban environments.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 7.3		
Section	Heading	Page no.
7.4.3.2	Surface Water Policies	140

Insert new Policy after INP 10 as follows:

INP: To support Irish Water in the development and implementation of the National Water Resources Plan for Ireland's public water supplies which seeks to address issues around the availability of water.

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AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	<i>Out</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 7.4		
Section	Heading	Page no.
7.4.3.2	Surface Water Policies	140

Insert new Policy after INP 10 as follows:

INP: To promote water conservation and demand management measures among all water users, and to support Irish Water in implementing water conservation measures such as leakage reduction and network improvements, including innovative solutions in specific situations.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	<i>Out</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 7.5		
Section	Heading	Page no.
7.4.3.2	Surface Water Policies	140

Insert new Policy after INP 10 as follows:

INP: To support Irish Water in the promotion of effective management of trade discharges to sewers in order to maximise the capacity of existing sewer networks and minimise detrimental impacts on sewage treatment works.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	<i>Out</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 7.6		
Section	Heading	Page no.
7.4.3.2	Flood Risk Management Objectives	141

Insert New Objective after INO 27 as follows:

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INO: Developments on all Opportunity Sites in all towns and villages in the Settlement Hierarchy will be subject to Flood Risk Assessments if required, in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management (DoEHLG/OPW 2009) and Circular PL2/2014. This assessment shall be appropriate to the scale and nature of risk to the potential development. and this will determine the scale and nature of the development.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 7.7		
Section	Heading	Page no.
7.4.4.6	Broadband Objectives	144

Amend INO 28 as below:

INO 28 To require all new developments, including all new housing and commercial developments, and any local authority or community led town and village centre redevelopment/regeneration projects, to provide specific ducting to enable broadband infrastructure, where appropriate.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

11.5.8 Chapter 8: Sustainable Communities

Proposed Amendment CH 8.1		
Section	Heading	Page no.
8.4.1	Mayo Local Community Development Committee	151-152

Amend Chapter 8, Section 8.4.1 - Local Community Development Committee to include the following:

Mayo Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), established in 2014, consists of public private partnerships of socio-economic interests. Mayo LCDC has a number of functions, one of which is to prepare and agree the local community elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). The purpose of the LECP is to identify objectives and implement actions to strengthen and develop both the economic and community dimensions of the county. Central to the Mayo LECP and Action Plan 2016-2021, is the understanding that economic, local and community development is mutually supportive in building sustainable communities with strong local economies. The LECP seeks to progress the following goals: community development; social inclusion; health and wellbeing; education training and skills and culture, heritage and the Arts. The LCDC also ~~coordinates, manages and oversees the implementation of local and community development programmes of the LECP, including~~ has oversight of the Rural Development Programme and Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme, ~~which are run by a number of Local Development Companies in the County.~~

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that provides context and does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 8.2		
Section	Heading	Page no.
8.4.2	Community Development in Mayo	152

Amend Chapter 8, Section 8.4.2 - Community Development in Mayo (last paragraph) to include the following:

Other agencies that assist community development in Mayo include Family Resource Centres which provide practical assistance to community groups, such as training, information, advice and use of shared facilities, in addition to educational and training opportunities. Sectoral communities are also assisted in the county by agencies, such as ~~Mayo Intercultural Action,~~ ~~South West Mayo Development Company,~~ ~~Mayo North East Leader Partnership,~~ Mayo Traveller Support Group, Mayo Traveller Inter Agency Forum, The Regional Drug Task Force, The Mayo Joint Policing Committee, The Disability Federation of Ireland and Outwest.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that provides context and does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 8.3		
Section	Heading	Page no.
8.4.3	Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure	154

Insert the following policy to Chapter 8 Sustainable Communities, Section 8.4.3 Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure under SCP 10:

SCP: To support the enhancement of postal facilities in the County.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that provides does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 8.4		
Section	Heading	Page no.
8.4.4	Social Inclusion in Mayo	155

Insert policy in Section 8.4.4, Social Inclusion:

SCP 16: To support initiatives which provide access to social supports in terms of language, education and employment for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 8.5		
Section	Heading	Page no.
8.4.4	Social Inclusion in Mayo	156

Amend Chapter 8, Section 8.4.4 - Social Inclusion in Mayo Policy SPC 12 as follows:

SCP 12 To support the implementation of the Mayo Local Economic and Community Plan in collaboration with the Local ~~and Economic~~ Community Development Committee to reduce the number of people in or at risk of social exclusion.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 8.6		
Section	Heading	Page no.
8.4.4	Social Inclusion in Mayo	157

Insert the following objective after SCO 10:

SCO: To seek to provide Changing Spaces in the provision of any new public toilets, where feasible.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 8.7		
Section	Heading	Page no.
8.4.7	Education, Training & Skills	159

Amend Chapter 8, Section 8.4.7 Education, Training and Skills (part of last paragraph) as follows:

In addition, the Mayo Local Enterprise Office offers business information and advice, business skills training and mentoring support, as well as other skills and training options to support businesses in the county. Informal, unaccredited lifelong learning also has a huge role to play in building social capital, keeping people connected and engaged, encouraging and supporting people on a pathway to formal education and lifting people out of poverty.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New text that does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 8.8		
Section	Heading	Page no.
8.4.7	Education, Training & Skills Policies	159

Amend Chapter 8, Section 8.4.7 Education, Training and Skills, Policy SCP 23 as follows:

SCP 23: To support informal and formal initiatives which provide opportunities for people in Mayo to access appropriate education and training provision necessary to allow them to realise their full potential.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New text that does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 8.9		
Section	Heading	Page no.
8.4.7	Education, Training & Skills Objectives	160

Amend Objective SCO 16 as follows:

SCO 16: To support the provision of childcare facilities and new and refurbished schools on well located sites, within or close to existing built-up areas, that meet the diverse needs of local populations and to support the intensification of development on existing school sites, where appropriate, and in accordance with Department of Education’s guidelines and Development Management Guidelines (Volume II).

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Extension to existing school and childcare sites will involve construction/development with associated impacts, potentially resulting in significant effects on the Natura 2000 Network. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 8.10		
Section	Heading	Page no.
8.4.8.2	Mayo Islands and Gaeltacht Mhaigh ÉO Policies	162

Amend Policy SCP 28 as follows:

SCP 28 - To support initiatives at promoting Gaeilge, the Irish language. ~~and the need for access to social supports in terms of language, education and employment for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.~~

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New text that does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 8.11		
Section	Heading	Page no.
8.4.8.2	Mayo Islands and Gaeltacht Mhaigh ÉO Policies	162

Insert new policy in Section 8.4.8.2 (Islands and the Gaeltacht Mhaigh Éo) after Policy SCP 30:

SCP: To actively promote and encourage the provision of mixed social and affordable housing schemes to facilitate the retention and return of islanders and immigration to the island to ensure viable and sustainable populations on offshore islands.

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AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Development of housing could involve construction/development with associated effects on the Natura 2000 Network, both during the construction phase and operationally. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	<i>In</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 8.12		
Section	Heading	Page no.
8.4.8.2	Mayo Islands and Gaeltacht Mhaigh ÉO Policies	162

Insert new objective after SCO 22 to read as follows:

SCO: To support and assist the formulation and implementation of Irish Language Plans (Plean Teanga) for the Gaeltacht Service Towns of Béal an Mhuirthead, Ballinrobe and Castlebar, and to promote the development of the Gaeltacht in Mayo in a manner that protects and enhances the distinctive linguistic and cultural heritage, whilst meeting the needs and aspirations of both residents and visitors alike.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	<i>Out</i>

11.5.9 Chapter 9: Built Environment

Proposed Amendment CH 9.1		
Section	Heading	Page no.
9.4.1.1	Archaeological Heritage Objectives	167

Insert new objective after BEO 6 as follows:

BEO: To promote awareness and the appropriate adaptation of Ireland's built and archaeological heritage to deal with the effects of climate change with reference to the Built and Archaeological Heritage Climate Change and Adaptation Plan.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 9.2		
Section	Heading	Page no.
9.4.1.2	Architectural Heritage Objectives	162

Insert new objective after BEO 11 to read as follows:

BEO: To protect the built heritage of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, including the protected structures listed in the existing town and environs development plans, and seek to review the Record of Protected Structures for County Mayo to incorporate protected structures from the plan areas of these towns.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 9.3		
Section	Heading	Page no.
9.4.4	Regeneration Objectives	175

Amend objective BEO 35 to read as follows:

BEO 35: To use specific powers, such as the Vacant Sites register to address issues of vacancy and underutilisation of strategic lands in town centres locations and within the built-up footprints of Tier I to V towns and villages, including the implementation of the Vacant Sites Levy in accordance with the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015. Each year of the plan period, the planning authority will assess the county's settlements for the purposes of identifying vacant sites for addition to the Vacant Site's Register and accordingly implement the

statutory provisions for same.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text within the original objective that provides context, but that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 9.4		
Section	Heading	Page no.
9.4.4	Regeneration Objectives	175

Amend objective BEO 36 to read as follows:

BEO 36: To establish a database of strategic brownfield and infill sites **within two years of the adoption of the Mayo County Development Plan**, to ensure brownfield land re-use can be managed and co-ordinated across multiple stakeholders, as part of an active land management process, and **to monitor the brownfield housing targets urban and rural areas, as set out in Objectives CS0 5 and CS0 6.**

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text within the original objective that provides context, but that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 9.5		
Section	Heading	Page no.
9.4.4	Regeneration Objectives	176

Insert new objective after BEO 37 to read as follows:

BEO: To facilitate appropriate densities and compact growth within urban settlements, the Planning Authority will consider a relaxation of relevant the development management guidelines to assist the delivery of appropriate uses on urban brownfield and infill sites, based on the individual merits of each development proposal, with due cognisant to NPO 13.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Development of housing and brownfield sites could involve construction/development with associated effects on the Natura 2000 Network, both during the construction phase and operationally, particularly where urban settlements have a those designated rivers (SACs) running through them. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

11.5.10 Chapter 10: Natural Environment

Proposed Amendment CH 10.1		
Section	Heading	Page no.
10.3	National & Regional Position	179

Amend Section 10.3 to read as follows:

The NPF and RSES recognises that communities in Ireland benefit from the goods and services that the natural environment provides, including food, renewable energy, water purification, flood mitigation and places for recreation, education, creative thinking, health and wellbeing. They also recognise the importance of biodiversity and how the planning system should be responsive to our national environmental challenges and ensure that development occurs within environmental limits, having regard to the requirements of all relevant environmental legislation. The NPF and RSES acknowledges the wealth of the natural and cultural assets within our landscape, which supports our quality of life, provides for a healthy and resilient economy and helps us adapt to and mitigate climate change. The NPF and RSES both aim to protect and value our important and vulnerable habitats, landscapes, natural heritage and green spaces, including their interrelationships. The NPF also requires the integration of planning for green infrastructure and ecosystem services into all statutory land use plans. Additionally, the RSES seeks to unify the region around an environmental, growth management, economic and infrastructural strategy that is efficient, sustainable and inclusive, which builds on protecting and enhancing our natural capital. **The environment and our health and wellbeing are inextricably linked, and we need to look beyond simply protecting people from threats in their environment to considering how the environment can deliver a much wider range of social, economic and environmental benefits whilst ensuring no net contribution to biodiversity loss.**

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text providing context but that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 10.2		
Section	Heading	Page no.
10.4.2	Designated Sites, Protected Species and Habitats	180

Amend paragraph 2 under Section 10.4.2 to read as follows:

Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) are designated due to their national conservation value and/or geological/geomorphological heritage. They seek to protect habitats, landforms or geomorphological features, wildlife plant and animal species or a diversity of these natural attributes. NHAs are designated under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000. ~~and proposed~~ Proposed

Natural Heritage Areas (~~pNHAs~~) are sites that are designated or proposed for designation under the ~~Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000~~. were published on a non-statutory basis in 1995, because of their important for wildlife and habitats, but have not been statutorily proposed or designated. These are sites that are of national importance and support a range of habitats, plant and animal species and in some cases, geological features. There are 15 NHAs in County Mayo. The Plan provides protection for these sites.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text providing context but that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 10.3		
Section	Heading	Page no.
10.4.3	Non-Designated Sites	181

Amend paragraph 2 of Section 10.4.3 to read as follows:

All bat species and their breeding and resting places (roosts) are legally protected in Ireland under the Wildlife Acts 1976-2000. Bats are also protected as 'strictly protected' species under Annex IV (Habitats Directive) species of flora and fauna, which also protects their key habitats (i.e. breeding sites and resting places), wherever they occur. It is particularly critical that wildlife corridors, tree lines and hedgerows within the area of Lesser Horseshoe Bat roosts are retained to allow for the free movement of these bats and other species within and through the surrounding area.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides clarification, and will not lead to increased development. D - General plan-wide environmental protection/ site safeguarding/ threshold policies E - Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect European sites from adverse effects K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 10.4		
Section	Heading	Page no.
10.4.3	Biodiversity, Designated Non-Designated Sites Policies	181

Amend Policy NEP 1 as follows:

NEP 1: To support the protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural heritage and biodiversity of County Mayo, including the protection of the integrity of European sites, that form part of the Natura 2000 network, the protection of Natural Heritage Areas, proposed Natural Heritage

Areas Ramsar Sites, Nature Reserves and Wild Fowl Sanctuaries (and other designated sites including any future designations).

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides clarification, and will not lead to increased development. D - General plan-wide environmental protection/ site safeguarding/ threshold polices E - Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect European sites from adverse effects K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 10.5		
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10.4.3	Biodiversity, Designated Non-Designated Sites Policies	181 - 182

Amend Policy NEP 2 as follows:

NEP 2: To protect and enhance the county's natural heritage and biodiversity ~~To support~~ by supporting the implementation of the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021, the National Pollination Plan 2015-2020 and County Mayo Biodiversity Plan 2015- 2020 and any future editions, in partnership with relevant stakeholders, subject to available resources.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides clarification, and will not lead to increased development. D - General plan-wide environmental protection/ site safeguarding/ threshold polices E - Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect European sites from adverse effects K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 10.6		
Section	Heading	Page no.
10.4.3	Biodiversity, Designated Non-Designated Sites Policies	182

Amend Policy NEP 3 as follows:

NEP 3: To protect and enhance the county's natural heritage and biodiversity ~~To support~~ through supporting the implementation, in partnership with the County Mayo Heritage Forum, relevant stakeholders and the community, of the objectives and associated actions in the County Mayo Heritage Plan and future editions thereof, which relate to the remit and functions of Mayo County Council.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides clarification, and will not lead to increased development. D - General plan-wide environmental protection/ site safeguarding/ threshold polices E - Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect European sites from adverse effects K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 10.7		
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10.4.3	Biodiversity, Designated Non-Designated Sites Objectives	183

Amend Objective NEO 7 as follows:

NEO 7: To seek the protection of the riparian zones of watercourses throughout the county, recognising the benefits they provide in relation to flood risk management, their protection of the ecological integrity of watercourse systems **and the role they play in the enhancement of the county's natural heritage and biodiversity.**

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides clarification, and will not lead to increased development. D - General plan-wide environmental protection/ site safeguarding/ threshold polices E - Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect European sites from adverse effects K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 10.8		
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10.4.3	Biodiversity, Designated Non-Designated Sites Objectives	183

Amend Objective NEO 8 as follows:

NEO 8: To maintain, protect and where possible enhance **the natural heritage and biodiversity of bogs, fens and turloughs, where appropriate, in County Mayo.**

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides clarification, and will not lead to increased development. D - General plan-wide environmental protection/ site safeguarding/ threshold polices E - Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect European sites from adverse effects K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 10.9		
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10.4.3	Biodiversity, Designated Non-Designated Sites Objectives	183

Amend Objective NEO 9 as follows:

NEO 9: Recognise the importance, in terms of their natural heritage and biodiversity, of woodlands, tree lines, hedgerows, stone walls, watercourses and associated riparian vegetation and the role they play in supporting ~~to support~~ bat populations and where possible developments will be encouraged to retain such features.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides clarification, and will not lead to increased development. D - General plan-wide environmental protection/ site safeguarding/ threshold policies E - Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect European sites from adverse effects K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 10.10		
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10.4.3	Biodiversity, Designated Non-Designated Sites Objectives	183

Amend Objective NEO 11 as follows:

To ensure that the impact of development within or adjacent to national designated sites, Natural Heritage Areas, Ramsar Sites and Nature Reserves likely to result in significant adverse effects on the designated site is assessed by requiring the submission of an Ecological Impact Assessment report (EclIA), Environmental Report (ER), an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) if deemed necessary and/or a Natura Impact Assessment (NIS) if deemed necessary, prepared by a suitably qualified professional, which should accompany planning applications.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides clarification, and will not lead to increased development. D - General plan-wide environmental protection/ site safeguarding/ threshold policies E - Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect European sites from adverse effects K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

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10.4.3	Biodiversity, Designated Non-Designated Sites Objectives	183
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Include new objective after NEO 13 to read as follows:

NEO: To protect and enhance the ecological network throughout the county to improve the ecological coherence of the Natura 2000 network in accordance with Article 10 of the Habitats Directive

Proposed Amendment CH 10.12		
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10.4.3	Biodiversity, Designated Non-Designated Sites Objectives	183

Include new objective after NEO 13 to read as follows:

NEO: To create a database of the Local Biodiversity Areas and ecological networks (including green infrastructure) and develop a corresponding GSI dataset as an important tool for future biodiversity and natural heritage conservation planning in Mayo.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that provides clarification, and will not lead to increased development. D - General plan-wide environmental protection/ site safeguarding/ threshold polices E - Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect European sites from adverse effects K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 10.13		
Section	Heading	Page no.
10.4.6	Peatland Policies	184

Amend Policy NEP 9 as follows:

NEP 9: To enhance the county's natural heritage and biodiversity through supporting ~~To support~~ the protection and restoration of peatlands in County Mayo, where appropriate, in order to transition towards a low-carbon and circular economy.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that provides clarification, and will not lead to increased development. D - General plan-wide environmental protection/ site safeguarding/ threshold polices E - Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect European sites from adverse effects K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 10.14		
Section	Heading	Page no.
10.4.8	Landscape Objectives	191

Amend Objective NEO 25 as follows:

NEO 25: To review the Landscape Appraisal for Mayo and update this plan as appropriate, following publication of the statutory guidelines for Planning Authorities on Local Landscape Character Assessments, as detailed in the National Landscape Strategy 2015-2025, and ensure consistency with the provisions of RPO 4.16 and RPO 5.2(b) of the RSES, 2020-2032.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text providing context but that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 10.15		
Section	Heading	Page no.
10.4.10	Water Quality Policies	195

Insert a new policy after NEP 22:

NEP: To promote the construction of Anaerobic Digesters at appropriate location in Mayo with a view to improving water quality while at the same time making a significant contribution to National Renewable Energy targets.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Development of digestors could involve construction/development with associated significant effects on the Natura 2000 Network, but the overall project will be positive through improving water quality. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone E - Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect European sites from adverse effects	In

Proposed Amendment CH 10.16		
Section	Heading	Page no.
10.4.11	Air Quality, Noise and Light Emissions Objectives	197

Amend NEO 43 as follows:

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NEO 43: To protect the Mayo Dark Sky Park at Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park and any adjoining sites that form part of the designated network, from adverse levels of artificial light pollution and encourage the use of Dark Sky Friendly lighting for all new lighting and lighting upgrades.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that provides clarification, and will not lead to increased development. D - General plan-wide environmental protection/ site safeguarding/ threshold policies E - Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect European sites from adverse effects K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

11.5.11 Chapter 11: Climate Action & Renewable Energy

Proposed Amendment CH 11.1		
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11.6.5.6	Climate Action Objectives	210

Insert a new climate action objective after CAO 7 to read as follows:

CAO: To support and facilitate Westport to become Ireland's first '15 Minute Town' - a sustainable town where a modal shift towards sustainable transport is actively promoted and facilitated

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New objective that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 11.2		
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11.7.5	Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy	212

The Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy (RES) 2011-2020 outlines the potential for County Mayo and how it can capitalise on a range of renewable resources, including onshore and offshore wind, wave and tidal energy, solar and other renewable energy forms. The RES acknowledges the significant contribution renewables can make to County Mayo, by providing more secure energy, reducing reliance on traditional fossil fuels, enabling future energy export and meeting energy targets. The strategy also identifies areas most suitable for renewable energy developments in a tier system. Mayo County Council will review and update the Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy ~~over the lifetime of the development plan.~~ within one year of adopting this plan.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 11.3		
Section	Heading	Page no.
11.7.6	Wind Energy	213

Amend 3rd paragraph on page 213 as follows:

Mayo County Council recognises that community ownership of wind energy projects enables local communities to benefit directly from local wind energy resources being developed in their local areas, ensuring long-term income for rural communities. The Killala Community ~~W~~Wind ~~F~~Farm project in North Mayo involves a direct community investment in partnership with a private development company. The Killala Community Wind Farm, comprising of five turbines, generates 17MW of renewable power. The Council encourages community ownership of wind energy projects in Mayo.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides clarity and that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 11.4		
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11.7.12	Renewable Energy Policies	215

Amend REP 5 as follows:

REP 5: To promote the use of efficient energy storage systems and infrastructure that supports energy efficiency and ~~reusable~~ renewable energy system optimization, subject to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and consideration of environmental and ecological sensitivities.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides clarity and that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 11.5		
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11.7.12	Renewable Energy Policies	216

Amend REO 7 as follows:

REO 7 To commence the review/~~amend~~ of the Mayo County Renewable Energy Strategy 2011-2022 within one year of adopting this plan and update as required in accordance with future legislative guidelines and consistency with the provisions of RPO 4.16 and RPO 5.2(b) of the RSES, 2020-2032

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides clarity and that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 11.		
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11.7.12	Renewable Energy Objectives	217

Amend REO 7 as follows:

REO 7 To commence the review/~~amend~~ of the Mayo County Renewable Energy Strategy 2011-2022 within one year of adopting this plan and update as required in accordance with future legislative guidelines and consistency with the provisions of RPO 4.16 and RPO 5.2(b) of the RSES, 2020-2032.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides clarity and that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 11.6		
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11.7.12	Renewable Energy Objectives	216

Amend REO 8 as follows:

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REO 8: To encourage the development of wind energy, in accordance with Government policy, and having regard to the *Landscape Appraisal of County Mayo* and the Wind Energy Development Guidelines (2006) and Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy, or any revisions thereof or future guidelines, and ensure consistency with the provisions of RPO 4.16 and RPO 5.2(b) of the RSES (2020-2032).

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides context and that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 11.7		
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11.7.12	Renewable Energy Objectives	216

Amend REO 12 as follows:

REO 12: To support offshore and tidal renewable energy developments subject to environmental considerations and the protection of commercial fishing and of the amenities of the surrounding areas in accordance with the OPEDP, subject to proper planning and environmental considerations.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides context and that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 11.8		
Section	Heading	Page no.
11.7.12	Renewable Energy Objectives	217

Amend REO 22 as follows:

To promote the use of efficient energy storage systems and infrastructure that supports energy efficiency and reusable renewable energy system optimisation, in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Additional text that provides context and that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development.	Out

A – General statement policy / general aspiration
 K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination

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11.7.12	Renewable Energy Objectives	217

Include new objective after REO 22 to read as follows:

REO: To support and facilitate the achievement of the minimum renewable energy target of 600MW for County Mayo over the plan, and to review/revise this target to ensure consistency with any future renewable energy strategies for the Northern and Western Region.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Facilitating minimum targets for renewable energy generation will lead to development and potentially associated significant effects on the Natura 2000 Network. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	<i>In</i>

11.5.12 Chapter 12: Settlement Plans

Proposed Amendment CH 12.1		
Table	Heading	Page no.
12.2	Settlement Strategy	220

Amend Table 12.1 as follows:

Settlement Type	Settlements	Role
<u>Tier I(a)</u> Strategic Growth Towns Key Towns	Ballina & Castlebar & Westport	Large urban centres with a high level of jobs and services, with the capacity to act as significant economic growth drivers within the Mayo Catchment and wider region, including complementing the Galway Metropolitan Area and Sligo Regional Growth Centre.
<u>Tier I(b)</u> Strategic Growth Town	Westport	Large urban centre with a high level of jobs and services, with the capacity to act as significant economic growth driver, in combination with its intrinsic links with Castlebar, within the Mayo Catchment and wider region.
<u>Tier II</u> Self-Sustaining Growth Towns	Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Béal anMhuirthead (Belmullet), Claremorris & Swinford.	Self-Sustaining Growth Towns with a moderate level of jobs and services and their own labour catchment areas. These towns have good transport links and have the capacity for continued sustainable growth. These towns play an important role in supporting the social, economic and cultural life within rural communities.
<u>Tier III</u> Self-Sustaining Towns	Balla, Charlestown, Crossmolina, Foxford, Killala, Kiltimagh, Knock, Louisburgh & Newport.	Self-Sustaining Towns with low to moderate levels of population growth and a limited localised employment base and which are largely reliant on other areas for employment and/or services. These towns play an important role in supporting the social, economic and cultural life within rural communities.
<u>Tier IV</u> Rural Settlements	Ballindine, Ballycastle, Bangor Erris, Belcarra Bellavary, Bohola, Bunnyconnelan, Cong, Dumha Thuama (Doohoma), Gob An Choire (Achill Sound), Irishtown, Keel Dooagh, Kilkelly, Kilmaine, Lahardane, Mullranny, Shrule & Turlough.	Towns and villages with local service and limited employment functions, which play an important role in supporting the social, economic and cultural life within rural communities.

<p>Tier V Rural Villages</p>	<p>Aghagower, Aghamore, An Tinbhear(Inver), Attymass, Ballycroy, Bally-glass, Ballyheane, Bekan, Breaffy, Brickens, Bun an Churraigh (Bun- nacurry), Carnacon, Carracastle,Ceathrú Thaidhg (Carrowteige), Cor-rchloch (Corclough), Cross, Cross-boyne, Doogort, Eachléim(Aghleam), Gaoth Sáile (Gweesalia),Geata Mór (Binghamstown), Gleanna Muaidhe (Glenamoy), Glenhest, Glenisland, Hollymount, IslandeadyKilmovee, Knockmore, Mayo Abbey, Moygownagh, Moyne (Kilmeena),Parke, Partry, Poll an tSómas (Pol-latomish), Roundfort, The Neale &</p>	<p>Villages with local service functions, which play an im- portant role in supporting the social, economic and cul- tural life within rural communities.</p>
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Table 12.1: Mayo Settlement Hierarchy Table for the Draft Mayo County Development Plan

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>Amended body text that provides context and that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination</p>	<p>Out</p>

Proposed Amendment CH 12.2		
Table	Heading	Page no.
12.3.1.1	Tier II Settlements	222-223

Amend Table 12.2 as follows:

Land Use Zoning Objectives	
<p>It is an objective of the Council to implement the following land use zoning objectives for lands in Tier II to V Towns and Villages Settlements:</p>	
<p>1a. Agriculture</p>	<p>To reserve land for agricultural and rural uses and to pre-serve the amenity of the town setting.</p>

1b. Community Services/Facilities	To provide land for community and social facilities.
1c. Enterprise & Employment	To provide land for light industrial and appropriate commercial development.
1d. Industry	To provide land for industrial use and ancillary facilities.
1e. Infrastructure & Utilities	To provide land for public infrastructure and public utilities.
1f. Recreation & Amenity	To provide land for recreation and amenity purposes.
1g. Existing Residential (including Residential Boundary). Strategic Reserve	To protect the amenity and character of existing residential areas.
1h. New Residential	To provide for high quality new residential development and other services incidental to residential development.
1i. Rural Transition	To act as a transitional area between the build-up area and the rural hinterland. This zoning facilitates agricultural compatible development and renewable energy, including single houses on a limited basis, subject to demonstrable economic or social need (Objective RHO 1).
1j. Strategic Residential Reserve Tier I	<p>To protect and safeguard suitable, undeveloped residentially suitable lands for future development multiple residential developments. These lands are generally not developable during the lifetime of this plan for multiple residential developments. However, this position will be reviewed by the Planning Authority periodically over the lifetime of the plan to ensure housing growth targets are achieved (Core Strategy Table).</p> <p>Where it is apparent that 'New Residential' lands cannot or will not be developed within the plan period, residential development maybe considered within Strategic Residential Reserve Tier I.</p> <p>Single houses shall only be considered on a limited basis, where it has been established that the lands in question do not adversely impact on the intended future use of these lands; form part of the overall family landholding and no other appropriately zoned lands are available within of the plan boundary; and a</p>

	<p>demonstrable economic or social need has been established (Objective RHO 1).</p>
<p>1k. Strategic Residential Reserve Tier II</p>	<p>To protect and safeguard suitable, undeveloped residentially suitable lands for future development multiple residential developments. These lands are not developable during the lifetime of this plan for multiple residential developments.</p> <p>Where it is apparent that ‘New Residential’ or ‘Strategic Residential Reserve Tier I’ lands cannot or will not be developed within the plan period, residential development maybe considered within Strategic Residential Reserve Tier II.</p> <p>Single houses shall only be considered on a limited basis, where it has been established that the lands in question do not adversely impact on the intended future use of these lands; form part of the overall family landholding and no other appropriately zoned lands are available within of the plan boundary; and a demonstrable economic or social need has been established (Objective RHO 1</p>
<p>1l. Town centre</p>	<p>To maintain and enhance the vitality, viability and environment of the town centre and provide for appropriatetown centre uses.</p>
<p>1l. Town Centre Consolidation Opportunity Sites</p>	<p>To promote the sustainable consolidation of towns and vil- lages, with a focus on vacant, underutilised, infill and brown-field sites, to provide appropriate uses, including the delivery of high-quality residential, commercial, employment uses, and the delivery of renewable energy uses. The zoning pri- marily provides lands for residential uses and other compat- ible town centre uses.</p>

1m. Self-Sustaining Consolidation Zoning (Tier III)	To provide for, protect and strengthen the vitality and viability of Tier III Self-Sustaining towns, through consolidating development, and encouraging a mix of uses, including but not restricted to commercial, residential, industry, enterprise and employment, community, amenity, public realm enhancements, while maximising the use of land.
1n. Rural Village Consolidation Zoning (Tier V)	To provide for, protect and strengthen the vitality and viability of Tier V Rural Villages, through consolidating development, and encouraging an appropriate mix of uses commensurate with the character, capacity and connectivity of the rural village, including but not restricted to retail,
1o. Rural Village Consolidation Zoning (Ti	To provide for, protect and strengthen the vitality and viability of Tier V Rural Villages, through consolidating development, and encouraging an appropriate mix of uses commensurate with the character, capacity and connectivity of the rural village, including but not restricted to retail, commercial, residential, community, amenity, and public realm enhancements, while maximising the use of land.

Table 12.2 Land Use Zoning Objectives for Tier II Settlement Plans.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
<p>This revision may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed, and could lead to could lead to unmanaged growth of settlements in a manner which is not consistent with the protection of the Natura 2000 Network.</p> <p>I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination</p>	<i>In</i>

Proposed Amendment CH 12.3		
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12.3.1.1	Tier II Settlements	222

Amend 2nd paragraph of Section 12.3.1.1 as below:

~~In order to ensure the effective delivery of new housing targets for each settlement as set out in the Core Strategy, a greater quantity of lands is provided for proposed residential development outside of the defined town centre area. All such lands identified for residential purposes are zoned on-serviceable lands. Upon reaching the 70% new household target outside the town centre area for each town, (as set out in the Core Strategy), all remaining undeveloped – zoned residential lands will revert to strategic residential reserve lands.~~

Land use zoning maps for Tier II settlements (Volume III: Book of Maps) identify ‘New Residential’ zoned land to accommodate housing targets over the plan period, as set out in the Core Strategy (Chapter 2). To safeguard and facilitate the delivery of housing targets allocations in each plan area, a two-tiered approach has been adopted for the Strategic Residential Reserve

Lands. Strategic Residential Reserve Lands Tier I and Tier II will be assessed, on an annual basis, for their potential to meet settlement housing targets. Where it is apparent that lands zoned New Residential cannot or will not be developed within the plan period, residential developments, that demonstrate high quality design, may be considered on Strategic Residential Reserve Lands Tier 1 and in exceptional circumstances Tier 2. In this instance, the identified quantum of land required to accommodate housing targets in each settlement will not be exceeded. An effective monitoring system will be ~~developed and~~ implemented to ensure ~~projected residential unit~~ housing targets for each Tier II towns are not exceeded over the plan period.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
This revision may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed, and could lead to could lead to unmanaged growth of settlements in a manner which is not consistent with the protection of the Natura 2000 Network. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 12.4		
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12.3.1.1	Land Use Zoning Matrix	223-225

Amend Table 12.3 as follows:

Land Use Zoning Matrix	
Land Use Zoning	Uses Generally Permitted
Residential Medium Density in Strategic Residential Reverse Boundary (≤20 units/Ha)	<p>Houses, apartments, retirement homes, care homes, medical services, public and community facilities, institutional uses, childcare facilities, places of worship, local shops, local services, leisure & recreation, open space; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.</p> <p>Local and home offices may be acceptable, provided that there is no detrimental impact on residential amenity or traffic and that the use does not prejudice the primary use of the town centre for office use.</p> <p>All proposals that would be detrimental to established or future residential amenity will not be permitted. These include industrial and warehousing and uses generating significant levels of traffic, noise and other nuisance.</p>

<p>Residential Low Density in Strategic Residential Reverse Boundary (≤5 units/Ha)</p>	<p>Houses, serviced sites for single houses, retirement homes, care homes, child-care facilities, outdoor recreation, open space, agriculture, and community facilities; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.</p> <p>Local and home offices may be acceptable, provided that there is no detrimental impact on residential amenity or traffic and that the use does not prejudice the primary use of the town centre for office use.</p> <p>Development which is compatible with the adjacent land use zoning and which will not have an adverse effect on existing uses may be permitted.</p> <p>All proposals that would be detrimental to established or future residential amenity will not be permitted. These include industrial and warehousing and uses generating significant levels of traffic, noise and other nuisance.</p>
<p>Town Centre</p>	<p>Shops (including supermarkets), off-licenses, offices, civic and public buildings, places of worship, public houses, hotels, restaurants, indoor leisure, car parks, apartments, houses, community facilities, parks and open spaces and retirement homes; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.</p> <p>Uses that would be detrimental to the vitality and amenity of the town centre, such as industrial uses, will not normally be permitted.</p>
<p>Town Centre Opportunity Sites Residential High Density (≤35 units/Ha)</p>	<p>Residential and appropriate mixed use, community, amenity and public realm or other uses generally considered acceptable in town centre locations.</p> <p>Uses that would be detrimental to the vitality and amenity of the town centre, such as industrial uses, will not normally be permitted.</p>
<p>Enterprise & Employment</p>	<p>Light Industry, Warehousing (retail and non-retail), Major Offices, Business and Technology Units, Specialist Offices, R&D enterprises, car showrooms, light engineering works, wholesale and trade outlets, public utilities, petrol filling stations, builders providers, repair garages, civic amenity centres, agriculture out-lets, distribution depots, heavy vehicle parks, workshops, tourism related development; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.</p> <p>Uses that would prejudice the primacy of town centre or would undermine the objectives of other land use zoning will not be permitted.</p>

<p>Industry</p>	<p>Industry, Light Industry, Heavy Engineering Works, Warehousing (non-retail), Business & Technology Units, R&D Enterprises; along with uses considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.</p> <p>Uses that would prejudice the primary industrial function of this zoning or would undermine the objectives of other zoning will not be permitted. These include residential and retail uses.</p>
<p>Recreation & Amenity</p>	<p>Outdoor sport and recreation, buildings associated with outdoor sport and recreation and ancillary uses, parks, open space, camp sites, agriculture, allotments; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.</p> <p>Temporary markets and exhibitions may be permitted.</p>
<p>Community Service/Facilities</p>	<p>Schools and education, places of worship, community centres, health centres, leisure and recreation, retirement/nursing homes, libraries, cemeteries, open space, childcare facilities, public and civic facilities; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.</p>
<p>Agriculture</p>	<p>Agriculture, renewable energy, open space, public utilities, outdoor, recreation, camp sites, allotments and cemeteries; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.</p> <p>New houses will only be permitted in this zone to applicants with demonstrable economic or social need to live in these areas.</p>
<p>Rural Transition</p>	<p>Agriculture, renewable energy, open space, public utilities, outdoor, recreation, camp sites, allotments and cemeteries; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.</p> <p>New houses will be considered in this zone on their individual merits.</p>
<p>Strategic Residential Reserve Tier I & II</p>	<p>Future residential lands, not generally developable in the lifetime of the plan for multiple residential development schemes (see land use zoning objectives for Strategic Residential Reserve Tiers I & II). Temporary uses and single houses will be considered on their individual merits, subject to the use not adversely impacting on the intended future use of these lands to accommodate future population/housing targets in subsequent plans. Single houses will be considered on a limited basis, where it is established that the lands in question are part of the overall family land holding, no other appropriately zoned lands are available within the plan boundary and a demonstrable economic or social need has been established (Objective RHO 1).</p>

Infrastructure & Utilities	Public utilities infrastructure, public and civic facilities and public infrastructure, along with uses considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses.
Opportunity Site (Claremorris):	To provide for the production of electricity by renewable energy technologies, incorporating wood Biomass only. To provide for a mix of industries (with no production of wood chip or wood pellets on this site) or research and development facilities where it is established that there is a need to locate such uses, within, adjacent or in close proximity to the primary user of the site (i.e. for the production of electricity from renewable energy technologies, incorporating wood Biomass only) or where it is established that there is insufficient appropriately zoned lands to facilitate such uses.
Opportunity Sites	To provide for residential and appropriate mixed use, community, nursing homes, amenity and other uses generally considered acceptable by reason of location and context.
Existing Residential	Permitted in principle uses include residential, sheltered Housing, b&b/guest house, community facility/centre, home based economic activities and utilities. Open to Consideration uses include but not limited to bring banks, convenience outlet, childcare facility, halting site, sheltered housing, healthcare practitioner, leisure/recreation/sports facilities, bar, retirement home/residential institution/retirement village, and veterinary surgery.

Table 12.3 Land Use Matrix for Tier II Settlement Plans

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended body text that provides context and clarity but that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 12.5		
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12.3.1.1	Land Use Matrix for Tier II Settlement Plans	224

Amend Enterprise & Employment under the Land Use Objectives Table 12.3 as below:

Light Industry, Warehousing (retail and non-retail), Major Offices, Business and Technology Units, Specialist Offices, R&D enterprises, car showrooms, light engineering works, wholesale and trade outlets, public utilities, petrol filling stations, builders providers, repair garages, civic amenity centres, agriculture outlets, distribution depots, heavy vehicle parks, workshops, tourism related development; along with uses that are considered ancillary to the aforementioned uses. **Extensions to existing retail premises will be considered on a case-by-case basis.**

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Uses that would prejudice the primacy of town centre or would undermine the objectives of other land use zoning will not be permitted.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended body text that provides context and clarity but that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	<i>Out</i>

11.5.12.1 Béal an Mhuirthead (Belmullet) (TIER II)

Proposed Amendment CH 12.6		
Section	Heading	Page no.
12.6.5	Social Infrastructure	243

Amend Section 12.6.5 Social Infrastructure to include the following –

Béal an Mhuirthead also has numerous community, sporting and social clubs. Sports and recreational facilities in the town environs comprise of a tidal swimming pool, MUGA. pier, links golf course, GAA pitches, soccer pitches, a handball alley, and children’s playgrounds. **Áras Inis Gluaire /Erris Arts Centre is Ireland’s only bilingual arts centre. It provides a cultural, social, economic and educational service, via the medium of the arts, for and on behalf of the Erris community.**

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that provides clarity but that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 12.7		
Section	Heading	Page no.
12.6.9	Sustainable Travel	244

Amend paragraph two under 12.6.9 as follows:

The number of people who walk to their place of work, study and other services in town is above the national average (9.073%). According to 2016 POWCAR, 10.95% of the daily population walk. However, use of cycling as a sustainable mode of travel is less than 1%, compared to the national average (3%). Mayo County Council also promotes and supports the development of increased cycling in the town, including the provision of new or retrofitted infrastructure and adherence to DMURS guidance standards.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that provides clarity but that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 12.8		
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12.6.11	Béal an Mhuirthead Settlement Plan Policies	247
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Add new Policy to Belmullet Settlement Plan after BTP 4:

BTP: To support, where appropriate, proposals for the enhancement of the public realm within the town core.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

11.5.12.2 Claremorris (TIER II)

Proposed Amendment CH 12.9		
Section	Heading	Page no.
12.7.9	Sustainable Travel	250

Amend paragraph two under 12.7.9 as follows:

The number of people who walk to their place of work, study and other services in town is above the national average (~~129.073~~129.073%). According to 2016 POWCAR, 15.71% of the daily population walk. However, use of cycling as a sustainable mode of travel is less than 1%, compared to the national average (3%). Therefore, Mayo County Council promotes and supports the development of public transport initiatives, in keeping with the principles of Smarter Travel. To increase the usage of cycling in the town, will require further study (audit), the provision of new or retrofitted infrastructure and adherence to DMURS guidance standards.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New text that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

11.5.12.3 Swinford (TIER II)

Proposed Amendment CH 12.10		
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12.8.9	Sustainable Travel	258

Amend paragraph two under 12.8.9 as follows:

The number of people who walk to their place of work, study and other services in town is below the

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national average (9.073%). According to 2016 POWCAR, 8.53% of the daily population walk. However, use of cycling as a sustainable mode of travel is less than 1%, compared to the national average (3%). In terms of public transport, 8.47% of people use the bus daily, which is above the national average (5.9%). Therefore, Mayo County Council promotes and supports the development of public transport initiatives, in keeping with the principles of Smarter Travel. To increase the usage of cycling in the town, will require further study (audit), the provision of new or retrofitted infrastructure and adherence to DMURS guidance standards.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
New policy that does not, in itself, give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 12.11		
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12.8.11	Swinford Settlement Plan Objectives	263

Add new objective to Swinford Settlement Plan after SDO 12:

SDO: To develop and maintain a civic and parking area on the infill lands located between Main Street, St Ita’s Terrace and Circular Road and to establish an appropriate traffic management plan to allow access from Main Street, Market Street and Circular Road.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Development of parking areas may involve construction with associated significant effects on the Natura 2000 Network. Potential for operational impacts including those from run-off on water quality. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

11.5.12.4 Killala (TIER III)

Proposed Amendment CH 12.12		
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12.13.6	Physical Infrastructure	281

Amend text under 12.13.6 below as Killala WWTP has been operational since 2020.

Killala is served by the R314 regional route which directly connects the town to Ballina. A new municipal wastewater treatment plant (3,155PE) ~~is has been operational planned~~ for Killala since 2020. ~~with an expected completion date of 2020/2021~~. The new plant ~~will~~ brings benefits to Killala, in terms of acting as a platform for social and economic development, increased population, health, integrity of the environment and improved water quality for all. Cleaner water will enhance the

amenity value of the town and bay. Killala is served by the Ballina Regional Water Supply. It also has good access to internet including broadband. The town is served by a regular daily bus service and the Council is keen to continue to promote and support the development of public transport initiatives in keeping with the principles of Smarter Travel.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that provides clarity and does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 12.13		
Section	Heading	Page no.
12.13.9	Placemaking & Regeneration	282

Amend text under 12.13.9 to say town instead of village as shown below:

Killala is an attractive town with a historical atmosphere. It provides the focus for a wide range of activities that contribute to a sense of place and identity. This town plays an important economic, social and cultural role and the main priority of the Plan is the consolidation of the existing centre and supporting of the existing businesses and activities, in order to maintain vibrancy. A character study of the town, with potential for an ACA designation, would ensure the protection of the unique character of the ~~village town~~, whilst allowing new development to complement same. Funding was secured under the 2017 Town and Village Renewal Scheme for Killala Round tower dereliction and streetscape improvements and the Plan supports continuing to avail of all funding streams to sensitively enhance the public realm and the re-use of derelict, vacant and under-utilised lands within the built-up area of Killala.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that provides clarity and does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 12.15		
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12.13.10	Opportunity Sites	282

Amend text under 12.13.10 for Opportunity Site 1 and change the opportunity site as below, (see also change to map illustrated in Vol 3: Book of Maps):

Opportunity Site 1

~~Located at the western end of Georges Street, adjacent and to the east of the National School.~~ Located at the northern edge of the plan, defined to the north by the shoreline, to the west by the R314 road, and to the east by Killala harbour.

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AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Development of opportunity site in close proximity/immediately adjacent to the Natura 2000 Network has the potential for likely significant effects. I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 12.16		
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12.13.10	Opportunity Sites	282

Amend text under 12.13.10 for Opportunity Site 3 and change the opportunity site as below, (see also change to map illustrated in Vol 3: Book of Maps):

Opportunity Site 3

~~Defined by the existing access road to Bartra Heights housing development to the east and the Quay Road.~~ Located to the west of the plan area, between the plan boundary and to the east, Killala FC pitch, and to the east/north Hillcrest.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Development of opportunity site at different location to originally assessed may involve different likelihood of effects on Natura 2000 network (e.g. sensitive receptors). I - Policy or proposal which may have a likely significant effect on a site alone L - Policy or proposal which might be likely to have significant effect in-combination	In

Proposed Amendment CH 12.17		
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12.13.10	Killala Settlement Plan Objectives	283

Remove objective KAO 5 as the WWTP has been operational since 2020:

~~KAO 5 To support and facilitate the provision of a wastewater treatment plant and associated works for the town.~~

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Removal of objective will not affect the outcome of the assessment. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 12.18		
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12.13.10	Killala Settlement Plan Objectives	284
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Amend KAO 7 and replace words “Church Lane” with “Steeple Hill” as below:

KAO 7 To designate within the lifetime of this plan an Architectural Conservation Area for Killala town centre including Market Street, Courthouse Street, Church Street, ~~Church Lane~~ Steeple Hill, William Street, Georges Street, and Ballina Road (R314) and the coastline to the pier.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that provides clarity and does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

11.5.12.5 Newport (TIER III)

Proposed Amendment CH 12.19		
Section	Heading	Page no.
12.17.8	Sustainable Communities	298-299

Amend Section 12.17.8 as follows:

Newport provides an attractive place to live and is rich in heritage, natural beauty and amenity. It has a strong community spirit and a Community Futures Action Plan (2011 -2016) has been prepared for the town. The development strategy for Newport is to support new housing and population growth, consistent with the Core Strategy, facilitating compact growth through revitalisation of the historic town core, together with providing of a mix of housing types, densities and tenure. This is both to meet the needs of Newport and to offer a viable alternative to single rural housing within the surrounding countryside. The town is located on the daily bus route between Westport and Achill and a local community bus service operated by the Mayo Local Link also serves the town and the surrounding hinterlands. The County Council is keen to continue to promote and support the development of public transport initiatives in keeping with the principles of Smarter Travel and increased active travel in the town. **A lighting masterplan for Newport has been prepared. Newport is a registered Sustainable Energy Community with the SEAI and is preparing an Energy Master Plan.**

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that provides clarity and does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 12.20		
Section	Heading	Page no.
12.17.9	Placemaking & Regeneration	299

Insert the following text in 12.17.9 Placemaking and Regeneration (1st paragraph) –

The structure of the town is well defined, with retail and commercial uses primarily located within its town core, with educational and community uses generally on the outskirts. Public realm works in the form of paved public open spaces, wider footpaths, safe pedestrian crossings, improved disability access, off-road cycling routes and general streetscape enhancements, including ‘Dark Skies-friendly’ public lighting, are planned for Newport under the RRDF. A new enterprise hub workspace facility and a new tourism office is also planned for local authority/community-owned derelict buildings at Barrack Hill. The realisation of these landmark projects will greatly enhance the public realm and vibrancy of the town. **A redesign of sustainable dark sky friendly lighting is planned for St Patrick’s Church and the Viaduct Bridge’.**

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that provides clarity and does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

Proposed Amendment CH 12.21		
Section	Heading	Page no.
12.17.10	Newport Settlement Plan Policies	300

Insert the following additional policy under NTP 4:

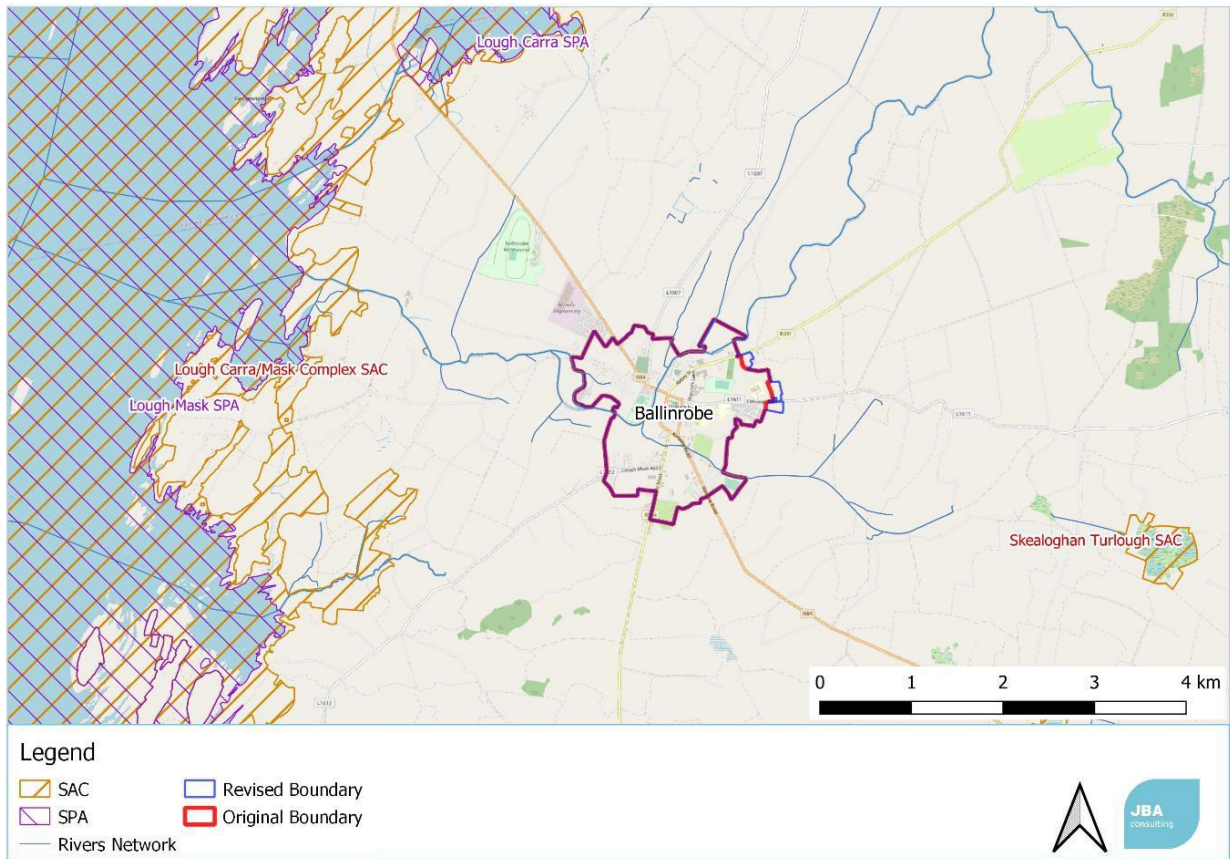
NTP: To support the implementation of flagship lighting designs for St Patrick’s Church and the viaduct bridge, to support Newport’s Lighting Masterplan and to support the safeguarding the accreditation of nearby Mayo Dark Sky Park.

AA Screening Category and Consideration:	Screening Outcome
Amended text that provides clarity and does not give rise to increased development. A – General statement policy / general aspiration K - Policy or proposal not likely to have a significant effect either alone or in-combination	Out

11.5.13 Zoning Changes

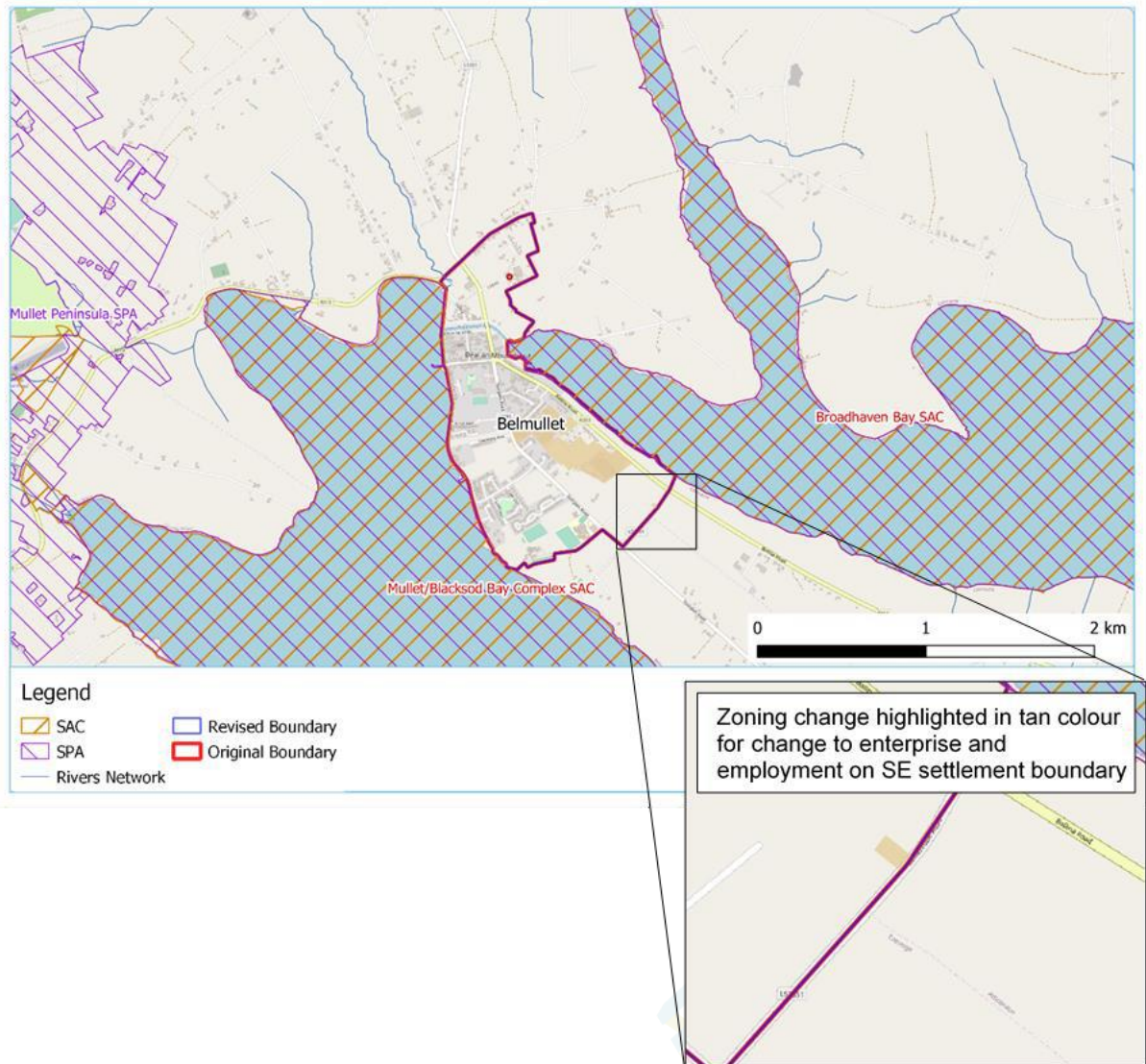
11.5.12.6 Ballinrobe:

This section should be read in conjunction with Section 5.3.2. A review of the zoning changes in Ballinrobe concluded that no zonings were present in Natura 2000 Sites. As such, no direct impact is foreseen. There are small extensions to the East of settlement which are residential (on L1611, Convent Road) and to the North-East, which are zoned for Enterprise and Employment). These changes are not anticipated to have a significant effect at a Plan Level, and the application of the Appropriate Assessment process at the project level will be sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 Network.



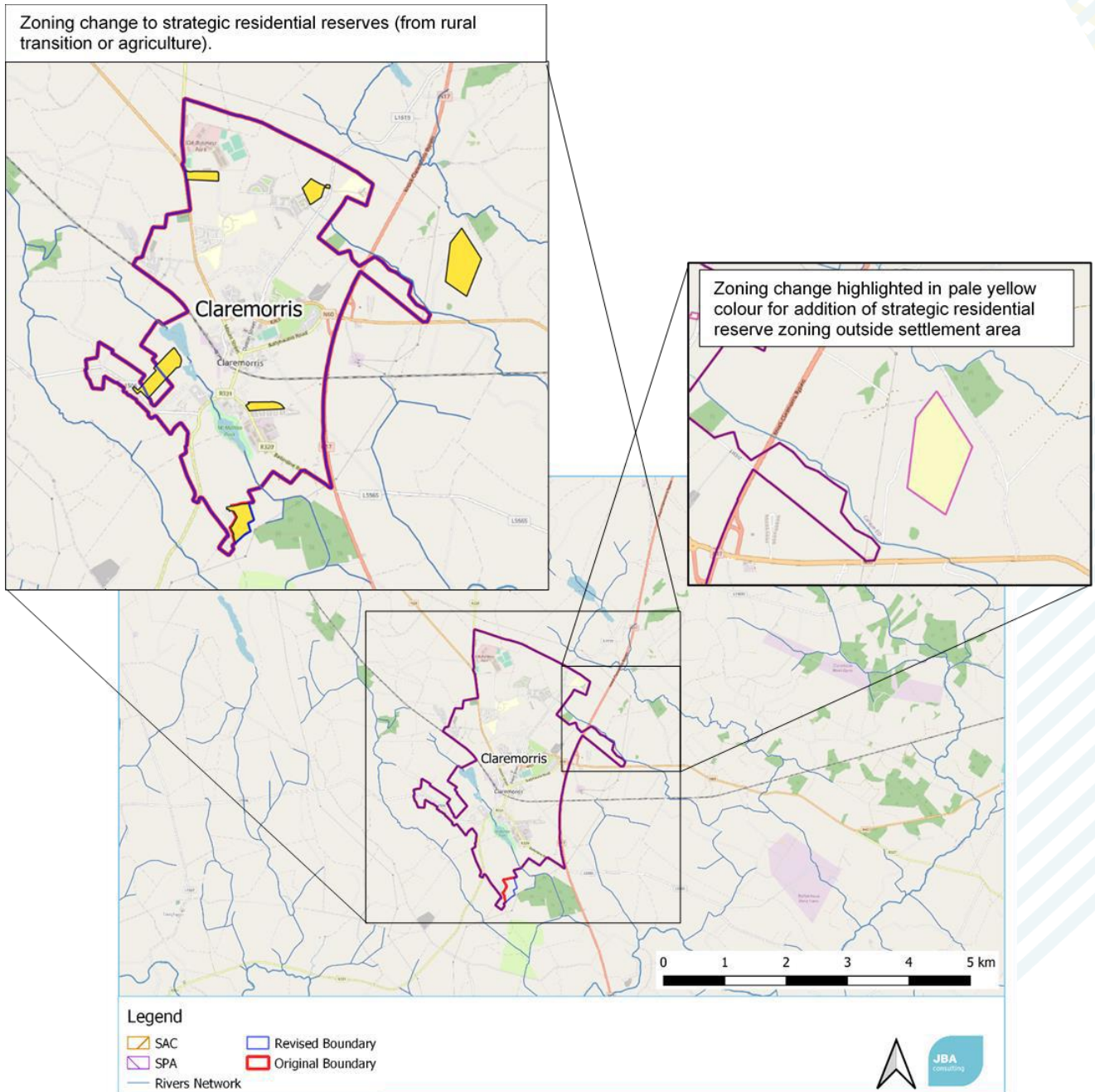
11.5.12.7 Belmullet:

This section should be read in conjunction with Section 5.3.4. A review of the zoning changes in Belmullet concluded that no zonings were present in Natura 2000 Sites. A very minor change occurs to the south of the settlement area, where a small plot ~500m² is rezoned from Rural Transition to Enterprise and Employment. This change is not anticipated to have a significant effect at a Plan Level, and the application of the Appropriate Assessment process at the project level will be sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 Network.



11.5.12.8 Claremorris

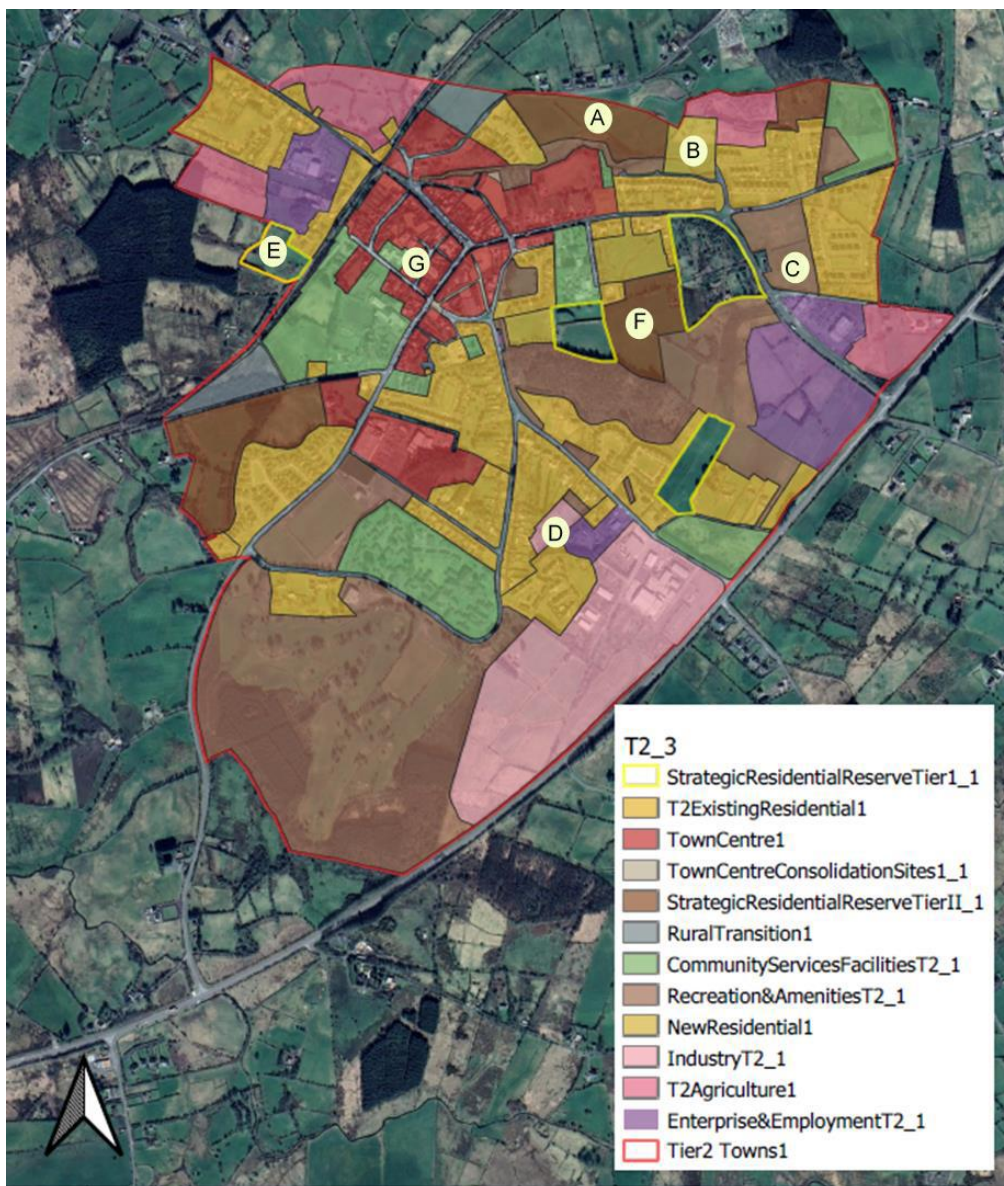
This section should be read in conjunction with 5.3.6 above. There are a number of changes in the zoning in Claremorris – but all are associated with adding additional residential reserves. This change is not anticipated to have a significant effect at a Plan Level, given the distance of the Natura Network, but the site is hydrologically connected to Lough Carra and Mask SAC and SPA. The application of the Appropriate Assessment process at the project level will be sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 Network.

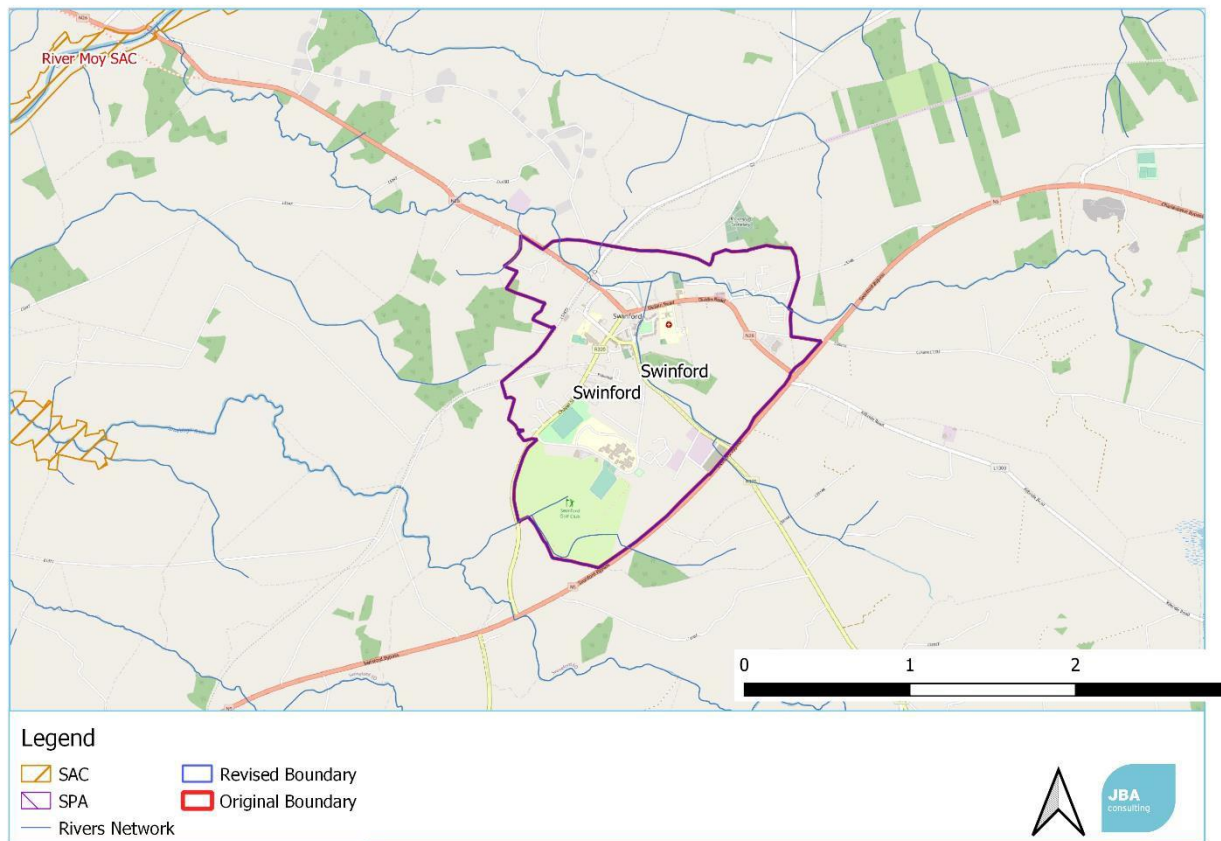


11.5.12.9 Swinford

There are a number of changes in zoning with regards Swinford:

- A: REZONE from RURAL TRANSITION ZONE/OPEN SPACE & AMENITY to STRATEGIC RESIDENTIAL RESERVE TIER 1 (Site A)
- B: REZONE from RURAL TRANSITION ZONE/ RECREATION & AMENITY/AGRICULTURE to NEW RESIDENTIAL (SITE B)
- C: REZONE from STRATEGIC RESIDENTIAL RESERVE TIER I to RECREATION & AMENITY (SITE C)
- D: REZONE from STRATEGIC RESIDENTIAL RESERVE TIER 1 to INDUSTRY (SITE D)
- E: REZONE from ENTERPRISE & EMPLOYMENT to STRATEGIC RESIDENTIAL RESERVE TIER 1 (SITE E)
- F: REZONE from STRATEGIC RESIDENTIAL RESERVE TIER 1 to STRATEGIC RESIDENTIAL RESERVE TIER 2 (SITE F)
- G: REZONE from COMMUNITY FACILITY to TOWN CENTRE ZONING AND OPPORTUNITY SITE (SITE G)



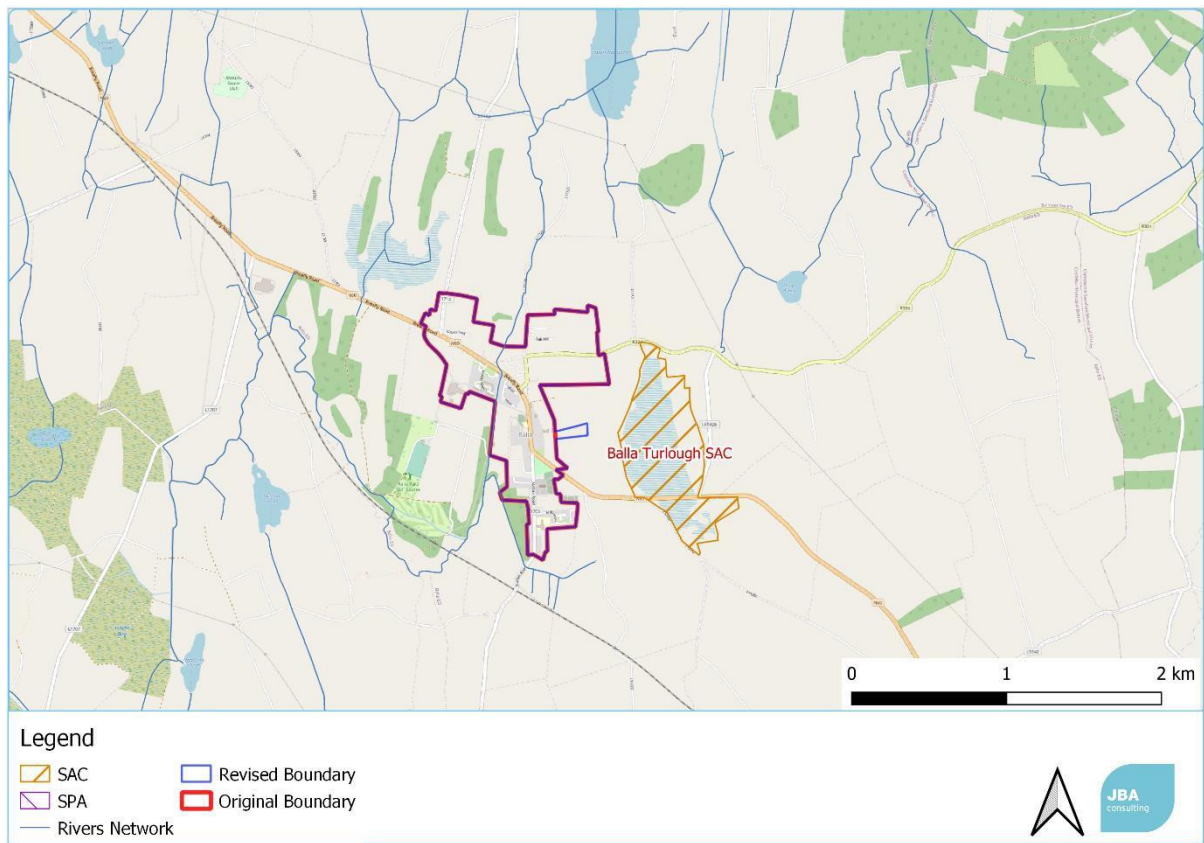


These changes are at distance from the nearest SAC (River Moy Estuary ~2km away), although are hydrologically connected. They are not anticipated to have a significant effect at a Plan Level, and the application of the Appropriate Assessment process at the project level will be sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 Network.

11.5.12.10 Balla

This should be read in conjunction with Section 5.3.1. Proposed plan changes to Balla consist of extending the settlement boundary as indicated on the map below. This moves the settlement boundary closer to Balla Turlough SAC, which holds sensitive receptors. Development at this site could cause significant effects through operational disturbance. While the area is no closer to the turlough than the already zoned area to the north, there is a more coherent buffer to the turlough without the changes in the settlement boundary. The road to the south and any further development to the north also correspond to pressures on the turlough – adding further pressure towards the centre of the SAC linked to the redrawing of the settlement boundary.

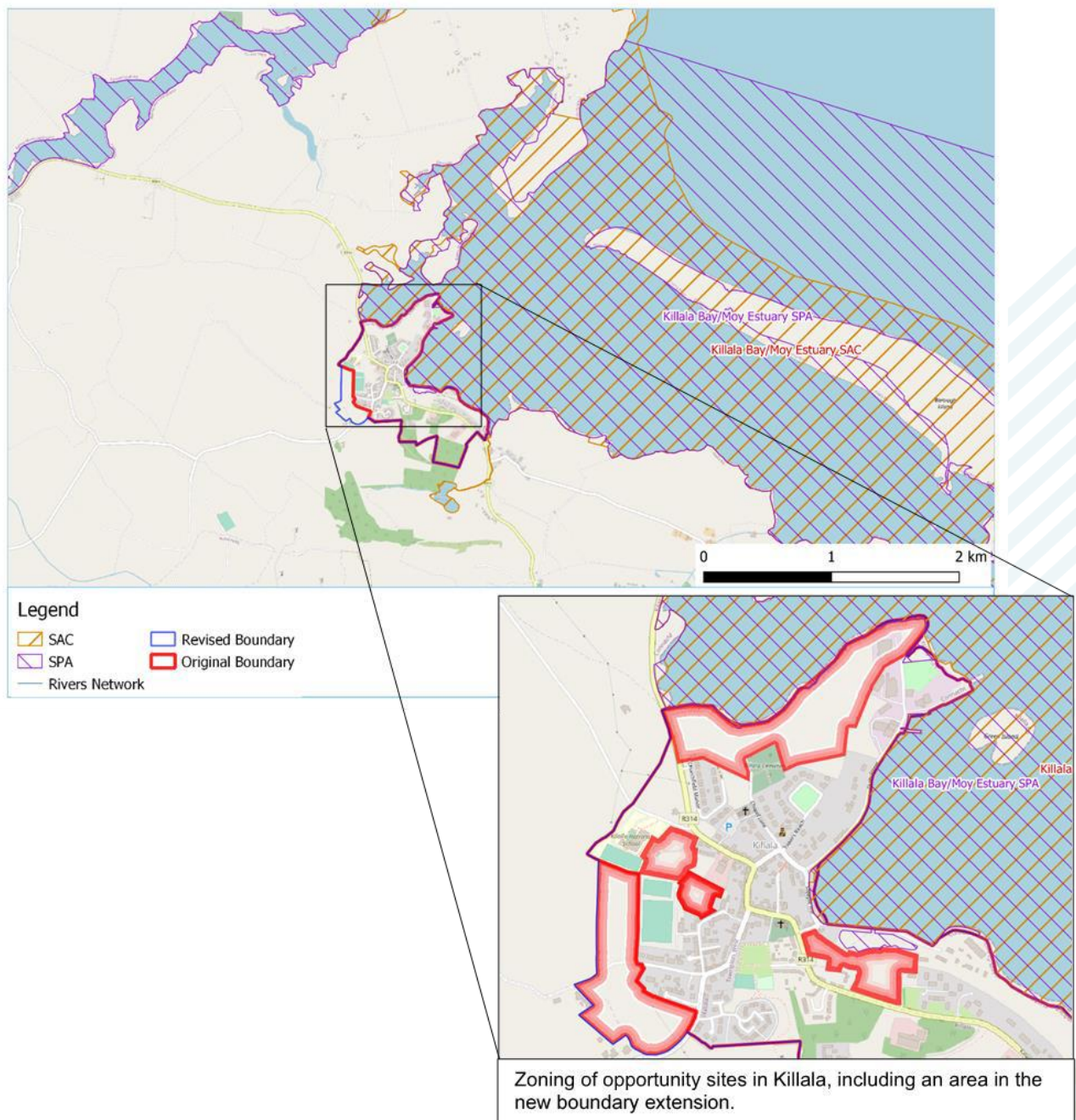
As such, impacts on Balla Turlough SAC cannot be excluded at a Plan level and is screened in.



11.5.12.11 Killala

This should be read in conjunction with Section 5.3.9. An extension has been zoned to the settlement boundary, to the west of the site, away from the SAC. This change is not anticipated to have a significant effect at a Plan Level, and the application of the Appropriate Assessment process at the project level will be sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 Network.

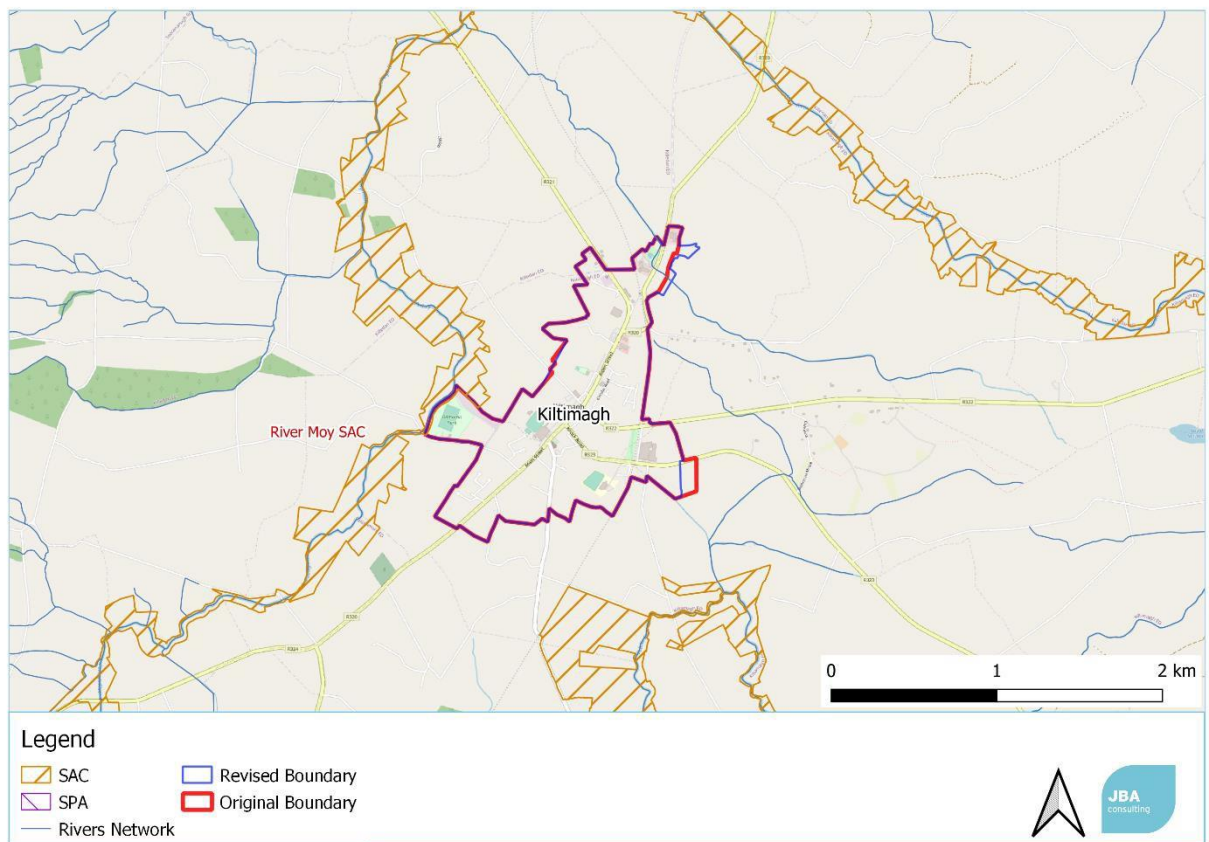
The designation of opportunity sites within the development is largely consistent with the original settlement boundary. The opportunity site to the north is directly connected to the SAC, and has a high potential for disturbance, regardless of what type of development occurs. Application of the Appropriate Assessment process at the project level in this area will be sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 Network, , but it should be noted the sensitivity of the adjacent habitat may exclude development which leads to increased levels of disturbance or other effects on the adjacent Natura sites, particularly if no buffer zone is present.



11.5.12.12 Kiltimagh

This should be read in conjunction with Section 5.3.9. An extension has been zoned to the settlement boundary, to the north-east of the site, away from the SAC, although the area hosts a tributary to the Moy River. A small area has been removed from the settlement boundary to the south-east.

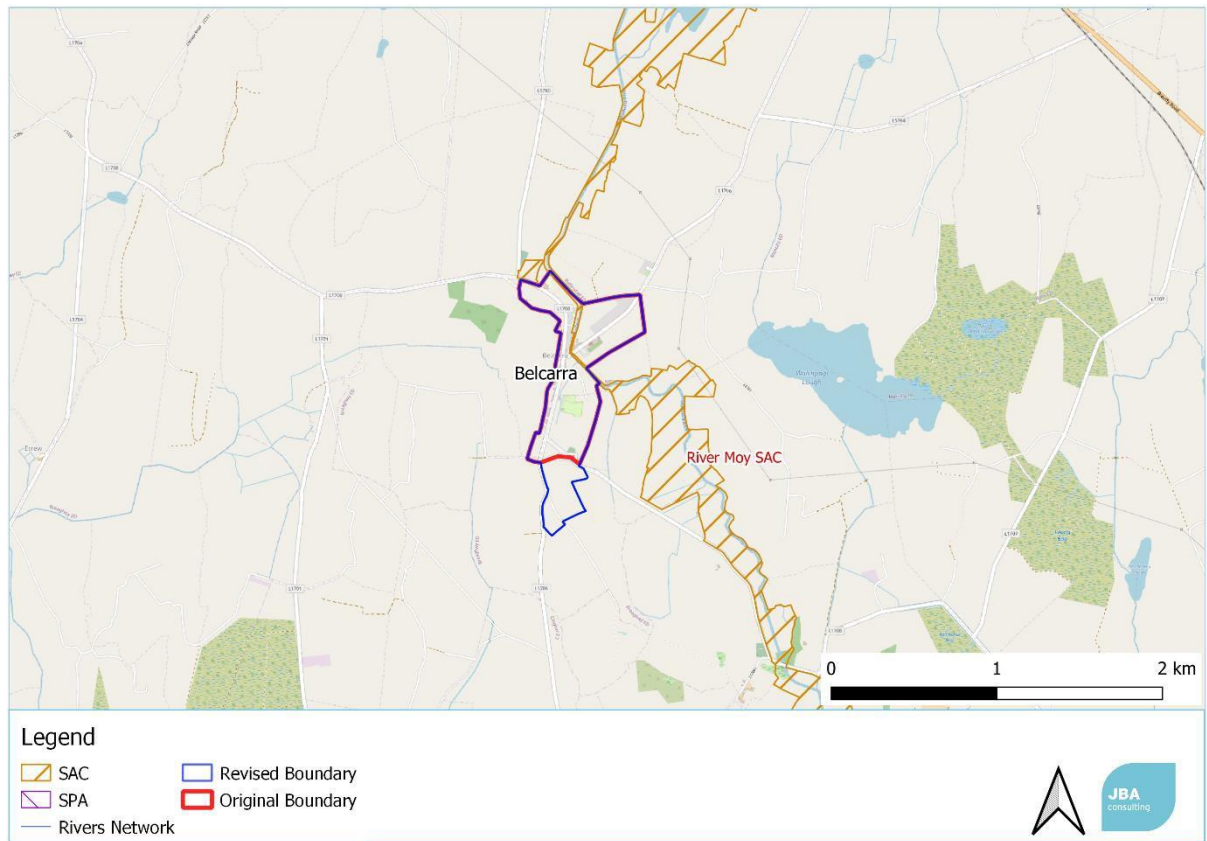
Neither of these changes are anticipated to have a significant effect at a Plan Level, and the application of the Appropriate Assessment process at the project level will be sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 Network.



11.5.12.13 Belcarra

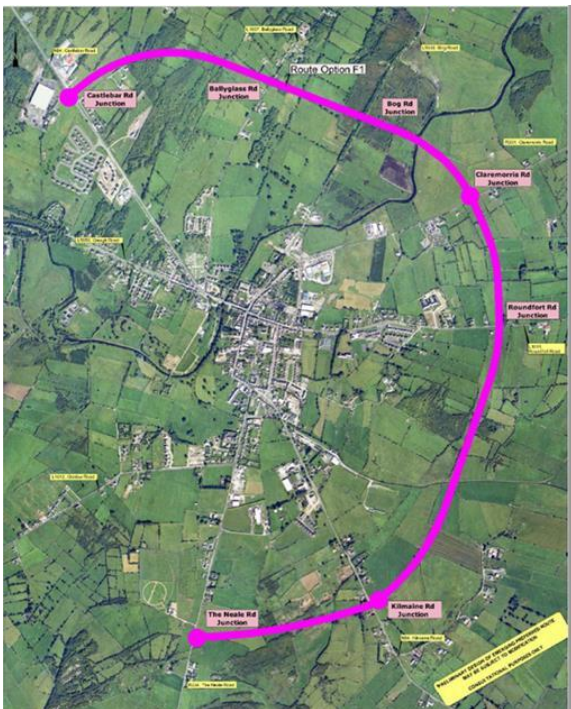
An extension has been zoned to the settlement boundary, to the south of the site, not bringing it any closer to the SAC.

This change is not anticipated to have a significant effect at a Plan Level, and the application of the Appropriate Assessment process at the project level will be sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 Network.



11.6 Roads

11.6.1 Ballinrobe



Mitigation will be required for an infrastructural project of this nature. The route shown is indicative, but it is from the NW to the S via an eastern corridor. This is positive, as the Lough Carra/Mask SAC and Lough Mask SPA are to the west of Ballinrobe, however the route does cross the Robe River which is hydrologically connected to the SAC and SPA.

The route is indicative and in conjunction with feasibility studies, route appraisals and environmental studies, and the application of the Appropriate Assessment process at the project level will be sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 Network.

11.6.2 Ballyhaunis

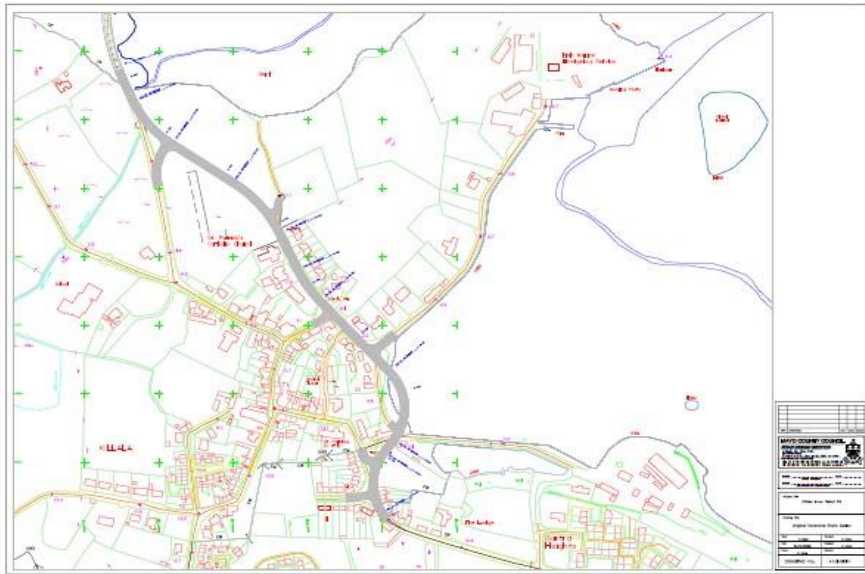


Mitigation will be required for an infrastructural project of this nature. The route shown is indicative, but it is from the SW to the N via an eastern corridor. This is positive, as the River Moy Estuary is located to the NW of the site, but Ballyhaunis itself is within the Corrib catchment, and the route would be hydrologically connected via the 3+ crossings of watercourses required.

The route is indicative and in conjunction with feasibility studies, route appraisals and environmental

studies, and the application of the Appropriate Assessment process at the project level will be sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 Network.

11.6.3 Killala

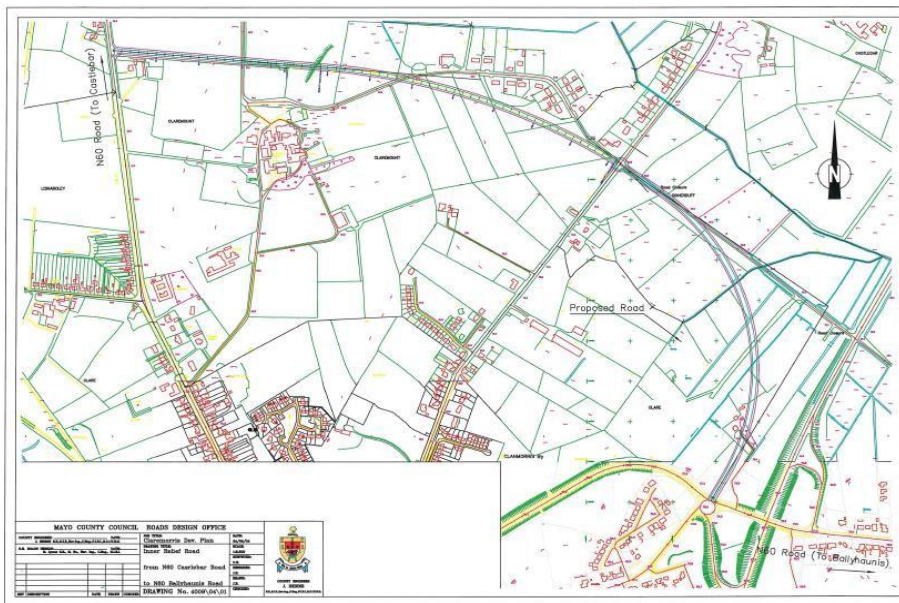


The indicative route is immediately adjacent to the SAC and SPA. Options appraisals and environmental studies would need to be done. This route is likely to have significant impacts on the SAC and SPA.

The route is indicative and in conjunction with feasibility studies, route appraisals and environmental studies, and the application of the Appropriate Assessment

process at the project level will be sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 Network.

11.6.4 Claremorris

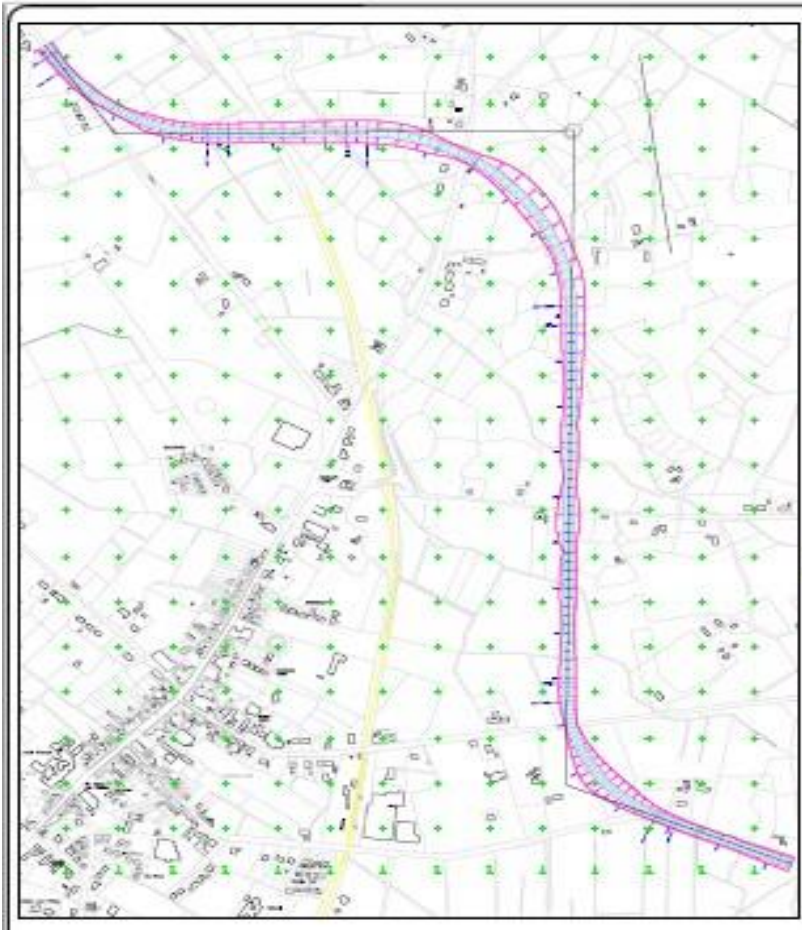


There are 11 Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Claremorris (See Table 5-6 and Appendix E.4). Due to the location of Claremorris in relation to Natura 2000 sites and the surrounding topography there is unlikely to be impacts to Natura 2000 sites as a result of works associated with Mayo CPD from a land perspective. The site is hydrologically

connected to Lough Carra and Mask SAC and SPA.

The route is indicative and in conjunction with feasibility studies, route appraisals and environmental studies, and the application of the Appropriate Assessment process at the project level will be sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 Network.

11.6.5 Kiltimagh



There are four Natura 2000 sites within 15km from the town of Kiltimagh (See Table 5-10 and Appendix E.9), River Moy SAC being in close proximity to Kiltimagh. Other Natura 2000 sites within the ZoI are unlikely to be impacted because they are not hydrologically connected to the site and/or are located too far from the settlement.

The route is indicative and in conjunction with feasibility studies, route appraisals and environmental studies, and the application of the Appropriate Assessment process at the project level will be sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 Network.

11.7 Screening Summary

Approximately 160 Material Amendments to the Plan were assessed for impact. The majority of the adjustments were screened out, but 35 Material Amendments were screened in. A summary table of these is presented below. Additionally, a Plan level assessment is made with reference to the adequacy of the existing mitigation to protect the Natura 2000 Network from the amended objectives, policies or strategies.

The change in strategy relating development of open countryside, rural settlements and other housing strategies are not inherently detrimental to the Natura 2000 Network – many of the Natura 2000 sites are managed sites (not wilderness) and vibrancy of the local communities is important to ensure the viability of their ongoing management, particularly where management may rely on aging farming based communities, and land abandonment may become an increasing issue. However this is not the case across the board and different sensitivities will be present at each site, some being more susceptible to development related impacts than others.

It has not been possible to assess the cumulative effect of such strategy level changes in the Plan, as the finer detail of where development is likely to be located is not outlined, and no controls are in place in relation to the scale and nature of the growth that may occur. It has not been possible to evaluate the scale of such a change, as the provision of ancillary services to support rural development will have an associated impact. Furthermore, additional traffic will also have an impact. Additional mitigation would be necessary to protect the Natura 2000 Network.

Table 11-3: Impact Assessment Summary Table, within indication of whether existing mitigation is sufficient to protect the Natura 2000 sites from the effects of the Plan.

	Existing Mitigation Adequate to Protect Natura 2000 Network	Reasoning for assessment for those amendments where the Plan illustrates insufficient mitigation or information to rule out Impact on the Natura 2000 Network
CH 2.4	Adequate	Increased capacity (i.e. increased air pollution) could impact Natura Sites
CH 2.7	Insufficient	This strategy for development of housing may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed. Insufficient information on how the revised strategy would interact with Natura 2000 sites and local supporting ecological features to provide an assessment. Insufficient information to provide a cumulative impact assessment. Insufficient mitigation.
CH 2.8	Insufficient	This strategy for development of housing may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed. Insufficient information on how the revised strategy would interact with Natura 2000 sites and local supporting ecological features to provide an assessment. Insufficient information to provide a cumulative impact assessment. Insufficient mitigation.
CH 2.11	Insufficient	This change reflects has a revised policy for development of housing that may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed, and could lead to could lead to unmanaged growth of housing in a manner which is not consistent with the protection of the Natura 2000 Network.

	Existing Mitigation Adequate to Protect Natura 2000 Network	Reasoning for assessment for those amendments where the Plan illustrates insufficient mitigation or information to rule out Impact on the Natura 2000 Network
CH 2.13	Insufficient	In combination with other core strategy changes, this revised policy could lead to a cumulative impact on the Natura 2000 Network.
CH 2.16	Insufficient	This strategy for development of housing may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed. Insufficient information on how the revised strategy would interact with Natura 2000 sites and local supporting ecological features to provide an assessment. Insufficient information to provide a cumulative impact assessment. Insufficient mitigation.
CH 2.17	Insufficient	Removal of a Core Strategy without a background document, outlining the proposed alternative development patterns could lead to uncontrolled development in a manner which is not consistent with the protection of the Natura 2000 Network. Compact housing and focus on settlement within villages and towns uses facilities that are already in-situ. One-off developments may require the delivery of electrical services, broadband services, as well as provision of water and waste services, as well as other supporting infrastructure. While inherent policies are in place within the Plan to protect European Sites , the cumulative impact of such a policy change has not been assessed and mitigation has not been outlined e.g. charging points, feasibility of energy generation for one off housing in remote areas, impacts from delivery of ancillary services. Ancillary services must be considered as part of the AA process.
CH 2.18	Insufficient	This policy could lead to an imbalance of growth and pressures on space. Could result increased development in sensitive locations.
CH 2.19	Adequate	New policy that will lead to development
CH 2.20	Insufficient	Deletion of policy which requires compliance with a Core Strategy that take account of pressures and impacts.
CH 2.25	Adequate	Revision of Key Towns and addition of Tier II town may lead to increased development in these areas.
CH 3.1	Insufficient	This strategy aim for development of housing may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed. Insufficient information on how the revised strategy would interact with Natura 2000 sites and local supporting ecological features to provide an assessment. Insufficient information to provide a cumulative impact assessment. Insufficient mitigation.
CH 3.6	Insufficient	This amendment may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed, and could lead to could lead to unmanaged growth in a manner which is not consistent with the protection of the Natura 2000 Network.

Existing Mitigation Adequate to Protect Natura 2000 Network		Reasoning for assessment for those amendments where the Plan illustrates insufficient mitigation or information to rule out Impact on the Natura 2000 Network
		For example there are a number of Natura 2000 sites within 500m of village centres.
CH 3.9	Insufficient	Growth of rural areas needs to be managed carefully to ensure the sustainability of the natural environment, particularly where sensitive receptors are present. Mitigation and appropriate checks should allow for a sustainable local communities and a healthy environment.
CH 3.10	Insufficient	Weakening of the protection of the Natura 2000 Network.
CH 3.11	Insufficient	Weakening of the protection for sensitive receptors. Normal planning considerations are inherent mitigation for protection of environment.
CH 3.12	Insufficient	This change in text may lead to a different pattern of development to that already assessed and could lead to could lead to unmanaged growth of housing in a manner which is not consistent with the protection of the Natura 2000 Network.
CH 5.4	Adequate	
CH 5.5	Adequate	(At concept Stage)
CH 5.9	Adequate	
CH 6.6	Adequate	
CH 6.7	Adequate	
CH 6.8	Adequate	
CH 6.10	Adequate	
CH 6.17	Adequate	
CH 6.21	Additional mitigation outlined in Section 11.8.	
CH 8.9	Adequate	
CH 9.5	Adequate	
CH 10.15	Adequate	
CH 11.9	Adequate	
CH 12.2	n/a	Body text that reflects the core strategy and objective/policy changes above.
CH 12.3	n/a	Body text that reflects the core strategy and objective/policy changes above.
CH 12.11	Adequate	
CH 12.14	Adequate	Development of opportunity site in very proximity to the Natura 2000 Network. Project level Appropriate Assessments may conclude that development at this site can or cannot go ahead.

	Existing Mitigation Adequate to Protect Natura 2000 Network	Reasoning for assessment for those amendments where the Plan illustrates insufficient mitigation or information to rule out Impact on the Natura 2000 Network
CH 12.15	Adequate	
Zoning in Balla	Insufficient	Extension of the settlement boundary in the direction of Balla Turlough will result in increased pressure on the turlough from the settlement – the turlough already has pressures to the north and south, and sensitive receptors at the site are likely to be impacted by the increased disturbance in another area of the turlough.
Other Zoning changes	Adequate	
Roads	Additional mitigation outlined in Section 11.8.	Feasibility studies, route appraisals and environmental studies required for all road projects. These in conjunction with the AA Process will protect the Natura 2000 Network

11.7.1 Cumulative Assessment:

It has not be possible to determine cumulative impact, as the change in strategy as there are a variety of interacting changes in policies and objectives and strategy which could result in an integrity level impact on the Natura 2000 sites. It was considered that there was not enough information within the housing policy to perform a cumulative assessment. A precautionary approach has been taken, and many of the core strategy changes and housing policy/objective changes have considered to have the potential to have a significant effect on the Natura sites, even with the existing mitigation in place.

11.8 Additional Mitigation Measures

The original draft had comprehensive mitigation measures associated with it at a Plan level. The following two mitigation measeures were considered appropriate to add following the submissions and CE report.

- Feasibility studies, route appraisals and environmental studies required for all road projects. These in conjunction with the AA Process will protect the Natura 2000 Network
- **Recommendation:** Add *Mayo Biodiversity Action Plan, local area biodiversity plans, water quality, particularly with reference to Freshwater Pearl Mussel and Salmonid catchments.*

It was not considered appropriate within the context of this report to make recommendations regarding additional mitigation for the core strategy and housing/development policy changes. As such have the potential to have a significant effect on the Natura sites, even with the existing mitigation in place.

11.9 Conclusion

Approximately 160 Material Amendments to the Plan were assessed for impact. The majority of the adjustments were screened out, but 33 Material Amendments were screened in, as well zoning changes and indicative road routes.

It was considered that the Plan contained sufficient inherent mitigation that, combined with project level assessment and mitigation within the AA process that Natura 2000 sites would not be impacted for 19 of the Material Amendments.

However, given the changes in core strategy and policies and objectives with reference to 14 of the proposed amendments, it was not considered possible to rule out negative impact from the Plan on Natura 2000 sites within the zone of influence of the Plan. The cumulative effect of such changes at a core strategy level was not possible to assess, in the absence of a coherent alternative strategy that evaluated the scale and nature and location of developments. Additionally, the ancillary impacts that could be associated with such a strategy change cannot be assessed with the present information.

Appendices

A Impact Assessment

A.1 Chapter 2 – Core Strategy

Core Strategy				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective		Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red		Mitigation
Strategic County Development Plan Objectives	SO 1 Population growth	To plan for a population increase in County Mayo during the plan period of 15,200 persons	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Strategic County Development Plan Objectives	SO 2 Quality of Life for Citizens and Communities	To promote the well-being and quality of life of all citizens and communities in Mayo and to enhance the attractiveness of the county as a place in which to live, work, visit, invest in and enjoy.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Strategic County Development Plan Objectives	SO 3 Employment and Investment	To support employment, encourage enterprise, maximise investment and create an environment that will establish Mayo as a premier investment location, capitalising on the county's existing and emerging key economic drivers, such as the Coastal	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

Core Strategy			Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective	Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
		Corridor and Marine Environment, the Atlantic Economic Corridor, Ireland West Airport Knock (IWAK), the IWAK Strategic Development Zone and the Economic Growth Clusters of Ballina/ North Mayo, Castlebar-Westport, Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis and Claremorris and Ballina-Killala.		as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Strategic County Development Plan Objectives	SO 4 Low Carbon and Climate Resilient County	To transition to a low carbon and climate resilient county, by promoting sustainable settlement patterns, the integration of land-use and sustainable modes of transport, encouraging walking, cycling and public transport, increasing reliance on green energy sources, encouraging urban and rural communities to facilitate effective change and by building climate change resilience and climate action into all services and functions of Mayo County Council.		This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Strategic County Development Plan Objectives	SO 5 Development of Sustainable Communities	To support and develop sustainable communities and a competitive county that enhances the health and wellbeing of our people and places from rural to urban, with access to employment opportunities, accessibility to high quality housing and physical, social and community infrastructure, including quality transport infrastructure and new		This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

Core Strategy				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective		Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red		Mitigation
		digital technologies, where people of all ages can enjoy a good quality of life and a sense of pride in their place.		
Strategic County Development Plan Objectives	SO 6 Inclusive Society	To promote and assist an inclusive county, to ensure that all people of Mayo have access to the range of resources to allow them to fully participate in their local communities, to tackle poverty and social exclusion.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Strategic County Development Plan Objectives	SO 7 Protection of Natural and Built Environment	To create a sustainable Mayo that protects and enhances the natural and built environment, which underpins Mayo’s unique identity, environmental character and quality of life and also creates a vibrant county that is an attractive destination for business and enterprise, tourists, residents of the county and creative industries alike.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Strategic County Development Plan Objectives	SO 8 Supporting Rural Areas	To promote the role of Mayo’s rural countryside, by developing a sustainable synergy between the rural area and network of settlements, enhancing the rural economy with improved connectivity, broadband, rural economic development opportunities and smarter working opportunities, all within the context of the sustainable management of land and resources	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

Core Strategy			Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective	Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
Strategic County Development Plan Objectives	SO 9 Appropriate Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	<p>a) To ensure the assessment of all planning applications in the Plan area have regard to the information, data and requirements of the Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report, SEA Environmental Report and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Report contained in Volume 5 of the Mayo CDP 2021-2027.</p> <p>b) To require project planning to be fully informed by ecological and environmental constraints at the earliest stage of project development and any necessary assessment to be undertaken, including assessments of disturbance to species protected under the Wildlife Act and/or the Flora Protection Act.</p> <p>c) To comply with the objectives and requirements of the Habitats Directive, specifically Article 6(3) and where necessary 6(4), Birds, Water Framework, and all other relevant EU Directives and all relevant transposing national legislation.</p> <p>d) Ensure that proposals for developments located within identified or potential flood risk areas, or which may exacerbate the risk of flooding elsewhere, are assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Flood Risk</p>	Policies or proposals which steer change in such a way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A	

Core Strategy			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective				
		Management Guidelines (DoEHLG/OPW 2009) and Circular PL2/2014 (or any updated/superseding document), the relevant policies, objectives and guidelines within this plan and shall also take account of the National CFRAM Programme Flood Hazard Mapping and Flood Risk Management Plans when they become available.		
Strategic County Development Plan Objectives	SO 10 Implementation of National and Regional Objectives	To contribute and progress, as practicable, towards achievement of the National Strategic Objectives of Project 2040, the Regional Growth Ambitions of the Northern and Western Regional Assembly's RSES, and the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Strategic County Development Plan Objectives	SO 11 Urban Renewal and Regeneration	Continue to enhance the towns and villages of County Mayo, through renewal and regeneration, improvements to public realm infrastructure, healthy place-making and by improving the visual amenity, urban design, viability, vibrancy of these areas so that people can live, work and invest in the these areas.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Strategic County Development	SO 12 Integrated Land Use and	Integrate land use planning and sustainable transportation planning, promote the consolidation of	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or

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Plan Objectives	Transportation Planning	development, encourage sustainable travel patterns by reducing the need to travel particularly by private transport, while prioritising walking, cycling and public transport.	2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	project arising from this objective/ policy
Core Strategy Policies	CSP1	To promote and facilitate the development of sustainable communities in the county, by managing the level of growth in each settlement to ensure future growth is in accordance with the Core Strategy and County Settlement Hierarchy, in order to deliver sustainable and vibrant rural and urban communities.	This objective could lead to increased development of sustainable communities. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Core Strategy Policies	CSP2	To support the implementation of the Core Strategy for Mayo in a manner that is consistent with policies at a national and regional level, in particular population targets and distribution.	This objective could lead to population increase. This may put pressures on the natural environment within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Core Strategy Policies	CSP3	To promote measures to reduce vacancy and the underuse of existing building stock and support initiatives that promote the reuse, refurbishment and retrofitting of existing buildings within all settlements in the Settlement Hierarchy and the rural countryside	This objective could lead to development of derelict buildings. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective				
Core Strategy Policies	CSP4	To support the compact growth of towns and villages to ensure that development proceeds sustainably and at an appropriate scale, density and sequence and in line with the Core Strategy Table.e and in line with the Core Strategy Table.	This objective could lead to population increase and development. This may put pressures on the natural environment within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Core Strategy Objectives	CSO1	To secure the implementation of the population and housing growth household allocation set out in the Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy, in so far as practicable, by facilitating rural housing, while allowing for the accommodation of further residential growth in our designated settlements, subject to the availability of infrastructure and services.	This objective could lead to population increase. This may put pressures on the natural environment within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Core Strategy Objectives	CSO2	To ensure that sufficient zoned lands are available to satisfy the housing requirements of the designated settlements in the county over the lifetime of the Plan.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Core Strategy Objectives	CSO3	To adopt Local Area Plans for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport that align with the NPF, RSES and this Core Strategy. During the transition period between	This objective could indirectly lead to increased development through objectives of the Local Area Plans. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or

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		adoption of this County Development Plan and the adoption of the Local Area Plans for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, the objectives (including zoning objectives), policies and standards in this County Development Plan shall apply to these towns.	the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	project arising from this objective/ policy
Core Strategy Objectives	CSO4	To move towards more compact towns by promoting the development of infill and brownfield/consolidation/regeneration sites and the redevelopment of under-utilised land within and close to the existing built up footprint of existing settlements in preference to edge of centre locations.	This objective could lead to increased development on brownfield sites. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Core Strategy Objectives	CSO5	To deliver at least 30% of all new homes in urban areas within the existing built up footprint of settlements	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Core Strategy Objectives	CSO6	To deliver at least 20% of all new homes in rural towns and villages within the existing built up footprint of settlements	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Core Strategy Objectives	CSO7	To implement all land use planning policies and objectives in a manner which takes account of and is consistent with the Core Strategy, in order to accelerate a transition to a greener, low carbon and climate resilient county with a focus on reduced travel demand through the promotion of sustainable settlement patterns	Policies or proposals which steer change in such way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Core Strategy Objectives	CSO8	Monitor development for compliance with the objectives of the Core Strategy and adjust, where necessary, the approach taken to the consideration of development proposals, in order to ensure effective alignment with National and Regional policy and objectives	Policies or proposals which steer change in such way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Core Strategy Objectives	CSO9	Monitor and maintain a record of residential development permitted in settlements designated under the Settlement Hierarchy in accordance with any Departmental guidance that may arise.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY POLICIES	SSP 1	Support the appropriate growth of the Rural Countryside by offering a sustainable choice for people to live in	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or

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		order to maintain vibrant Rural Communities.	habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY POLICIES	SSP 2	Support the continued growth and sustainable development of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, as designated Strategic Growth Towns in the Settlement Strategy, capitalising on Ballina’s designation as a Key Town in the context of the Sligo Regional Growth Centre and Castlebar/Westport as a linked growth driver in the region.	This objective could lead to increased development in Ballina, Castlebar and Westport. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY POLICIES	SSP 3	Promote consolidation in Self-Sustaining Growth Towns coupled with targeted investment where required, to improve local employment, services and sustainable transport options and to become more self-sustaining settlements.	This objective could lead to population increase. This may put pressures on the natural environment within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY POLICIES	SSP 4	Promote commensurate population and employment growth in the designated Self-Sustaining Towns, providing for natural increases and to become more economically self-sustaining, in line with the quality and capacity of public transport, services and infrastructure available.	This objective could lead to increased development of infrastructure . Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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SETTLEMENT STRATEGY POLICIES	SSP 5	To promote and encourage the sustainable, balanced development of the Rural Settlements and Rural Villages in an incremental manner, with the emphasis on small scale development over a medium to long-term period, in keeping with the character of the settlement.	This objective could lead to increased development in rural areas. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY POLICIES	SSP 6	To support the creation of healthy and sustainable communities that encourages and facilitates walking and cycling and general physical activity through the implementation of best practices in urban design that promotes permeability and interconnecting spaces.	This objective could lead to increased development of infrastructure . Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY POLICIES	SSP 7	To promote the integration of land use and transportation policies and to prioritise provision for cycling and walking travel modes and the strengthening of public transport.	This objective could lead to increased development of infrastructure . Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY POLICIES	SSP 8	To develop the county in accordance with the Settlement Hierarchy and to require future residential development to locate at and be of a scale appropriate to the settlement tiers and levels identified in the Core Strategy	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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		Table, subject to the availability of infrastructure and services.		
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES	SSO 1	To facilitate the appropriate growth of the Rural Countryside by offering a sustainable choice for people to live in order to maintain vibrant Rural Communities.		
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES	SSO 2	To facilitate the development of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport to underpin their role as designated Strategic Growth Towns in the Settlement Hierarchy and to ensure that the growth of these towns takes place in an orderly and sustainable fashion that will not detract from the vitality and viability of their town centres.	This objective could lead to increased development in Ballina, Castlebar and Westport. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES	SSO 3	To require sustainable, compact, sequential growth and urban regeneration in Ballina, Castlebar and Westport by consolidating the built-up footprints of these towns through a focus on regeneration and development of town centre infill and brownfield sites, and encouraging regeneration of underutilised, vacant and derelict lands for residential development and mixed use to facilitate population growth.	This objective could lead to increased development on brownfield sites in Ballina, Castlebar and Westport. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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SETTLEMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES	SSO 4	To apply higher densities to the higher order settlements of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport (see DM Standards), to align with their roles within the settlement hierarchy, subject to good design and development management standards being met.	This objective could lead to population increase in Ballina, Castlebar and Westport. This may put pressures on the natural environment within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES	SSO 5	To apply graded densities in towns and villages having regard to their role in the Settlement Hierarchy and where they are commensurate to the existing built environment.	This objective could lead to population increase in Ballina, Castlebar and Westport. This may put pressures on the natural environment within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES	SSO 6	To strengthen the core of settlements and encourage the compact growth of settlements by way of the development of infill sites, brownfield lands, under-utilised land / buildings, vacant sites, and derelict sites within the existing built-up footprint of the settlements, and develop outwards from the centre in a sequential manner	This objective could lead to increased development on brownfield sites. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES	SSO 7	To promote measures to reduce vacancy and the underuse of existing building stock and support initiatives	This objective could lead to development of derelict buildings. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or

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		that promote the reuse, refurbishment and retrofitting of existing buildings and the regeneration of under-utilised lands within all settlements in the Settlement Hierarchy and the rural countryside.	the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES	SSO 8	To ensure that settlements grow in a manner that is self-sustaining with sufficient social and economic infrastructure, and to a scale which aligns with the Settlement Hierarchy prescribed in the Core Strategy	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES	SSO 9	Ensure that all applications for retail developments are appropriate to the role, function and capacity of settlements within the settlement hierarchy and have regard to the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoEHLG 2012).	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES	SSO 10	To support and facilitate the delivery of consolidation and targeted 'catch up' investment in services, infrastructure, amenities and local employment to settlements, where appropriate.	This objective could lead to increased development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES	SSO 11	To seek to progress the list of Municipal District Projects over the plan period, as set out in Appendix IV.	This objective could lead to increased development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or

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			impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	project arising from this objective/ policy
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES	SSO 12	Ensure the promotion of sustainable settlement and transportation strategies in urban and rural areas including the promotion of measures to— (i) reduce energy demand in response to the likelihood of increases in energy and other costs due to long-term decline in non-renewable resources, (ii) reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, and (iii) address the necessity of adaptation to climate change; in particular, having regard to location, layout and design of new development	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

A.2 Chapter 3 – Housing

Strategic Aim: To facilitate the sustainable growth of all rural areas, towns and villages throughout the county by seeking to accommodate, as far as possible, all persons in their choices to live in our rural areas, towns and villages; by supporting and strengthening the rural economy to sustain vibrant rural communities and by promoting consolidation and compact development of all urban and rural settlements in an attractive setting that provides a suitable mix of housing with supporting amenities; and by ensuring coordinated investment in infrastructure that will support economic competitiveness and create a high quality living and working environment.

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Housing Strategy Objective	HSO 1	To reserve sufficient lands to facilitate and implement the Housing Strategy and its policies, as informed by the HNDA undertaken as part of this development plan	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Housing Strategy Objective	HSO 2	To secure the implementation of the Part V Housing Strategy, in particular, through the reservation of 10% of all land zoned solely for residential use, or for a mixture of residential or other uses, to be made available for the provision of social and affordable housing referred to in section 94(4)(c) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and shall be provided in accordance with an Agreement referred to in section 96 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in accordance with Part V Ministerial guidance or any future revised guidance.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Housing Strategy Objective	HSO 3	To increase the stock of social housing within the county in order to meet the social housing needs identified in this Housing Strategy as well as the long-term housing needs of existing households on the local authority housing waiting list.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Housing Strategy Objective	HSO 4	To seek to procure vacant homes where needed and appropriate, to ensure their continued use for residential purposes and develop housing on infill / brownfield sites within town and village centres for social and affordable housing provision.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Housing Strategy Objective	HSO 5	To seek to procure vacant sites or derelict/substandard sites where needed and appropriate, to facilitate the regeneration and repopulation within town and village centres for social and affordable housing provision.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Housing Strategy Objective	HSO 6	Secure the implementation of the Council’s Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 and to review this programme if required and/or deemed to be necessary, during the plan period.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Housing Strategy Objective	HSO 7	To co-operate with Voluntary Housing Associations and other providers of social housing within County Mayo to secure the delivery of new housing of appropriate design and at appropriate locations over the lifetime of the Plan.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Housing Strategy Objective	HSO 9	To support the ongoing monitoring and review of the HNDA, in accordance with the forthcoming guidance on HNDA methodology to be issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Housing Strategy Objective	HSO 10	To review, as may be necessary, the County Mayo Housing Strategy should a variation to the Mayo County Council Development Plan 2021-2027 be made or if planning legislation (notably ‘Part V’) is amended during the lifetime of plan	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Housing Strategy Policy	HSP1	To promote social integration and the provision of a range of dwelling types in residential developments that would encourage a mix of tenure, particularly in any state funded house building programmes	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Housing Strategy Policy	HSP2	To promote a mixture of house types, tenures and sizes to reasonably match the requirements of different categories of households and ensure that the special requirements of older persons, persons with disabilities and persons with learning difficulties, are developed in convenient, easily accessible and permeable locations	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Housing Strategy Policy	HSP3	To support the provision of accommodation for older people and for people with disabilities that would allow for independent and semi-independent living, in locations that are proximate to town and village centres and services and amenities such as shops, local healthcare facilities, parks and community centres.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Housing Strategy Policy	HSP4	To promote new social and affordable housing developments designed and constructed on the principles of universal design and life-long adaptability, energy efficient, good design and healthy placemaking	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Housing Strategy Policy	HSP 5	To support the work of voluntary and cooperative housing associations in County Mayo	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Housing Strategy Policy	HSP 6	To support a balanced supply of private, social and affordable housing in residential development, in order to promote social integration in towns and villages in County Mayo.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 1	To facilitate single houses in the open countryside to applicants with a demonstrable economic or social need in <i>Rural Areas under Strong Urban Influence</i> .	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 1	An economic need would include applicants who are functionally dependent on the local rural area for employment, where they seek to build their first home i.e. employment is rural based.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 1	A social need would include applicants who have long standing local intrinsic links to the rural area, where they seek to build their first home i.e. growing up in the area, educated in the area and continue to have strong social links to the rural area.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 1	Note: An occupancy clause will be attached to any grant of planning permission.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 2	In rural areas not classified as in <i>Rural Areas under Strong Urban Influence</i> , there is a presumption in favour of facilitating the provision of single housing in the countryside, based on siting and design criteria for rural housing in statutory guidelines and plans, except in the case of single houses seeking to locate along	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		Mayo's <i>Scenic Routes/Scenic Routes with Scenic Views or Coastal Areas/Lakeshores</i> (See RHO 3).	key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 3	To consider facilitating single houses along <i>Scenic Routes/Scenic Routes with Scenic Views or Coastal Areas/Lakeshores</i> to applicants who can demonstrate a social need to locate in the area concerned, whilst ensuring that it:	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 3	· Does not impinge in any significant way on the character, integrity and distinctiveness of the area;	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 3	· Meets high standards in siting and design;	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 3	· Satisfies all other criteria with regard to, inter alia, servicing, public safety, and environmental considerations;	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 3	· Demonstrates enhancement to local landscape character and ecological connectivity	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 3	Note: An occupancy clause will be attached to any grant of planning permission.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 4	<p>Housing applications, within Mayo’s Coastal Areas and Lakeshores and within areas along scenic routes with designated scenic views, will considered where the applicants can demonstrate a long-standing social link to the area concerned, whilst ensuring that it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not impinge in any significant way on the character, integrity and distinctiveness of the area • Cannot be considered at an alternative location • Meets high standards in siting and design • Satisfies all other criterial with regard to, inter alia, servicing, public safety, and environmental considerations • Demonstrates enhancement to local landscape character and ecological connectivity <p>Note: An occupancy clause will be attached to any grant of planning permission.</p>	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 5	To advise all rural housing applicants to utilise the Design Guidelines for Rural Housing (Mayo County Council) and core principles of same.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 6	To review the existing Design Guidelines for Rural Housing during the lifetime of this plan.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 7	That there will be a general presumption against allowing ribbon development i.e. greater than 5 houses in a row over 250m of road frontage, in any area outside of the development boundaries of all settlements listed in the Settlement Hierarchy of this plan.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 8	Applicants seeking to replace or reuse an existing house or other structure such as a disused barn, church, schoolhouse or other substantial building in any rural area will not be required to demonstrate a housing need and will be assessed under normal planning considerations only.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 9	To discourage the demolition and replacement of traditional or vernacular rural houses in order to protect the varied types of housing stock in rural areas of the County and to preserve the rural built heritage. Demolition and replacement will only be considered, on a case by case basis, where it is clearly demonstrated by way of a suitably qualified structural engineer's report that the dwelling/structure is not reasonably capable of being made structurally sound or otherwise improved.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 10	To require that any proposal to extend/refurbish an existing rural dwelling house, occupied or otherwise, takes account of the siting and size of the existing building and endeavours to ensure that the design, scale and materials used in the refurbishment and/or extension are in keeping and sympathetic with the existing structure and that mature landscape features are retained and enhanced, as appropriate.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Objectives	RHO 11	Buildings which are ancillary to existing rural dwelling(s), such as self-isolation units/granny flats/independent living unit or remote working office unit will be considered on their individual merits, subject to compliance with the criteria outlined in Section 2.9 of Volume 2 (Development Management Standards) of the Plan.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Rural Housing Policy	RHP 1	To support and promote strong vibrant sustainable rural communities in County Mayo.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Rural Housing Policy	RHP 2	To support a balanced approach to the development of rural areas to retain vibrancy, to accommodate within the rural area people who are functionally or socially part of the rural community, and to direct urban generated housing demand into established rural settlements.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Rural Housing Policy	RHP 3	To endeavour to accommodate the housing needs of the population, as projected in the Core Strategy, while at all times seeking to facilitate, as far as possible, all persons in their choices to live in our rural areas, towns and villages, subject to relevant development management controls and standards and carrying capacity of natural resources	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Rural Housing Policy	RHP 4	To ensure that future housing in rural areas have regard to the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2005 (DOEHLG) or any amended or superseding guidelines.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Rural Housing Policy	RHP 5	To ensure that rural housing applications employ site specific design solutions to provide for proposals that integrate into the landscape, reflect and enhance local landscape character and that respect their location in terms of siting, design, materials, finishes and landscaping.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Rural Housing Policy	RHP 6	To encourage the reuse of an existing rural building/structure other than a house for residential development subject to proper planning and sustainable development.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Policy	RHP 7	To consider replacement dwellings or development of other structures to habitable homes in all rural areas, subject to normal planning considerations such as availability of services, adequacy of ground conditions for disposal of effluent from the development, traffic safety, residential amenity, visual amenity etc. Where it is proposed to replace a dwelling, the replacement dwelling may require to be located on the footprint of the existing structure and the scale and character of the existing building may require replication or be of similar scale and design, depending on the location of the development (e.g. sensitive or vulnerable locations such as coastal, the shorelines of large lakes or upland areas).	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Housing Policy	RHP 8	To require that new houses in the rural areas ensure the protection of water quality in the arrangements for on-site waste water disposal, ensure provision of a safe means of access in relation to road and public safety, avoid flood risk and ensure the conservation of sensitive areas such as natural habitats, the environs of protected structures and other aspects of heritage.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING POLICIES	TVHP 1	To support the development of quality residential schemes having regard to and being consistent with the standards and principles set out in the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) and any relevant specific planning policy requirements (SPPRs) in the 'Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2018) and the 'Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2018) (and as updated).	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING OBJECTIVES	TVHP 1	To ensure that a suitable variety and mix of dwelling types and sizes is provided in developments to meet different needs, having regard to demographic and social changes.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING POLICIES	TVHP 2	To support the creation of attractive residential developments with a range of housing options and appropriate provision of functional public and private open space that is consistent with the standards and principles set out in the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas and the associated Urban Design Manual – A Best Practice Guide, DEHLG (2009) and any subsequent guidelines.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING OBJECTIVES	TVHP 2	To require residential development to demonstrate that a housing density appropriate to its context is achieved, providing for a sustainable pattern of	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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		development, whilst ensuring a high-quality living environment.		
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING POLICIES	TVHP 3	To encourage and foster the creation of attractive, mixed use, sustainable communities that include a suitable mix of housing types and tenure with supporting facilities, amenities and services that meet the needs of the community and are in accordance with the principles of universal design, life-long adaptability and energy efficiency, and urban greening in as far as practicable.	General policy on design and encouraging sustainable methods, no negative impacts anticipated from implementation of objective/policy.	N/A
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING OBJECTIVES	TVHP 3	Ensure all apartments are designed having regard to the standards principles and any specific planning policy requirements (SPPRs) outlined in the Design Standards for New Apartments - Guidelines for Planning Authorities (March 2018) (or as updated).	Policy or proposal that could not have any conceivable effect on a site	N/A
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING POLICIES	TVHP 4	To encourage the reuse of upper floors above commercial premises for residential accommodation.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING OBJECTIVES	TVHP 4	To ensure the provision of childcare facilities as an integral part of proposals for new residential developments, having regard to the DEHLG's Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2001 (as may be updated) in relation to the provision of childcare facilities, where appropriate.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING POLICIES	TVHP 5	To promote higher residential densities in appropriate locations and in particular close to town centres and along public transport corridors, in accordance with the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas, DEHLG (2009).	Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING OBJECTIVES	TVHP 5	To facilitate higher and increased building heights at suitable locations within the higher order settlements in accordance with the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009); Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (2018) and the ‘Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (2018) (or as updated), including any relevant specific planning policy requirements (SPPRs), where appropriate.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING POLICIES	TVHP 6	To promote innovation in architectural design that delivers buildings of a high quality that positively contribute to the built environment and local streetscape.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING OBJECTIVES	TVHP 6	To require that applications for residential development take an integrated and balanced approach to movement, place making, and streetscape design in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, DTTS and DECLG (2013 as amended).	Policy or proposal that could not have any conceivable effect on a site	N/A
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING POLICIES	TVHP 7	To promote the development of vacant residential and regeneration sites in all development centres in the county, as appropriate, in accordance with the requirements of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 (as amended).	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING OBJECTIVES	TVHP 7	To ensure the provision of adequate areas of high quality, safe and overlooked open space within residential developments and support the provision of play and recreational areas in all new large residential developments.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING POLICIES	TVHP 8	To direct multiple residential developments to those settlements identified in the Core Strategy and to require that the scale of such development is in accordance with growth projected within that specific settlement, except where there is otherwise a demonstrable need.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING OBJECTIVES	TVHP 8	To require that development proposals for new residential developments in settlements demonstrate a high-quality design process including layout, specification and external finishes.	Policy or proposal that could not have any conceivable effect on a site	N/A
TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING OBJECTIVES	TVHP 9	To guide multiple residential development in a sequential manner outward from the core area of settlements, to maximise the utility of existing and future infrastructure provision, to promote sustainability, to make more efficient use of underutilised lands, and to avoid the extension of services and utilities to more remote areas.	Policy on avoiding development in remote areas will reduce the impact on Natura 2000 sites	N/A

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TOWN AND VILLAGE HOUSING OBJECTIVES	TVHP 10	To prepare design guidelines for new residential developments in towns and villages during the lifetime of the plan. In the interim, the design guidance and principles set out in the Village Design Statements for Louisburgh, Mulranny and Belcarra and the Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas and accompanying Urban Design Manual (DoEHLG) 2009 (or as updated) shall apply, where appropriate.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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A.3 Chapter 4 – Economy

Strategic Aim: The aim of this economic chapter is to provide for the future well-being of the residents of the county and the region by facilitating economic development; to promote the growth of employment opportunities in all sectors, in accordance with the principles of sustainable development; to achieve a reduction in the unsustainable levels of commuting from the county; to provide a greater focus on community building and improve the quality of life for all.

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Economic Development Policy	EDP1	Support and promote economic opportunities identified in Mayo County Council’s economic strategy – Mayo: <i>Sustaining Jobs, Supporting Growth & Winning Investment</i> or any amended or replacement strategy.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 1	To facilitate and support the continued growth of the economy in the county in a sustainable manner and in accordance with the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 2	To support and facilitate the economic development of the county in a manner which is consistent with the economic pillars identified in the Enterprise and Investment Units Economic Strategy.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats,	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 3	Continue to promote the county to attract enterprise and investment into Mayo through the Enterprise & Investment Unit and/or Local Enterprise Office, with a focus on a number of established and emerging sectors including tourism, manufacturing, marine, renewable energy, ICT, food and agri-food.	This objective could indirectly lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 4	Continue to support new and existing enterprises in the county through the provision of training, mentoring, financial supports, advice and networking events.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 5	Encourage enterprise and employment development to locate in brownfield sites or unoccupied buildings in town centres or where appropriate in existing industrial/retail parks or other brownfield industrial sites in preference to undeveloped zoned or unzoned lands.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 6	Facilitate the economic development of Mayo to create a viable and favourable economic environment for business and enterprise, whilst delivering sustainable	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats,	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		jobs, employment opportunities and an enriched standard of living for all.	disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 7	To identify and promote a range of locations within the County for different types of enterprise activity including international business and technology parks, small and medium enterprises (SME) and micro enterprise centre.	This objective could indirectly lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 8	To co-operate with local and national development agencies and engage with existing and future employers in order to maximise job opportunities in the County.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 9	Facilitate agri-industry and other rural enterprise activities that are dependent on their locality in rural locations, where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network, residential amenity or visual amenity. Preference will be given to occupying vacant structures which the planning authority consider appropriate for the use proposed.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A

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Economic Development Objectives	EDO 10	Encourage and facilitate home-based employment of appropriate type, size and scale, where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network, residential amenity or visual amenity.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 11	To work in partnership with relevant stakeholders, to ensure that a sustainable approach is taken to enterprise development and employment creation across all sectors of the Mayo economy, in accordance with the Green Economy national frameworks relevant to each sector.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 12	Engage with all relevant government stakeholders, enterprise agencies and sectoral representatives in pursuing 'green' approaches to economic development and actively collaborate with key industry and educational bodies to promote Mayo based initiatives across the economic sectors.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 13	Promote quality employment and residential developments in proximity to each other in order to reduce the need to travel.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value,	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Economic Development Objectives	EDO 14	To encourage the provision of 'live work' communities, in which employment, residency and sustainable transport facilities are located in close proximity to each other, to reduce long distance commuter trends and congestion, as well as reducing outward migration from the county.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 15	To ensure that people intensive developments are located close to the strategic public transport network.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 16	To address the rate of out bound commuting, with the provision of 'live work' communities in strategic settlements served by sustainable transport, thereby improving quality of life, encouraging volunteerism and community engagement.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 17	Encourage mixed use settlement forms and sustainable centres, in which employment, residency, education and	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		local services / amenities are located in close proximity to each other.	indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 18	To work with Irish Water and other infrastructure providers, to support the provision of services and facilities to accommodate the future economic growth of the County and to seek to reserve infrastructure capacity for employment generating uses.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 19	Ensure that there is sufficient quantum of zoned lands to facilitate a range of enterprise across the county in line with the settlement hierarchy.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 20	To support start-up businesses and small-scale industrial enterprise at appropriate locations throughout the County, subject to the principles of proper planning and sustainable development.	This objective could indirectly lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value,	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Economic Development Objectives	EDO 21	To further linkages and partnerships with GMIT including the branding of the area as a centre of excellence in the knowledge-based economy.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 22	To encourage and facilitate small indigenous industries, at appropriate locations with good communication infrastructure, in recognition of their increasing importance in providing local employment and helping to stimulate economic activity within small communities.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 23	To support the use of town centre core locations for new service focused enterprises.	This objective could indirectly lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 24	Support the continued development of Galway Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT), Castlebar Campus including the development of a shared approach to enterprise development with the Local Enterprise Office.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value,	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Economic Development Objectives	EDO 25	To acquire suitable land (subject to the availability of funding), including where appropriate, disused sites in State ownership, for creative and innovative entrepreneurial initiatives and the provision of clustered incubator units.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 26	To promote the development of the key strategic employment sites identified in the Economic Development Strategy for County Mayo.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 27	To support and promote the equine industry in the County as an economic and employment provider.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Economic Development Objectives	EDO 28	To work with Eirgrid, as far as practicable, to ensure power infrastructure is available for the development of zoned employment lands within the N5 corridor.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Economic Development Objectives	EDO 29	Review the Development Contribution Scheme.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ireland West Airport Knock Policies	EDP 2	Promote and support the strategic role of IWA Knock SDZ as a significant regional economic driver and promote the SDZ location as a regional economic business and enterprise hub.	Increased air traffic within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ireland West Airport Knock Policies	EDP 3	Support the development of the IWA Knock SDZ in tandem with the required infrastructure for both the expansion of the airport and in its delivery as a regional business and enterprise hub.	This objective could lead to increased development of the airport. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Ireland West Airport Knock Objectives	EDO 30	Promote and facilitate the growth of IWAK as a creative and innovative area that is globally competitive, internationally linked, attractive and open.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Ireland West Airport Knock Objectives	EDO 31	Support, promote and facilitate the implementation of the approved Planning Scheme for the designated SDZ at IWA Knock (including the mitigation measures of the statutory environmental assessment carried out for the planning scheme), which provides the framework for the expansion of the Airport in terms of its transport and business operations and as a new business and enterprise destination.	This objective could indirectly lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ireland West Airport Knock Objectives	EDO 32	Support and recognise the important national and Regional role of IWAK in the economic life of the county and region and to facilitate its activities and development, having regard to the IWAK SDZ.	This objective could indirectly lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Atlantic Economic Corridor Policies	EDP 4	Promote, support and facilitate the Atlantic Economic Corridor initiative in a sustainable manner to secure the long-	This objective could indirectly lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		term economic and employment growth for Mayo.	through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Atlantic Economic Corridor Policies	EDP 5	Promote, support and facilitate the appropriate development of Mayo's towns, villages and rural areas that function as part of the AEC.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Atlantic Economic Corridor Objectives	EDO 33	To advance and promote the AEC in order to maximise the advantages of Western Region links and the development of an All-Ireland economy.	This objective could indirectly lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Atlantic Economic Corridor Objectives	EDO 34	To support the sustainable development of a linked Castlebar-Westport Hub as a driver of economic development for the county and region, building on the dual capacity, complementarity and combined strengths of both towns in terms of population, established commercial, social and cultural links and proximity,	This objective could indirectly lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value,	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		thereby strengthening the urban structure of the region and enabling the realisation of the Atlantic Economic Corridor.	such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Atlantic Economic Corridor Objectives	EDO 35	Facilitate the development of the Western Rail Corridor, in order to support and underpin the development of the AEC, to encourage the economic growth of Mayo and the wider region and to support vibrant local communities.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Atlantic Economic Corridor Objectives	EDO 36	Promote and facilitate in cooperation with relevant stakeholders, the provision of AEC enterprise hubs within the towns and villages in Mayo.	This objective could indirectly lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Atlantic Economic Corridor Objectives	EDO 37	Work with adjoining counties to secure the AEC, as a model of balanced regional development.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Growth Clusters Policies	EDP 6	To support and promote the sustainable development of the Castlebar-Westport Economic Growth Cluster as a driver of economic development for the County and Region, building on the dual	This objective could indirectly lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats,	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		capacity, complementarity and combined strengths of both towns in terms of population, established commercial, social and cultural links and proximity, thereby strengthening the urban structure of the region and enable the realisation the Atlantic Economic Corridor.	disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Growth Clusters Policies	EDP 7	To support and grow the role of Castlebar as the main administrative, healthcare and education centre in the county, the main centre for commerce and enterprise, capitalising on its designation as a Key Town within the context of the Galway Metropolitan City and Sligo Regional Growth Centre and its location in relation to the Atlantic Economic Corridor, in order to facilitate long-term economic growth within the context of a high quality environment supporting a wide range of services and amenities.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Growth Clusters Policies	EDP 8	To support and grow the role of Ballina as the key economic driver in the north-west of the county, capitalising on its designation as a Key Town within the context of the Sligo Regional Growth Centre and its location in relation to the Atlantic Economic Corridor, in order to facilitate long-term economic growth within the context of a high quality	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		environment, supporting a wide range of services and amenities.		
Growth Clusters Policies	EDP 9	To support and grow the role of Westport as a key economic driver in the county and as a national tourism hub, capitalising on its significant tourism related assets, including its designation as a Heritage Town and its status as a Key Town within the context of Galway Metropolitan City, Sligo Regional Growth Centre and its location in relation the Atlantic Economic Corridor, in order to facilitate long-term economic growth within the context of a high quality environment, supporting a wide range of services and amenities.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Growth Cluster Objectives	EDO 38	Seek to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Castlebar-Westport Economic Growth (CWEG) Cluster 2040.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Growth Cluster Objectives	EDO 39	Prepare an economic growth strategy for Ballina and its supporting catchment to advance the economic development of North Mayo.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Growth Cluster Objectives	EDO 40	Investigate the potential for the Tier 2 urban settlements of Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis and Claremorris to function as an economic growth cluster in South Mayo, capitalising on their proximity to the IWAK and AEC	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Retail Policies	EDP 10	Support the vitality and viability of existing town and village centres and facilitate a competitive and healthy environment for the retailing sector into the future, by ensuring that future growth in retail floorspace responds to the identified settlement hierarchy, the sequential approach, the appropriate protection of the built environment and the needs of the projected population of the settlement area.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Retail Policies	EDP 11	Encourage local partnership, town teams or community organisations to develop and implement local economic initiatives which will enhance town and village centres.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Retail Policies	EDP 12	Promote the reuse of vacant floorspace. Alternative uses shall be assessed on their own merits against the requirements of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Retail Policies	EDP 13	Support and promote the retail sector in the county and ensure compliance with the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities DoECLG (April 2012) and Retail Design Manual DoECLG (April 2012) or any amended or superseding version of the guidelines and design manual.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Retail Policies	EDP 14	Promote the reuse or reactivation of vacant underutilised properties/shop units in order to assist with the regeneration of streets and settlements in the county.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Retail Objectives	EDO 41	To implement/review the Mayo County Retail Strategy.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Retail Objectives	EDO 42	Promote and reinforce all town centres in the county as primary shopping areas.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Retail Objectives	EDO 43	To adhere to the principle of 'sequential approach' in the consideration of retail applications located outside of core retail areas.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value,	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Retail Objectives	EDO 44	Ensure proposals for retail development in towns and villages make a positive contribution to the general townscape through the promotion of excellence in urban design, signage, consideration of the built heritage and designed to a scale appropriate to the settlement.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Retail Objectives	EDO 45	To continue to implement and facilitate environmental, amenity and recreational improvements to the public realm, in existing town and village core retail areas.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Retail Objectives	EDO 46	Strictly control the location and range of goods sold from retail warehouse units in order to ensure that the retail primacy of the town centre is not unduly prejudiced.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Retail Objectives	EDO 47	Promote and facilitate on-street activities including street markets and farmers / country markets in all existing retail centres or any event that adds to the vitality and viability of existing town and village centres, whilst not unduly impacting on the existing retail function.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value,	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Smart Economy Policies	EDP 15	Support and facilitate the delivery of the National Broadband Plan and Mayo County Councils Digital Strategy as a means of developing further opportunities for enterprise, employment, education, innovation and skills development, for those who live and work in rural areas throughout Mayo, where appropriate	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Smart Economy Policies	EDP 17	Develop the ICT sector in Mayo, along with key stakeholders and relevant agencies to ensure that the economic, potential of the sector is secured for the benefit of the local, regional and national economy.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Smart Economy Policies	EDP 16	Support and facilitate the development of a Smart County to benefit the economic growth, quality of life and wellbeing of the people of Mayo and advance the NWRA 'Smart Region' Growth Ambition in the RSES.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Smart Economy Policies	EDP 18	Support the development of a Smart County to develop and diversify the rural economy, to build on local enterprise and infrastructure assets, to drive innovations	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A

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		around energy, transport, agri-food, tourism, e-services and remote working.		
Smart Economy Objectives	EDO 48	Support the role out of actions listed in the Mayo County Council Digital Strategy.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Smart Economy Objectives	EDO 49	Support the development of sites where data centres, ICT related development and high potential start-ups can thrive.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Smart Economy Objectives	EDO 50	To identify suitable locations and support the provision of co-working facilities, digital hubs/eHubs and eWorking centres throughout the county that function as outreach hubs for out of county employers and that promote flexible working arrangements and strengthen the AEC hub network.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Economy Policies	EDP 19	Support, in conjunction with Mayo LEO and other agencies, the development of indigenous industry and business start-ups in rural employment centres (villages and settlements) in the county, subject to compliance with siting, design and environmental considerations.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Rural Economy Policies	EDP 20	To support the implementation of the new LEADER Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 and any subsequent amended/updated programme for the county..	This objective could lead to increased development of the airport. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Economy Objectives	EDO 51	Facilitate agri-industry and other rural enterprise activities that are not suitable in a settlement and are dependent on their locality in rural locations, where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network, residential amenity or visual amenity. Preference will be given to occupying vacant structures which the planning authority consider appropriate for the use proposed. Where proposals demonstrate measures to promote environmental enhancement through improved ecological connectivity such as measures in the Pollinator Plan, additional native species planting or blue and green infrastructure measures, these will be favourably considered.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Rural Economy Objectives	EDO 52	To support rural entrepreneurship and the development of micro businesses	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation

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		(generally less than 10 no. employees) in rural areas where environmental and landscape impact is minimal and such developments do not generate significant or undue traffic. This objective shall not apply to sites accessed from the National Road Network	county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Economy Objectives	EDO 54	Facilitate remote working in the rural area, at an appropriate scale, for enterprise/businesses that do not require visiting members of the public, subject to normal planning considerations.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Agriculture Policies	EDP 21	Support the implementation of the Mayo County Council Agricultural Strategy to promote the continued development and expansion of the Agri-Food Sector subject to the measures and environmental objectives of the forthcoming Common Agricultural Policy Strategy for Ireland.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Agriculture Policies	EDP 22	Support the implementation, at county level, of the provisions set out in Food Harvest 2025, subject to environmental carrying capacity constraints.	This objective could lead to an increase in agricultural pressure. Increase in agricultural pressure could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity and air quality.	
Agriculture Policies	EDP 23	Maintain a vibrant and healthy agricultural sector based on the principles of sustainable development, whilst at the same time supporting alternative employment in or close to rural areas to sustain rural communities.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Agriculture Policies	EDP 24	Work with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Teagasc and all other stakeholders to support the agricultural and agri-business sector, as appropriate and in line with environmental commitments under Climate Action, Biodiversity and Water Quality	This objective could lead to an increase in agricultural pressure. Increase in agricultural pressure could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Agriculture Policies	EDP 25	Work with the Northern and Western Regional Assembly and other relevant stakeholders in identifying areas of high value agricultural land in the county to address the need for sustainable food supplies. The consideration of future climate scenarios, and water availability, climate change adaption and environmental enhancement for	This objective could lead to an increase in agricultural pressure. Increase in agricultural pressure could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		agricultural purposes shall form part of this assessment.		
Agriculture Policies	EDP 26	Support and promote the equine industry in the county as an economic and employment provider.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Agriculture Policies	EDP 27	Support the development of appropriately located allotments, in areas which have good access to and are proximate to built-up and residential areas.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Agriculture Objectives	EDO 55	To support, promote and consider, on their individual merits, the reuse of redundant agricultural buildings and the development of new buildings to accommodate farm diversification / enterprise within an overall farmyard complex.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Agriculture Objectives	EDO 56	Support, promote and facilitate the implementation of the actions of Mayo	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation

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		County Council's agricultural strategy - <i>A Sustainable Agricultural Strategy for Mayo</i> or any amended/replacement strategy to secure economic and employment growth in the county in a sustainable manner.	county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Agriculture Objectives	EDO 57	Encourage proposals for farm shops where it can be clearly demonstrated that:	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Agriculture Objectives	EDO 57	(a) the products to be sold are primarily produce grown on the farm holding;	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
		(b) the scale and scope of the retailing proposed will not harm the viability or retail facilities in any nearby town or village;	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
		(c) and the proposed shop is operated by the owner of the farm and is ancillary to the main use of the property for agricultural activities.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Agriculture Objectives	EDO 58	Ensure that equine based developments are located on suitable and viable landholdings and are subject to normal planning, siting and design considerations.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Agriculture Objectives	EDO 59	Facilitate the development of allotments of an appropriate scale, subject to normal planning considerations and which meet the following criteria:	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		(i) The lands are situated within or immediately adjacent to the edge of towns/villages or are easily accessible to the residents of a particular town or village; and	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
		(ii) Adequate water supply and adequate parking facilities can be provided.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Extractive Industry Policy	EDP 28	Support and facilitate adequate supplies of aggregate resources to meet the future growth needs of the county and the wider region where there is a proven need for a certain mineral/aggregate and to exercise appropriate control, while addressing key environmental, traffic and social impacts and details of rehabilitation.	Extracting resources within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Extractive Industry Policy	EDP 29	Ensure that the development of aggregate resources (stone and sand/gravel deposits) is carried out in a manner which minimises effects on the	Extracting resources within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		environment, including the Natura 2000 network, amenities, infrastructure and the community, and has full regard to the principles of sustainability.	fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Extractive Industry Objectives	EDO 60	Ensure that the development of aggregate resources (stone and sand/gravel deposits) is carried out in a manner which minimises effects on the environment, including the Natura 2000 network, amenities, infrastructure and the community, and has full regard to the principles of sustainability.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Extractive Industry Objectives	EDO 61	Have regard to the Quarry and Ancillary Activities Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities DoEHLG (April 2004) or any new or subsequent quarry guidance.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Green Economy Policies	EDP 34	Support the implementation of the Green Economy national frameworks through encouraging enterprise development and employment creation across all sectors of the Mayo economy.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Green Economy Policies	EDP 35	Support rural diversification through sustainable rural development practices, investment in rural towns and villages, providing for access to technology and skills- development networks.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A
Green Economy Objectives	EDO 64	Support and facilitate the Green Economy in County Mayo, as appropriate.	General policy statement which will, in itself, not lead to development	N/A

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Green Economy Objectives	EDO 65	Facilitate the development of industries that create and employ green technologies and take measures to accelerate the transition towards a low carbon economy and circular economy.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Green Economy Objectives	EDO 66	Facilitate homebased economic activity that allows employers, enterprises and entrepreneurs the option of working from home or local hubs to reduce commuting and congestion, subject to normal planning considerations.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Green Economy Objectives	EDO 67	Support Renewable energy initiatives that facilitate a low carbon transition.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Major Accidents & Seveso Objectives	EDO 68	To ensure that appropriate distances are maintained between any proposed development and any existing Seveso II establishment, in the interest of the	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		health and safety of the occupiers of the proposed development.	through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Major Accidents & Seveso Objectives	EDO 69	To require that, the siting of new establishments, or modification of existing establishments classified under the Seveso II Directive as listed in Appendix and new development in the vicinity of existing establishments shall take into account the need to prevent major accidents involving hazardous substances and safeguard both the public and the environment.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

A.4 Chapter 5 – Tourism

The strategic aim of this chapter is to promote and facilitate a sustainable and well-managed year-round, high-quality tourism industry that generates economic benefits to all areas of the county, thereby contributing to the wider tourism industry of the region.

Tourism				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
General Tourism Policies	TRP 1	To work in partnership with local, national and international agencies/bodies to promote County Mayo as a tourist destination and to support and encourage cohesion and linkages between the relevant agencies/ bodies to implement the key tourism objectives of this Plan	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
General Tourism Policies	TRP 2	Support and promote sustainable tourism development, accessible to all throughout the county and work in partnership with tourism organisations and adjoining Local Authorities where necessary, in securing the development of tourism enterprises and infrastructure. Subject to suitable locations where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network, residential amenity or visual amenity.	This Policy could promote development. Although sustainable and in consideration of the Natura 2000 network, impacts may still arise as a result of this Policy. Any developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Tourism Policies	TRP 3	Support the work of Fáilte Ireland and the strategic growth of tourism development in the county through:	This Policy could promote development for tourism, particularly in the Clew Bay and North Mayo/Erris areas. Any developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

		<p>(a) The implementation of Fáilte Irelands designations - 'Always On' Hubs, 'Seasonal' Service Centres and 'Attractions' within the county.</p> <p>(b) The implementation of Fáilte Irelands Visitor Experience Development Plans (VEDP's) for Clew Bay and North Mayo/Erris.</p>	<p>impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.</p>	
General Tourism Policies	TRP 4	<p>Co-operate with Fáilte Ireland, Tourism Ireland, and any other relevant bodies in the implementation of Destination Mayo 2016-2021 by:</p>	<p>This Policy could promote development for tourism, particularly in the areas around the Great Western Greenway at Castlebar to Westport and to The Wild Atlantic Way. Any developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>
General Tourism Policies	TRP 4	<p>(a) Encouraging investment in the tourism industry in the county with specific reference to leisure activities (including walking, cycling, equestrian and family focused activities), including connectivity to the Great Western Greenway at Castlebar to Westport and to the Wild Atlantic Way.</p>	<p>This Policy could promote development for tourism, particularly in the areas around the Great Western Greenway at Castlebar to Westport and to The Wild Atlantic Way. Any developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>
General Tourism Policies	TRP 4	<p>(b) Encouragement and support of the upgrading of public transport facilities in</p>	<p>This Policy could promote development for tourism. Any developments can potentially</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any</p>

		Destination Towns, including the provision of Transport Hubs/Links.	have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.	plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Tourism Policies	TRP 4	(c) Supporting the development of new and emerging tourism products and facilities or upgrading/extension of existing tourist facilities at tourist sites within the county, within proper planning and sustainable development principles.	This Policy could promote development for tourism. Any developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Tourism Policies	TRP 5	Support the delivery of high quality 'destination town' experiences for visitors by supporting expansion in accommodation and facilities within Destination Towns and supporting infrastructural investment, including improvements to the public realm, transport links, accommodation, the night-time economy and the sustainable development of our natural and built heritage.	This Policy could promote development for tourism. Any developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Tourism Policies	TRP 6	Promote and support the continued strategic development of Westport, Ballina and Castlebar as tourist destinations through:	Proposed developments like the extension of the GWG and NCP have the potential to directly and/or indirectly negatively impact the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

			value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
General Tourism Policies	TRP 6	(a) Supporting the enhancement of Westport as a major tourism centre in the West of Ireland, building on its reputation as one of Ireland's premier visitor destinations along the Wild Atlantic Way, as a heritage town and gateway to areas of outstanding natural and built heritage.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
General Tourism Policies	TRP 6	(b) Supporting the development of Westport's key assets e.g. Westport House Demesne, Quay area, extension of the Great Western Greenway and additional greenway linkages e.g. Westport-Cong Trail and National Coastal Path.	Proposed developments like the extension of the GWG and NCP have the potential to directly and/or indirectly negatively impact the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Tourism Policies	TRP 6	(c) Exploration of the development potential of Westport and Ballina harbour areas in terms of marine related tourism and extensive marine resources.	Developments like marina, pontoon and mooring facilities and other infrastructural developments, ranging from car park enhancements, addition of toilet, changing and shower facilities to more comprehensive Activity Service Centres have the potential to directly and/or indirectly negatively impact the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Tourism Policies	TRP 6	(d) Promote the significant tourism potential of Ballina and its location as a prominent stop on the Wild Atlantic Way, a gateway to	Promoting tourism potential of these sites has the potential to lead to increased pressure from increased footfall, which has	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any

		Northwest Mayo, the Céide Fields, and internationally renowned salmon fishing, through investment in tourism related infrastructure, including Monasteries of the Moy Greenway from Beleek to Killala, incorporating EuroVelo1 Atlantic Coastal Route, Mountain Biking Trail via Ballina connecting the Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park to the National Mountain Bike Trail at Coolaney and ongoing development of the Wild Atlantic Way, including Discovery Points at Crockets Town.	the potential to directly and/or indirectly negatively impact the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Tourism Policies	TRP 6	(e) Promote the development of Castlebar as a nationally important Sports Tourism & Adventure Hub, including leveraging existing sports assets and existing natural and built facilities at Lough Lannagh Holiday Village.	This Policy could promote development for tourism and sports. Any developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Tourism Objectives	TRO 1	To work with all relevant stakeholders and Fáilte Ireland to facilitate the erection of standardised signage for tourism facilities and tourist attractions as part of national and regional initiatives.	This Policy is promoting the erection of signage which, although small in size, still has potential to have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through direct loss of habitats, disturbance of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity dependant on the location of the signage an its installation. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Tourism Policies	TRO 2	Enable, facilitate and encourage the growth and sustainability of the tourism sector,	Promoting growth through developments in rural areas can have the potential to	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any

		through supporting the provision of tourism enterprise developments in rural areas including open farms, subject to the provision of adequate infrastructure and compliance with normal planning considerations.	directly and/or indirectly negatively impact the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts.	plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Tourism Objectives	TRP 7	To encourage the clustering of tourism products and services within identified hubs, to facilitate the sharing of infrastructure and services where possible, to increase linkages within and reduce leakage from the local economy	This Policy could promote infrastructural development for linking services. Any developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Activity, Adventure & Sports Tourism Policies	TRP 8	To support the implementation of the opportunities and actions identified in the Mayo Tourism Strategy and Action Plan – Destination Mayo 2015-2021, regarding the development of activity, adventure and sports tourism at strategic locations throughout the County in conjunction with the Tourism section of Mayo County Council and other relevant stakeholders.	Any development could potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts can occur by implementation of Plans that arise from this support.	Further development of walking routes and trails could potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts can occur by implementation of Plans that arise from this support.

Activity, Adventure & Sports Tourism Policies	TRP 9	To support the implementation of the strategy for Greenway development in Ireland - “Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways” in relation to the development and extension of greenways throughout the county, in conjunction with the Tourism section of Mayo County Council and other relevant stakeholders.	<p>Proposed developments like the extension of the GWG have the potential to directly and/or indirectly negatively impact the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.</p>	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Activity, Adventure & Sports Tourism Policies	TRP 10	To promote Mayo as a premier walking/cycling destination in the Country and support the further development of walking routes and trails within the county and the integration and linkage of these with other existing / proposed routes and trails both within and outside of County Mayo, in accordance with national walking strategy guidance and conjunction with the Tourism Section of Mayo County Council, Fáilte Ireland and other relevant stakeholders.	<p>Further development of walking routes and trails could potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts can occur by implementation of Plans that arise from this support.</p>	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Activity, Adventure & Sports Tourism Policies	TRP 11	To support the development of a regional water-based leisure sector in a sustainable manner, making the best use of existing and planned infrastructure and resources, in a manner that is sensitive to the natural and cultural heritage resources, in conjunction with relevant regional partners.	<p>Even though a statement is made about making the best use of existing infrastructure and a sensitive manner of development, this support will likely lead to increased development and increased pressure on sites. Any development could potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts can occur by implementation of Plans that arise from this support.</p>	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

<p>Activity, Adventure & Sports Tourism Policies</p>	<p>TRP 12</p>	<p>To support local, national and international tourism agencies and bodies in their work to promote Mayo as a unique tourism destination and build on the 'Wild Mayo' adventure brand and to continue to position itself as 'The Heartbeat of the Wild Atlantic Way' through an interagency approach, utilising available funding streams to implement the tourism objectives of this plan.</p>	<p>Promoting tourism potential of County Mayo has the potential to lead to increased pressure from increased footfall, which has the potential to directly and/or indirectly negatively impact the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>
<p>Activity, Adventure & Sports Tourism Policies</p>	<p>TRP 13</p>	<p>To work with the National Transport Authority, Fáilte Ireland, Waterways Ireland and all stakeholders to develop a coordinated approach to the selection, delivery and servicing of future greenways, blueways, trails and routes throughout the county.</p>	<p>No negative impacts anticipated from implementation of objective/policy at this stage. Any future greenways, blueways, trails or routes that may be selected as a result of this Policy will require project level assessment.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Activity, Adventure and Sports Tourism Objectives</p>	<p>TRO 3</p>	<p>To explore a feasibility study, including the development of route options, for the creation of a coastal walking/cycling route along the western seaboard, in collaboration and partnership with the NWRA, other relevant local authorities and stakeholders, including the public, to enhance access to our tourist assets along the route of then Wild Atlantic Way.</p>	<p>Further development of walking routes and trails could potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts can occur by implementation of Plans that arise from this support.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>
<p>Activity, Adventure and Sports Tourism Objectives</p>	<p>TRO 4</p>	<p>To investigate the development of bike trails and sites at Keenagh / Ballycastle/Bunnyconnellan Bike Trail and the Mountain Bike Centre at the Wild Nephin site, in conjunction with the Tourism Section of Mayo County Council</p>	<p>Further development of walking routes and trails could potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>

			<p>Potential negative impacts can occur by implementation of Plans that arise from this support.</p>	
<p>Spiritual and Pilgrimage Tourism Policy</p>	<p>TRP 14</p>	<p>(a) To exploring the development of a long-distance Spiritual Trail linking Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey and Knock Shrine. Investigate the potential of linking this trail to Burriscarra, Cong, Turlough and the Monasteries of the Moy through the Tourism Section of Mayo County Council and other relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>(b) To explore a range of spiritual walking and pilgrimage events to showcase Mayo as a spiritual tourism destination, with particular emphasis on generating overnight stays for visitors to Knock Shrine.</p> <p>(c) To support and facilitate the development of Knock as a world-renowned religious tourist destination</p> <p>(d) To investigate the delivery of pilgrim trail improvements and upgrades on the Croagh Patrick trail and Tochar Padraig trail. Opportunities to enhance ecological connectivity should be integrated as part of any linking of routes to strengthen and support green infrastructure. SEA and AA measures relating to the above were identified in the Destination Mayo Plan and should be adhered to and integrated to any project level assessments. tourism in Mayo, in conjunction with the Fáilte Ireland, the Tourism section of Mayo County Council and other relevant stakeholders through:</p>	<p>The development of such a trail could potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Negative impacts can potentially occur by development of this trail.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>

Cultural and Amenity Tourism Policies	TRP 15	To support the implementation of the opportunities and actions identified in the Mayo Tourism Strategy and Action Plan – Destination Mayo 2015-2021 regarding the development of cultural and amenity tourism and the Wild Atlantic Way in Mayo, in conjunction with the Tourism section of Mayo County Council and other relevant stakeholders.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Cultural and Amenity Tourism Policies	TRP 16	Support the protection and enhancement of Mayo’s historic buildings, gardens and museums as cultural tourist attractions.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Cultural and Amenity Tourism Policies	TRP 17	Support developments which will enable and encourage countryside recreation and an increased appreciation of, and access to, the natural environment.	Supporting these developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts can occur through supporting these developments.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Cultural and Amenity Tourism Policies	TRP 18	To work in partnership with Coillte to identify opportunities for tourism and recreation facility development within commercially managed forests, where appropriate, and promote and continue to be involved in the Neighbour Wood Scheme (2017) and to identify areas at local level that are suitable for such schemes.	Supporting these developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts can occur through supporting these developments.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Cultural and Amenity	TRO 5	Encourage access to forestry and woodlands, including private forestry, in cooperation with stakeholders for walking routes, bridle paths,	Encouraging access to forestry and woodlands can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any

Tourism Objectives		mountain biking, nature walks, orienteering, hiking, recreational areas and other similar facilities and to retain existing public rights of way through forest lands.	network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts can occur supporting these developments.	plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Cultural and Amenity Tourism Objectives	TRO 6	To investigate the development of Moore Hall Estate and walled garden in conjunction with the Tourism Section of Mayo County Council and relevant working groups.	Unlikely to have any significant adverse impacts upon the integrity of any Natura 2000 site	N/A
Cultural and Amenity Tourism Objectives	TRO 7	To investigate the further potential of the Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park and Dark Sky initiative in a sustainable manner. This approach should demonstrate good practice in terms of eco-tourism and wilderness and seek to gain recognised accreditation on same.	Even though it is stated that further development will be in a sustainable manner, this can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts can occur from further development and investigating the tourism potential of the Park.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Cultural and Amenity Tourism Objectives	TRO 8	Explore the development of community walks, off road trails/rural trail developments, parks, other outdoor amenities and recreational infrastructure, and work with relevant landholders and recreational/tourism agencies to increase access to the countryside and our coastal areas, subject to proper planning and sustainable development principles.	Even though the increased access will be subject to proper planning and sustainable development principles, this policy statement will indirectly lead to increased development, which can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

Cultural and Amenity Tourism Objectives	TRO 9	<p>Encourage sensitively designed and located development which provides for the appreciation, interpretation, upgrade and provision of access to natural habitats, scenic vistas and heritage features for the benefit of rural tourism, subject to normal planning and nature conservation consideration.</p>	<p>Regardless of the fact that it will be subject to nature conservation consideration, any development can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>
Cultural and Amenity Tourism Objectives	TRO 10	<p>To utilise Mayo’s natural and heritage resources to foster the development of tourism as a viable sustainable sector of the economy, in a sustainable manner, which complements the scale, quality and unique features of the county</p>	<p>Increased tourism can have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through pressure on sites created by more footfall. Potential negative impacts can therefore occur.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>
Food and Culinary Tourism Policy	TRP 19	<p>To support the development of Mayo as a ‘Foodie Destination’ through the implementation of the Fáilte Ireland ‘Food Tourism Development Strategy 2018-2023’ and the Mayo County Council Food and Drink Strategy 2020-2025 and the opportunities and actions identified in the Mayo Tourism Strategy and Action Plan – Destination Mayo 2015-2021 regarding the development of food tourism in Mayo, in conjunction with the Tourism section of Mayo County Council and other relevant stakeholders.</p>	<p>General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development</p>	<p>N/A</p>
Food and Culinary Tourism Objectives	TRO 11	<p>Explore the development of a Mayo food network and market signature food experiences around the county, including artisan food trails such as the Gourmet Greenway and Edible Greenway and other food trails, at appropriate locations throughout the county.</p>	<p>Development of trails can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>

<p>Food and Culinary Tourism Objectives</p>	<p>TRO 12</p>	<p>To facilitate Feile na Tuaithe and the Westport and Ballina food festivals and other food and drinks tourism events at appropriate locations throughout the county.</p>	<p>One off events that may be held in rural locations could occur within the footprint of a Natura 2000 site. Any events facilitated within the ZOI of a Natura 2000 site could cause direct and/or indirect adverse impacts to the Natura 2000 network causing fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of key species, or changes to indicators of conservation value such as changes in water quality.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>
<p>Festivals and Events Policies</p>	<p>TRP 20</p>	<p>To support the implementation of the opportunities and actions identified in the Mayo Tourism Strategy and Action Plan – Destination Mayo 2015-2021 regarding the development festivals and events in Mayo, in conjunction with the Tourism section of Mayo County Council and other relevant stakeholders by:</p>	<p>General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Festivals and Events Policies</p>	<p>TRP 20</p>	<p>(a) supporting community groups and festival committees to identify and access new sources of funding for festivals and events in the county;</p>	<p>General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Festivals and Events Policies</p>	<p>TRP 20</p>	<p>(b) promoting the development of a variety of new festivals, including Mayo Dark Skies International and sporting events, to appeal to a wide range of visitors and to increase the profile of the county as a key tourism destination.</p>	<p>Festivals or events that may be held throughout Mayo could occur within the footprint of a Natura 2000 site. Any events facilitated within the ZOI of a Natura 2000 site could cause direct and/or indirect adverse impacts to the Natura 2000 network causing fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of key species, or changes to indicators of conservation value such as changes in water quality.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>

Festivals and Events Policies	TRP 21	Support and promote existing festivals and sporting events, in conjunction with the relevant tourism and sporting agencies to increase the cultural, heritage and lifestyle profile of the county, and to facilitate the establishment of new events where viable, subject to the satisfactory location, access, parking provision and protection of the surrounding environment.	<p>New or existing festivals or events that may be held throughout Mayo could occur within the footprint of a Natura 2000 site. Any events facilitated within the ZOI of a Natura 2000 site could cause direct and/or indirect adverse impacts to the Natura 2000 network causing fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of key species, or changes to indicators of conservation value such as changes in water quality.</p>	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Tourism and Infrastructure Policies	TRP 22	To support the implementation of priority infrastructural developments and tourism facilities identified by the Tourism Section of Mayo County Council, including the development of new tourist facilities or upgrading/extension of existing tourist facilities at tourist sites within the county, within proper planning and sustainable development principles.	<p>Development of trails can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.</p>	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Tourism and Infrastructure Policies	TRP 23	Support and promote sustainable tourism development, accessible to all throughout the County and to work in partnership with tourism organisations and adjoining Local Authorities where necessary, in securing the development of tourism enterprises and infrastructure. Subject to suitable locations where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network, residential amenity or visual amenity	<p>Any development can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.</p>	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Tourism and Infrastructure Policies	TRP 24	To encourage the clustering of tourism products and services within identified hubs, to facilitate the sharing of infrastructure and	<p>This Policy could promote infrastructural development for linking services. Any developments can potentially have direct</p>	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any

		services where possible, to increase linkages within and reduce leakage from the local economy.	and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.	plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Tourism and Infrastructure Policies	TRO 13	Identify opportunities for funding for infrastructural projects and facilities, including LEADER, national and European funding schemes and seek to maximise the benefit of such funding opportunities to the county.	Any development can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Tourism Accommodation Policy	TRP 25	To promote the sustainable development of the tourism sector in appropriate locations throughout the county.	Increased tourism can have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through pressure on sites created by more footfall. Potential negative impacts can therefore occur.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Tourism Accommodation Objectives	TRP 26	Encourage proposals to reinstate, conserve and/or replace existing ruinous or disused dwellings for holiday home purposes, subject to normal planning considerations including design, safe access and provision of any necessary wastewater disposal facilities.	Any development can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Tourism Accommodation Objectives	TRO 14	To ensure that tourism related accommodation such as holiday homes, hotels, caravan/camping parks, glamping etc. are primarily located within existing settlements where there is existing infrastructure provision to service the development and where they can contribute to maintenance of essential rural services.	This Policy could promote development for tourism. Although sustainable and in consideration of the Natura 2000 network, impacts may still arise as a result of this Policy. Any developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

		<p>Certain forms of low-impact tourist accommodation such as Camping and Glamping/Pod sites may also be considered outside of existing settlements where it is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proposed to incorporate the reuse an existing structure as an integral part of the development • adjacent to, and capable of availing of, an existing appropriate commercial enterprise or community facility or located on an existing farm <p>In all cases the facility shall be of an appropriate scale for the location and shall have a high standard of design, layout, landscape, including Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of the Development Management Standards (Volume 2), and environmental protection so as not to impact negatively on the visual and residential amenity of the area or have significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network.</p>	<p>Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.</p>	
Tourism Accommodation Objectives	TRO 15	<p>To facilitate, where appropriate, the conversion of former demesnes or estate dwellings and their outbuildings into tourism facilities, subject to good planning principles and architectural practice.</p>	<p>Any development can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>
Tourism Accommodation Objectives	TRO 16	<p>Facilitate the development of a variety of quality tourist accommodation types, at suitable locations, throughout the county.</p>	<p>Any development can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>
Tourism Accommodation Objectives	TRO 17	<p>To positively consider the development of new hotels in existing settlements, with particular preference for locations in larger settlements.</p>	<p>Any development can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any</p>

		In rural locations (i.e villages / rural nodes), it must be demonstrated that: (i) the area proposed to be served by the new development has high visitor numbers associated with an existing attraction / facility; (ii) a need for new / additional hotel type accommodation for these visitors has been identified having regard to the profile of the visitor and the availability and proximity of existing hotels in the area; and (iii) the distance of the location from a significant settlement is such that visitors to the area/attraction are unlikely to avail of existing hotel facilities.	loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Tourism Accommodation Objectives	TRO 18	To positively consider the (part) conversion of existing dwellings to Bed & Breakfasts (B&Bs) and Guesthouses, to be operated by the owner-occupier of the dwelling. Applications for new build B&Bs /guesthouses will in the first instance be evaluated as private dwellings and the objectives and standards applicable in that area type (e.g. large town, rural town, rural area etc) will be applied.	Any development can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Tourism Accommodation Objectives	TRO 19	To ensure that holiday home / self-catering developments on a farm holding shall be provided by farmhouse extension or by the utilisation of other existing dwellings / structures on the property. Only where it has been demonstrated that these are not viable options, will permission be considered for new build development. Any new build development shall be in close proximity to the existing farmhouse.	Any development can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Tourism Accommodation Objectives	TRO 20	To facilitate the development of hostels along established walking / hiking routes and	Any development can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any

		adjacent to existing tourism / recreation facilities, subject to normal planning criteria.	loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Flagship Infrastructure Projects Policy	TRO 21	To strategically facilitate the development of infrastructural flagship projects through the implementation of the National Tourism Strategy 'People, Place and Policy: Growing Tourism to 2025' Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the Mayo County Council Tourism Strategy 'Destination Mayo'	Any development can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Flagship Infrastructure Projects Objectives	TRO 22	Identify all opportunities for funding for Flagship Projects, including LEADER, national and European funding schemes and seek to maximise the benefit of such funding opportunities to the county.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Wild Atlantic Way Policy	TRP 27	To support the promotion of the Wild Atlantic Way in its role to grow the economic contribution of tourism along its route, through the upgrade and improvement of the touring network, facilities and visitor attractions through:	Any development could potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts can occur by implementation of Plans that arise from this support.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Wild Atlantic Way Policy	TRP 27	(a) Exploration of the development of signature discovery points to assist and secure Mayo's position as 'The Heartbeat of the Wild Atlantic Way'.	Any development can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

			changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Wild Atlantic Way Policy	TRP 27	(b) Working with all relevant stakeholders and Fáilte Ireland to facilitate the erection of standardised signage for tourism facilities and tourist attractions along the Wild Atlantic Way.	This Policy is promoting the erection of signage which, although small in size, still has potential to have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through direct loss of habitats, disturbance of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity dependant on the location of the signage an its installation. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Wild Atlantic Way Policy	TRP 27	(c) Working with relevant landholders and recreational/tourism agencies to increase access to the countryside and our coastal areas, and to ensure maintenance and access to the existing network of trails, paths, and tourist sites along the Wild Atlantic Way.	Increased access can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Wild Atlantic Way Policy	TRP 27	(d) Supporting the exploration of the development of new tourist services, parking and facilities or upgrading/extension of existing tourist services, parking and facilities at tourist sites along the Wild Atlantic Way	Any development can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Walking & Greenway Policies	TRP 28	To support the implementation of the NWRA Regional Outdoor Recreation Strategy, through the extension of greenways, walking routes, tracks and trails within the county and the integration and linkage of them with other existing / proposed greenways, walking routes,	Developments like the extension of greenways can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

		tracks and trails, both within and outside County Mayo.	conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Walking & Greenway Policies	TRP 29	To support the progression of long-distance linear greenways and greenway town networks, and the further development and improvements of the following walking trails and coastal paths in the county: Westport/Cong Walking trail; Croagh Patrick trail upgrade; Tourmakeady Trail; Bangor trail; Ceide /Downpatrick Coastal Path; and Slievemor Trail, in conjunction with the Tourism Section and other relevant stakeholders.	Developments like the extension of greenways can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Marine Facilities Policy	TRP 30	Support the protection and enhancement of our islands, coastline and waterways as tourism products and attractions.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Marine Facilities Objectives	TRO 23	Identify strategic marine locations, in line with the Mayo Tourism Strategy and Action Plan, for the development of pontoon and mooring facilities.	Developments like pontoon and mooring facilities and other infrastructural developments, ranging from car park enhancements, addition of toilet, changing and shower facilities to more comprehensive Activity Service Centres have the potential to directly and/or indirectly negatively impact the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Marine Facilities Objectives	TRO 24	Explore the development of activity service centres in accordance with the Mayo Tourism Strategy and Action Plan.	Any development could potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

			indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts could occur through the development of activity service centres	
Marine Facilities Objectives	TRO 25	Investigate facility upgrades at Ronagh Pier.	Any development could potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts could occur through the development of activity service centres	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Marine Facilities: Adventure Policy	TRP 31	Support the development of an activity centre at Keel and activity hub at Lough Lannagh, Castlebar	Any development could potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts could occur through the development of activity service centres	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Adventure Policy	TRO 26	Support the protection and enhancement of our counties lakes as visitor attractions, through the identification of infrastructure requirements and development of masterplans including:	Any development could potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Potential negative impacts could occur through the development of activity service centres	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

Adventure Policy	TRO 26	(a) The exploration of the development of the Pontoon Lakes masterplan and construction of a boardwalk in conjunction with the Tourism Section of Mayo County Council;	Developments like an activity centre or an activity hub can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Adventure Policy	TRO 26	(b) Working with relevant landholders and recreational/tourism agencies to increase access to Mayo’s lakes.	Increasing access to Mayo's lakes can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Adventure Policy	TRP 32	Preserve and protect verified public rights of way which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other places of natural beauty or recreational utility	Preservation and/or protection of public rights of way could involve changes to substrate, fencing or other physical works. Any works that may occur within the ZOI of a Natura 2000 site could potentially cause impacts to the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Public Rights of Way Objectives	TRO 27	The Council, within the lifetime of this plan, to:		
Public Rights of Way Objectives	TRO 27	a. Identify, preserve and enhance existing accesses and public rights of way to recreational areas including the coast, upland areas, lakeshores, river-bank areas and heritage sites	Preservation and/or protection of public rights of way could involve changes to substrate, fencing or other physical works. Any works that may occur within the ZOI of a Natura 2000 site could potentially cause impacts to the Natura 2000 network	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

			through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Public Rights of Way Objectives	TRO 27	b. Where necessary, establish new accesses and public rights of way to recreational areas including the coast, upland areas, lakeshores, river-bank areas and heritage sites in co-operation with landowners and the local community. When public rights of way are identified, the owners of the public rights of way shall be notified in accordance with the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010	Establishing new accesses can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Public Rights of Way Objectives	TRO 27	c. Map public rights of way in accordance with the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Public Rights of Way Objectives	TRO 27	a. and b. shall be carried out in accordance with best sustainable management practices, any guidance from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Public Rights of Way Objectives	TRO 28	To seek to identify and protect over the lifetime of the Plan further existing <u>verified</u> rights of way which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other place of natural beauty or recreational utility, as they become available to the Planning Authority over the lifetime of the plan. (accompanied by mapping showing public rights of way).	Protection of public rights of way could involve changes to substrate, fencing or other physical works. Any works that may occur within the ZOI of a Natura 2000 site could potentially cause impacts to the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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A.5 Chapter 6 – Movement and transport

Strategic Aim: To achieve a sustainable, integrated and low carbon transport system with excellent connectivity within and to Mayo, by enhancing existing strategic transportation infrastructure in the county. To work with other agencies in the provision of infrastructure to attract new business investment and people into the county.

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Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
Integrated Land Use and Transportation Policies	MTP – 1	Support sustainable travel in the County by ensuring future population and employment growth predominantly takes place in urban areas that will warrant provision of public transport services	This objective could lead to increased development of public transport. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Integrated Land Use and Transportation Policies	MTP – 2	To support and facilitate the integration of land use with transportation infrastructure, through the development of sustainable compact settlements which are well served by public transport.	This objective could lead to increased development of public transport. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Integrated Land Use and Transportation Policies	MTP – 3	Support and facilitate any ‘Smarter Travel’ initiatives that will improve sustainable transportation within the County, including public transport, electric and hybrid vehicles, car clubs, public bike schemes, improved pedestrian and cycling facilities, as appropriate	This objective could lead to increased development of public transport. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Integrated Land Use and Transportation Objective	MTO - 1	To prepare and commence implementation of, Local Transport Plans (LTP), in conjunction with the National Transport Authority and relevant stakeholders, for Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, other settlements where appropriate.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Land Use Integration & Sustainable Transport Objectives	MTO - 2	Ensure that planning applications for large scale developments, that are significant trip intensive generators are accompanied by a Mobility Management Plan	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Sustainable Mobility Policy	MTP - 4	Support sustainable mobility, enhanced regional accessibility and connectivity within County Mayo in accordance with the National Policy Outcomes of the National Planning Framework 2040, National Development Plan and the Regional Planning Objectives of the Regional & Spatial, Economic Strategy.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Sustainable Mobility Policy	MTP - 5	Promote the transition to a low carbon integrated transport system by firstly reducing the need for travel through the use of design solutions and innovative approaches with regards to the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, and subsequently to shift to environmentally sustainable modes of transport	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Sustainable Mobility Objectives	MTO - 3	To liaise and collaborate with relevant agencies to support and encourage the growth of electric vehicles and EBikes with support facilities/infrastructure, through a roll-out of additional electric charging points in collaboration with relevant agencies at appropriate locations with a particular emphasis in public parking areas and employment locations (including along the Wild Atlantic Way) including retrofit of charging points in existing urban centres	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Sustainable Mobility Objectives	MTO - 4	To increase cycling usage in Tier I and Tier II settlements in line with the national average (2016).	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Pedestrians & Cyclists Policy	MTP – 6	Support safer cycling/walking routes to encourage people to be more physically active for transport and leisure purposes.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Pedestrians & Cyclists Policy	MTP – 7	To promote the design and construction of new developments to create low carbon, walkable neighbourhoods and workplaces containing high quality green and blue infrastructure.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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			or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Pedestrians & Cyclists Policy	MTO 5	To encourage and facilitate the maintenance and further development of the public footpath network, walking and cycling routes and associated infrastructure and where possible the retrofitting of cycle and pedestrian routes into the existing urban road network.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Pedestrians & Cyclists Policy	MTO 6	To support the establishment of a network of interlinked cycle ways and walk ways in the county and the adjoining counties, having regard to best practice standards including the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and the NTA Cycle Manual or any amending/superseding national guidance or manuals	The development of cycling infrastructure within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Pedestrians & Cyclists Policy	MTO 7	To endeavour to identify, preserve and enhance existing accesses and public rights of way to recreational areas including the coast, upland areas, lakeshores, river-bank areas and heritage sites over the lifetime of the plan, subject to any forthcoming departmental guidance.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Pedestrians & Cyclists Policy	MTO 8	To encourage, where appropriate, the incorporation of safe and efficient cycleways, accessible footpaths and pedestrian routes into the design schemes for town centres/neighbourhood centres, residential, educational, employment, recreational	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		developments and other uses, with the design informed by published design manuals, including the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets and the NTA Cycle Manual or any amending/superseding national guidance or manuals.	value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Pedestrians & Cyclists Policy	MTO 9	To continue the development of a network of Greenways in the County in accordance with best practice and where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects therefore positive impacts are anticipated from the implementation of this objective/policy	N/A
Pedestrians & Cyclists Policy	MTO 10	Investigate the potential of providing loped Greenways / Walkways for the Tier 1, 2 and 3 Settlements of the County, where it can be demonstrated that such schemes will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects therefore positive impacts are anticipated from the implementation of this objective/policy	N/A
Pedestrians & Cyclists Policy	MTO 11	To investigate the protentional of providing a number of 'Park and Stride' facilities in appropriate locations in the county, subject to an environmental assessment of identified locations.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Pedestrians & Cyclists Policy	MTO 12	Seek to advance the walking/ cycling projects listed in the table below	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Pedestrians & Cyclists Objectives	MTO 13	Protect open spaces, with multifunctional green and blue infrastructure in developments, with connections to the wider network of open spaces and habitats	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects therefore positive impacts are anticipated from the implementation of this objective/policy	N/A
Bus Policy	MTP – 8	Support and encourage public transport providers and rural community transport initiatives and programmes, such as the Local Link Rural Transport Programme, to enhance to provision of public transportation services linking rural villages to the main towns of Mayo	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Bus Policy	MTO – 14	Support the operation of existing bus services by facilitating the provisions of improved facilities and services for bus users in towns and villages including the provision of set down areas for coaches and bus shelters at all bus stops where feasible.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rail Policy	MTP - 9	To Support the enhancement of rail services to Dublin and commuter services between Ballina, Castlebar, Westport and Claremorris with connectivity to Galway and Limerick Metropolitan Cities and major international ports such as Shannon / Foynes with the realisation of re-opening the Western Rail Corridor	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rail Policy	MTP - 10	To support the re-opening of the Western Rail Corridor in order to deliver the Tuam –	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation

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		Claremorris – Sligo Rail to an appropriate level of service and to a standard capable of facilitating passenger and freight transport, and would present an opportunity to provide an integrated rail linkage to the IWA Knock SDZ.	could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rail Policy	MTP - 11	Support and encourage the provision of a high quality rail network and service (including commuter services) and ancillary works for passenger and freight carriage to, from and within the County, where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects therefore positive impacts are anticipated from the implementation of this objective/policy	N/A
Rail Policy	MTO 15	To liaise with and encourage Iarnród Éireann to:	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rail Policy	MTO 15	A. Continue investment in rail freight facilities at Ballina & Claremorris.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Rail Policy	MTO 15	Increase frequency of commuter services on mainline rail network between Westport, Castlebar & Ballina	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rail Objectives	MTO 16	Support, and encourage the upgrading of existing railway stations, and protect, as required, lands necessary for the upgrading of existing railway lines or stations.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rail Objectives	MTO 17	To work with the National Transport Authority & Iarnród Éireann, to safeguard and protect all existing or historic rail lines and associated facilities from redevelopment for non-transport related purposes in order to not preclude their future use as an operational transportation network	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rail Objectives	MTO 18	Support and facilitate the velo rail project on the Western Rail Corridor as an interim use for the rail line pending its reopening for passenger and rail freight.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
National Roads Policy	MTP 12	to enhance Regional Accessibility between key urban centres of population and their regions through the protection of the capacity, efficiency and safety of the National Road Network (listed in appendix) in Mayo	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
National Roads Policy	MTP 13	To support the upgrading to a 'High Quality Road' of both the N5 & N17 National Primary Routes, within the county, as part of the Tran-European Transport Network (TEN-T).	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
National Roads Policy	MTP 14	To support Transport Infrastructure Ireland in the provision of service and rest area facilities that may be proposed by the TII, and have regard to the provisions of Section 2.8 of the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines and the NRA Service Policy (August 2014), with regard to any other proposals for roadside service facilities or off-line service facilities along national roads and junctions that may be promoted by private developers.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
National Roads Policy	MTP 15	To protect the capacity, efficiency and safety of the national road network in Mayo by complying	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		with the 'Spatial Planning and National Roads - Guidelines for planning authorities' (2012).	on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
National Roads Policy	MTP-16	To avoid the creation of any additional access points from new development or the generation of increased traffic from existing accesses to national roads to which speed limits greater than 60 km/h apply.	Policy that cannot lead to development or other change therefore no negative impacts anticipated from implementation of objective/policy.	N/A
National Roads Policy	MTP-17	In relation to sections of national roads on the approaches to or exit from urban centres that are subject to a speed limit of 60 kph before a lower 50 kph limit is encountered – otherwise known as transitional zones - to provide for a limited level of direct access to facilitate orderly urban development. Any such proposal must, however, be subject to a road safety audit carried out in accordance with the TII requirements and a proliferation of such entrances, which would lead to a diminution in the role of such zones, must be avoided	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
National Roads Objectives	MTO 19	To apply an less restrictive approach to non-residential development of strategic or national importance or extensions to such developments accessing onto the National Road Network in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.6 of the 'Spatial Planning and National Roads - Guidelines for planning authorities' (2012).	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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National Roads Objectives	MTO 20	To ensure that developments which have the potential to generate significant traffic movements, as per the TII traffic and transportation guidelines which will be required to carry out the assessments set out 7.5 of the Development Management (Volume 2).	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
National Roads Objectives	MTO 21	To seek to progress the National Road projects, listed in Table 6.5 subject, to required environmental assessments.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
National Roads Objectives	MTO 22	To seek to review, in conjunction with TII, a reduction of the maximum speed limit along National Routes, where such routes pass through identified settlements in the Settlement Strategy of this Plan.	Policy that cannot lead to development or other change therefore no negative impacts anticipated from implementation of objective/policy.	N/A
Non-National Roads Policy	MTP – 18	to enhance Regional Accessibility between key settlements of Mayo and their regions and to safeguard existing and future capital investment through the protection of the capacity, efficiency and safety of Strategically Important Regional Roads (listed in appendix	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Non-National Roads Policy	MTP – 19	The Council, in co-operation with the NTA, TII, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation	N/A

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		other stakeholders, to continue with the strengthening and improvement of the local road network including links, by-passes and relief roads, with priority given to those serving the Key Towns and interconnection between such settlements, where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment or Natura 2000 network	sites from adverse effects therefore positive impacts are anticipated from the implementation of this objective/policy	
Non-National Roads Policy	MTP 20	It is an objective of Mayo County Council, in relation to lands adjoining Strategically Important Regional Roads to which to which speed limits greater than 60 km/h apply, to avoid the creation of any additional access points from new development or the generation of increased traffic from existing accesses to Strategically Important Regional Roads to which speed limits greater than 60 km/h apply, unless it can be demonstrated the development is required for economic or social reasons and cannot be accessed from a non-Strategically Important Regional Road.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Non-National Roads Policy	MTP 21	Implement the recommendations of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) in relation to urban streets and roads within the 50/60 kph zone	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Non-National Roads Objectives	MTO 23	To improve and maintain regional and county roads in line with the annual roads programme and allocated budgets.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Non-National Roads Objectives	MTO 24	Liaise with the TII and DTTAS regarding the revision of speed limits in the County.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Non-National Roads Objectives	MTO 25	Facilitate the continued improvement and upgrading of all roads, should their status be re-graded, under the national roads programme and / or the Council’s road programme. The Council will seek and support the upgrading of the status of regional roads in the county which perform functions akin to National Secondary Routes.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Non-National Roads Objectives	MTO 26	Promote road safety measures throughout the County, including traffic calming, road signage and parking.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Non-National Roads Objectives	MTO 27	To seek to progress the non-National Road projects, listed in Table No. 6.5 subject, to required environmental assessments.	This objective could lead to the development of roads. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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			habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Air Transport Policy	MTP - 22	Support the development of Ireland West Airport Knock as a strategic driver of economic development in the area and as a vital asset in maintaining & enhancing the connectivity of the region	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Air Transport Policy	MTO 28	Safeguard public safety in the area around Ireland West Airport Knock by ensuring all development within 15km of Ireland West Airport Knock be subject to safe-guarding restrictions outlined in the Development Guidance document of this Plan.	Safe-guarding of land to prevent development therefore no negative impacts anticipated from implementation of objective/policy.	N/A
Air Transport Policy	MTO 29	Ensure any development associated with light aircraft/helicopter activity is approximately located in areas that avoid significant adverse effects on the environment, the integrity of the Natura 200 network and residential amenity	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects therefore positive impacts are anticipated from the implementation of this objective/policy	N/A
Ports, Harbours & Piers Policies	MTP 23	Support the development and improvements of ports, harbours, piers, slipways and associated shore facilities and access, where appropriate, where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects therefore positive impacts are anticipated from the implementation of this objective/policy	N/A

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Ports, Harbours & Piers Objectives	MTO 30	To investigate the feasibility of create a deep sea harbour/port at Kilcummin	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ports, Harbours & Piers Objectives	MTO 31	Facilitate the implementation of the Marine infrastructural projects listed in Table 6.7	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

A.6 Chapter 7 – Infrastructure

The strategic aim of this chapter is to protect, improve and provide water, wastewater, surface water and flood alleviation services throughout the county, and to facilitate the provision of high quality information communication technology, broadband, telecommunication information and electricity network required to support and enhance the key aims of best place to live/invest.

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Drinking Water	INP - 1	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water in the delivery of an adequate level of water services infrastructure through the Capital Investment Plan 2017-2021 and Rural Water Programme 2019-2021 and any subsequent Plans or Programmes, to ensure a sufficient capacity of water supply is available for the settlements of the County Settlement Hierarchy	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Drinking Water	INP - 2	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water to promote the sustainable development of water supply and drainage infrastructure in the county and the region, in accordance with the objectives and recommendations set out in the Irish Water’s Water Services Strategic Plan.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Drinking Water	INP - 3	To liaise with Irish Water to develop and implement Water Safety Plans to protect sources of public water supply and their contributing catchment.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Drinking Water Objectives	INO - 1	To implement the Rural Water Programme 2019-2021 and any subsequent plans.	This objective could indirectly lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Drinking Water Objectives	INO - 2	Provide guidance and advice regarding the protection of water supply to private wells with the overall responsibility for protection remaining with the householder.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Drinking Water Objectives	INO - 3	To ensure that any new development connects to a public water supply or Group Water Scheme, where available. Connections to wells for individual housing units in unserved rural areas will only be considered where there is no public water main or Group Water Scheme serving the site and where it can be demonstrated that connection to the proposed well will not have significant adverse effects on water quality or water quantity in the area and can provide a potable water supply in accordance with EU Drinking Water standards.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Drinking Water Objectives	INO 4	To advance key Capital Projects as outlined in the 5-year Capital Programme.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or

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			through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	project arising from this objective/ policy
Drinking Water Objectives	INO 5	To support and facilitate key upgrades to the Achill water supply and the provision of drinking water in the Murrisk area.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Drinking Water Objectives	INO 6	To support and facilitate upgrades to the water schemes listed in Table 7.1 below.	This objective could indirectly lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Wastewater	INP - 4	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water in the delivery of an adequate level of wastewater services infrastructure to ensure a sufficient capacity of wastewater supply is available for the settlements of the County Settlement Hierarchy; to upgrade capacity in settlements that have an identified capacity shortfall such as Hollymount, Louisburgh, Ballindine and Doogort;	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Wastewater	INP - 5	Collaborate with Irish Water in contributing towards compliance with the relevant provisions of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Regulations 2001 and 2004 and the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007 as amended.	Compliance reducing pollutants into river systems would steer change in such a way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Wastewater	INP - 6	Encourage and support a changeover from septic tanks/private wastewater treatment plants to public collection networks wherever feasible, subject to connection agreements with Irish Water and to ensure that any future development connects to the public wastewater infrastructure where it is available.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Wastewater Objectives	INO 7	to require development in serviced areas to connect to the public foul sewer network, where available.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Wastewater Objectives	INO 8	to require development in an unsewered area which includes a septic tank/proprietary effluent treatment unit and percolation area to be rigorously assessed in accordance with the accepted EPA Code of Practice for single houses or small communities, business, leisure centres	Policies or proposals which steer change in such a way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A

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		and hotels, taking into account the cumulative effects of existing and proposed developments in the area.		
Wastewater Objectives	INO 9	To actively endeavour to upgrade capacity in settlements that have an identified capacity shortfall, such as Hollymount, Louisburgh, Ballindine and Doogort, through Irish Water's Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme or any superseding programmes.		
Waste Management	INP - 7	Support the Implementation of the Connacht Ulster Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021(as amended) or replacement plan with particular emphasis on reuse, recycling and disposal of residual waste in the most appropriate manner where it can be demonstrated that the development will not will not have significant adverse effects on the environment, the integrity of the Natura 2000 network, traffic safety, residential or visual amenity.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects therefore positive impacts are anticipated from the implementation of this objective/policy	N/A
Waste Management	INP - 8	To promote the sustainable management of waste generation and investment in different types of waste treatment and support a healthy environment, circular economy and society.	This objective could indirectly lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Waste Management Objectives	INO 10	Promote prioritising prevention, reuse, recycling and recovery, and to sustainably manage residual waste. New developments will be expected to	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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		take account of the provisions of the Connacht Ulster Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021(as amended) and observe those elements of it that relate to waste prevention and minimisation, waste recycling facilities, and the capacity for source segregation.		
Waste Management Objectives	INO 11	To provide and support the provision of bring banks or other appropriate recycling facilities throughout the County	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Waste Management Objectives	INO 12	To continue to expand environmental awareness initiatives designed to create increased public awareness of waste prevention, minimisation, reuse and resource efficiency.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Waste Management Objectives	INO 13	To encourage community/voluntary groups to establish additional waste services or facilities (e.g. small-scale facilities for recycling, reuse, repair) in their area and assist them to develop a strategy to provide such facilities for and with members of their community.	This objective could indirectly lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Waste Management Objectives	INO 14	To continue to support with local and Tidy Towns initiatives in the maintenance and conservation of	This objective could indirectly lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures

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		our local urban and rural communities throughout the county.	indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Waste Management Objectives	INO 15	To seek the effective engagement of local communities in the county to promote their role in recycling waste and tackling the problem of illegal dumping within the county through liaison with the environmental Awareness Officer.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Surface Water	INP 9	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water in the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for surface water drainage and flood management, including the separation of foul and surface water drainage networks where feasible and undertake drainage network upgrades to help remove surface water misconnection and infiltration.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Surface Water	INP 10	Support, in conjunction with Irish Water, the improvement of storm water infrastructure to improve sustainable drainage and reduce the risk of flooding in urban environments	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Surface Water Objectives	INO 16	Support & promote the use of green infrastructure, for example green roofs, green	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for

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		walls, planting and green spaces for surface water run-off retention purposes, in the interests of flood mitigation and climate change adaptation.	county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Surface Water Objectives	INO 17	To require the use of SuDS to minimise and limit the extent of hard surfacing and paving and require the use of sustainable drainage techniques where appropriate, for the new development or for extensions to existing developments, in order to reduce the potential impact of existing and predicted flooding risks.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Surface Water Objectives	INO 18	Ensure new development is adequately serviced with surface water drainage infrastructure, which meets the requirements of the Water Framework Directive, associated River Basin Management Plans and Catchment Flood Risk Assessment Management (CFRAM) Plans.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Flood Risk Management	INP 11	Have regard to the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on the Planning System and Flood Risk Management (DoEHLG/OPW 2009) and Circular PL2/2014, in the preparation of plans and strategies related to development and in the assessment of projects.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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Flood Risk Management	INP 12	Support the implementation of recommendations in the Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMP's), including planned investment measures for managing and reducing flood risk.	Development of flood defences could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Flood Risk Management	INP 13	Support the implementation of recommendations in the CFRAM Programme to ensure that flood risk management policies and infrastructure are progressively implemented.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Flood Risk Management Objectives	INO 19	Ensure that a flood risk assessment is carried out for any development proposal where a flood risk is identified in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management (DoEHLG/OPW 2009) and Circular PL2/2014. This assessment shall be appropriate to the scale and nature of risk to the potential development.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Flood Risk Management Objectives	INO 20	Consult with the OPW in relation to proposed developments in the vicinity of drainage channels and rivers for which the OPW are responsible, and to retain a strip on either side of such channels where required, to facilitate maintenance access thereto.	Any works occurring in river systems could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Flood Risk Management Objectives	INO 21	Assist the OPW in developing catchment-based Flood Risk Management Plans for rivers in County Mayo and have regard to their provisions/recommendations.	Any works occurring in river systems could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or

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			or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	project arising from this objective/ policy
Flood Risk Management Objectives	INO 22	Protect the integrity of any formal (OPW or Mayo County Council) flood risk management infrastructure, thereby ensuring that any new development does not negatively impact any existing defence infrastructure or compromise any proposed new infrastructure.	Any works occurring in river systems could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Flood Risk Management Objectives	INO 23	Ensure that where flood risk management works take place that the natural and cultural heritage, rivers, streams and watercourses are appropriately protected.	Any works occurring in river systems could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Flood Risk Management Objectives	INO 24	Consult, where necessary, with Inland Fisheries Ireland, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and other relevant agencies in the provision of flood alleviation measures in the County	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Flood Risk Management Objectives	INO 25	Ensure each flood risk management activity is examined to determine actions required to embed and provide for effective climate change adaptation as set out in the OPW Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan Flood Risk Management applicable at the time.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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Flood Risk Management Objectives	INO 26	To cooperate with the Office of Public works in the delivery of the Crossmolina Flood Relief scheme and other schemes that may be brought forward in the lifetime of this Plan	Any works occurring in river systems could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Flood Risk Management Objectives	INO 27	To identify and preserve vulnerable floodplains, wetlands and coastal areas to the maximum possible extent in both urban and rural areas.	Policies or proposals which protects habitats and thus protects international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Broadband	INP 14	Support and facilitate the implementation of the National Broadband Plan and the Mayo Digital Strategy as a means of developing further opportunities for enterprise, employment, education, innovation and skills development for those who live and work in rural areas.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Broadband	INP 15	Support the delivery of high capacity Information Communications Technology Infrastructure, broadband connectivity and digital broadcasting, throughout the County, in order to ensure economic competitiveness for the enterprise and commercial sectors and in enabling more flexible work practices e.g. teleworking/homeworking.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Broadband Objectives	INO 28	To require all new development to provide specific ducting to enable broadband infrastructure, where appropriate.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Broadband Objectives	INO 29	Support and facilitate the European Commission’s “Wifi4EU project” through the provision of free Wifi Hotspots at appropriate publicly accessible locations throughout the County.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Broadband Objectives	INO 30	To identify suitable locations and support the provision of co-working facilities, digital hubs/eHubs and eWorking centres throughout the County that function as outreach hubs for employers and promote flexible working arrangements	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Telecommunications Policy	INP 16	To support the delivery of Telecommunication Infrastructure in the County having regard to the Government Guidelines ‘Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures-Guidelines for	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A

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		Planning Authorities' 1996 (DoEHLG), the 'Guidance on the potential location of overground telecommunications infrastructure on public roads', (Dept of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, 2015) and Circular Letter PL 07/12 and where it can be demonstrated that the development will not have significant adverse impacts on communities, public rights of way and on the built or natural environment including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network.		
Telecommunications Policy	INP 17	To promote Mayo as a sustainable international destination for ICT infrastructures such as data centres and associated economic activities at appropriate locations.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Telecommunications Objectives	INO 31	To maximise and widely promote connectivity of Mayo based on/building on existing ICT infrastructure and sub-sea fibre optic cables where possible.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Telecommunications Objectives	INO 32	Encourage the location of any telecommunications structures have regard to the Landscape Appraisal of County Mayo, and where	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures

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		possible, advise on a less intrusive location in areas where they are unlikely to intrude on the setting of, or views of/from, national monuments or protected structures.	indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Telecommunications Objectives	INO 33	To maintain and update the council’s register of approved ducting and telecommunication structures in the County, to assist in the assessment of future telecommunication developments. The Council will encourage co-location of antennae on existing support structures and to require documentary evidence as to the non-availability of this option in proposals for new structures. The shared use of existing structures will be required where the numbers of masts located in any single area is considered to have an excessive concentration.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Telecommunications Objectives	INO 34	To work with statutory undertakers to make the most efficient use of infrastructure in the delivery of broadband in the county, particularly encouraging the use of existing telecommunications ducting where it is available.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Telecommunications Objectives	INO 35	To actively engage with telecommunication service providers to help identify, improve and/or eliminate mobile phone signal blackspots within the county, including an examination of the feasibility and suitability of council owned lands/assets to support economic development and social inclusion, in accordance with section	This objective could indirectly lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).	value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Electricity Policies	INP 18	To support the provision of high-quality electricity infrastructure and development of enhanced electricity supply, to serve the existing and future needs of the County and to facilitate new transmission infrastructure projects that may be brought forward during the lifetime of the plan including the delivery and integration, including linkages of renewable energy proposals to the electricity transmission grid in a sustainable and timely manner, whilst seeking to protect and maintain bio-diversity, wildlife habitats, scenic amenities, including protected views and nature conservation.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Electricity Policies	INP 19	To co-operate and liaise with statutory and other energy providers in relation to power generation in order to ensure adequate power capacity for the existing and future business and enterprise needs of the County.	This objective could indirectly lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Electricity Policies	INP 20	Support the statutory providers of national grid infrastructure by safeguarding such strategic corridors from encroachment by other developments that might compromise the provision of energy networks where strategic route corridors have been identified;	This objective could indirectly lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Electricity Objectives	INO 36	Facilitate the progression of and implement improvements to the existing electricity networks and facilitate the development of new transmission infrastructure projects in accordance with EirGrid’s Implementation Plan Strategy 2020-2025 (or any superseding strategies) that might be brought forward during the lifetime of this plan, subject to relevant Irish planning and European environmental legislation including Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and/or other environmental assessment.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Electricity Objectives	INO 37	Ensure the provision, where feasible, of electricity cables been located underground, especially in the urban environment, and generally within a reason of public open space.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Electricity Objectives	INO 38	To seek the delivery of the necessary integration of transmission network requirements to facilitate linkages of renewable energy proposals to the electricity transmission grid in a sustainable and timely manner.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Natural Gas	INP 21	To support and facilitate the improvement and extension of the gas grid network in County Mayo to serve existing and envisaged future residential, commercial and industrial development.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Natural Gas	INP 22	To support the development of enhanced gas supplies, which do not negatively impact on environmental quality, landscape, wildlife, habitats or residential amenity and which are critical to the economic development of the County.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Natural Gas	INP 23	To support the continued use of the Bellinaboy gas terminal as the primary hub to bring ashore any future gas reserves utilising the existing gas grid connection.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Natural Gas Objectives	INO 39	To seek the extension of the Gas Network to other towns in the County and to Ireland West Airport Knock.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or

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A.7 Chapter 8 – Sustainable Communities

Strategic aim: To develop and support vibrant sustainable communities in Mayo where people can live, work and enjoy access to a wide range of community, health and educational facilities and amenities, suitable for all ages and needs, in both urban and rural areas, thereby supporting a high quality of life for all to enjoy.

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Community development policies	SCP 1	To support empowerment and capacity building in communities and support participation in community development initiatives.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Community development policies	SCP 2	Recognise and support the Mayo diaspora worldwide through the implementation of the Mayo Diaspora strategy.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Community Development Objectives	SCO 1	To identify and facilitate the development of suitable sites for community facilities within the county, particularly in newly developing areas. These sites should be easily accessible (walking and cycling) and promote the use of public transport.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/policy
Community Development Objectives	SCO 2	To support and assist communities to plan for the future of their villages and towns through a bottom up, participative and inclusive approach of the Mayo Community Futures process of community action planning.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Community Development Objectives	SCO 3	Facilitate voluntary and community groups through the ongoing development of the Mayo Public Participation Network.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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Community Development Objectives	SCO 4	To promote and advance the attractiveness of the towns and villages throughout the county by assisting in the enhancement of the natural and built environment, through initiatives such as Pride of Place and the coordinated efforts of Mayo County Council, tidy towns organisations, community groups and local development companies.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Community Development Objectives	SCO 5	Retain existing community facilities and public open spaces, unless a sustainable alternative can be provided in the immediate locality.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure Policies	SCP 3	Ensure that County Mayo is equipped with physical and other infrastructure necessary to allow communities the capacity to develop and flourish.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure Policies	SCP 4	Support the provision of a modern and effective fire and rescue services for the county.	This objective could indirectly lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from

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			habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	this objective/ policy
Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure Policies	SCP 5	Support and facilitate the development of places of worship and multi-faith facilities at appropriate locations, such as town and village centres.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure Policies	SCP 6	Ensure that new social infrastructure developments are accessible and inclusive for a range of users, by adopting a universal design approach and providing for an age friendly society in which people of all ages can live full active, valued and healthy lives.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure Policies	SCP 7	Protect the cultural heritage of historical burial grounds within the county and to encourage their management and maintenance in accordance with conservation principles.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Community Facilities and Social	SCP 8	Facilitate the development of new or extended burial grounds and crematoria by the zoning of land at suitable locations, where appropriate, and providing local authority burial grounds, subject to	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or

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Infrastructure Policies		appropriate safeguards with regard to environmental, noise and traffic impacts.	through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	project arising from this objective/ policy
Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure Policies	SCP 9	Ensure that all buildings, public open spaces, recreational and amenity areas are accessible for people with disabilities.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure Policies	SCP 10	Direct residential care homes for older people, retirement homes, nursing homes, independent living units, assisted living units, retirement villages and sheltered accommodation are located within urban and rural towns and villages, ensuring that they are appropriate in scale to the size of the settlement.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure Objectives	SCO 6	To work with public service delivery bodies to improve the level of accessibility and facilitate the delivery of more effective and integrated services in communities.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure Objectives	SCO 7	To support and assist the provision of a broad range of community facilities within settlements or in close proximity to existing facilities or multi-purpose centres or public transport routes to meet the changing needs of all sectors of the community.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure Objectives	SCO 8	Support and promote the development of an inter-county coastal path linking Mayo, Galway and Sligo, subject to no significant adverse impacts on the environment including the integrity of any Natura 2000 site.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects therefore positive impacts are anticipated from the implementation of this objective/policy	N/A
Social Inclusion Policies	SCP 11	Support initiatives that foster social inclusion amongst groups that are vulnerable to poverty and exclusion.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Social Inclusion Policies	SCP 12	Support the implementation of the Mayo Local Economic and Community Plan in collaboration with the Local and Economic Development Committee to reduce the number of people in or at risk of social exclusion.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Social Inclusion Policies	SCP 13	Support and promote a more diverse and socially inclusive society that targets equality of opportunity and a better quality of life for all citizens, through improved integration and greater accessibility in the delivery of sustainable communities and the provision of associated services.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Social Inclusion Policies	SCP 14	To support the implementation of the Mayo Age Friendly County Programme 2016-2020 as implemented by the Mayo Age Friendly Alliance (and any updated editions) and any key actions in relation to the physical environment.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Social Inclusion Policies	SCP 15	Promote Universal Design and well-designed lifetime, adaptable and age friendly housing in accordance with best practice and with the policies and principles contained in Building for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach (National Disability Authority, 2012) and Sustainable Residential	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from

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		Development in Urban Area: Guidelines for Planning Authorities and its companion document Urban Design Manual (DEHLG, 2009) and particularly on infill and brownfield sites, walkable to existing services and facilities.	changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	this objective/ policy
Social Infrastructure Objectives	SCO 9	Facilitate the provision of community and resource centres and youth clubs/ cafes, recreational amenities and other facilities for younger people by the identification of suitably located sites, including Council landbanks and by assisting in the provision of finance, where possible.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Social Infrastructure Objectives	SCO 10	Secure the implementation of the Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme (2019-2024) and to review this programme if required and/or deemed to be necessary, during the Plan period.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Health and Wellbeing Policies	SCP 16	To promote the improvement of health and wellbeing services throughout the county, in particular to encourage the integration of health and wellbeing services and facilities with new and existing community facilities, where feasible.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Health and Wellbeing Policies	SCP 17	To look favourably upon the development of primary care centre, clinics and facilities for the specific needs of an ageing population, in	This objective could indirectly lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures

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		accessible locations, particularly town centres, which comprise / provide access to a range of healthcare services.	and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Health and Wellbeing Policies	SCP 18	To support the Health Service Executive and other statutory and voluntary agencies in the provision of appropriate healthcare facilities, including the development of both the system of hospital care and the provision of community-based primary care facilities.	This objective could indirectly lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Health and Wellbeing Policies	SCP 19	To support the key priorities of the Mayo Healthy and Wellbeing Plan 2018-2022 (as updated in the future) to promote health and well-being.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Health and Wellbeing Policies	SCP 20	To support the key priorities and actions of the Mayo Children and Young People's Plan 2018-2020 (as updated in the future) to secure better outcomes for children and young people through more effective integration of existing services and interventions at local level.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Health and Wellbeing Policies	SCP 21	To support health and wellbeing initiatives and healthcare provision so that Mayo is a healthy and caring county for all.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Health and Wellbeing Objective	SCO 11	Support the provision of improved health services on suitably zoned lands in the Tier 1 and 2 towns in the settlement hierarchy, on lands in the town centres or immediately adjacent to town centres	This objective could indirectly lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or

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		(based on the sequential approach) which are appropriately serviced (water service, footpaths, lighting etc.)	network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	project arising from this objective/ policy
Recreation Facilities and Provision Policy	SCP 22	To promote the improvement of health and wellbeing services throughout the county, in particular to encourage the integration of health and wellbeing services and facilities with new and existing community facilities, where feasible.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Recreation Facilities and Provision Objectives	SCO 12	Support and facilitate the implementation of the recommendations of Mayo County Council Play and Recreation Strategy or any subsequent strategy, in conjunction with all relevant agencies.	This objective could indirectly lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Recreation Facilities and Provision Objectives	SCO 13	To support and facilitate the provision for the development of an indoor all-weather multi-sport dome for Ballina to serve clubs and organisations in North Mayo/ West Sligo.	This objective could lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Education, Training and Skills Policies	SCP 23	To support initiatives which provide opportunities for people in Mayo to access appropriate	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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		education and training provision necessary to allow them to realise their full potential.		
Education, Training and Skills Policies	SCP 24	Ensure the provision of new educational facilities are located within existing settlements.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Education, Training and Skills Objectives	SCO 14	Support and facilitate the establishment of co-working/ remote working hubs and creative hubs as either standalone facilities themselves or ancillary to public buildings, libraries and community centres or in towns and village centres, as appropriate.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Education, Training and Skills Objectives	SCO 15	Support and promote the growth, development and success of the Connacht Ulster Alliance consortium's (including GMIT Mayo) ambition towards becoming a Technological University serving the west and northwest.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Education, Training and Skills Objectives	SCO 16	Support the provision of childcare facilities and new and refurbished schools on well located sites, within or close to existing built-up areas, that meet the diverse needs of local populations.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value,	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Education, Training and Skills Objectives	SCO 17	Assist the County Childcare Committee in identifying priority areas within the county for the provision of childcare facilities.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Arts and Libraries Policies	SCP 25	To implement the Creative Ireland Programme 2017-22, Council's Arts Strategy 2018-2022 and the Mayo Culture and Creative Strategy 2018-2022 or any subsequent strategy over the lifetime of the plan.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Arts and Libraries Policies	SCP 26	To recognise and project Mayo's unique identity in an appropriate manner and to promote and market the county to derive optimum social, cultural and economic benefits.	This objective could indirectly lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/policy
Arts and Libraries Policies	SCP 27	Continue to promote the use of the library service and further develop each library as a community gathering place and learning hub.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Arts and Libraries Objective	SCO 18	To implement the Mayo County Library Development Plan 2015-2020 (as extended) and any subsequent Library Development Plans.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value,	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/policy

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			such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Arts and Libraries Objective	SCO 19	To support the implementation of the Mayo County Council Strategic Arts Plan 2018-2022 (and any superseding version) and to ensure comprehensive provision of arts infrastructure incorporating spaces suitable for the arts and a variety of arts practices throughout the County.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Islands and Gaeltacht Policies	SCP 28	To support initiatives at promoting Gaeilge, the Irish language, and the need for access to social supports in terms of language, education and employment for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Islands and Gaeltacht Policies	SCP 29	To promote and protect Mayo's heritage and culture and the advancement of the Irish Language.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Islands and Gaeltacht Policies	SCP 30	Support the inhabited islands in County Mayo and recognise the special planning and development needs of islands and islands communities, particularly access, infrastructure and services.	This objective could indirectly lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/policy
Islands and Gaeltacht Objectives	SCO 20	To ensure that the Irish language and our unique linguistic heritage becomes more visible and audible and integrated into all activities in Mayo.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Islands and Gaeltacht Objectives	SCO 21	To strengthen the unique linguistic and cultural heritage of Gaeltacht Mhaigh Éo, by supporting and facilitating improved physical, social and	This objective could indirectly lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures

Sustainable Communities				
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		economic infrastructure at appropriate locations throughout the Gaeltacht areas and require a Language Impact Statement in respect of significant developments within or close to Gaeltacht areas, or where deemed appropriate, to determine their impact on the usage of Irish as the community language.	and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	for any plan or project arising from this objective/policy
Islands and Gaeltacht Objectives	SCO 22	To maintain and support the communities of Mayo's inhabited islands by facilitating sustainable social and economic development through the provision of, or facilitating the provision of, infrastructure (social and physical), housing and services, having regard to the traditional building patterns of the Islands and the need to protect the cultural and natural heritage of the Islands.	This objective could indirectly lead to development of infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/policy

A.8 Chapter 9 – Built Environment

Strategic aim: To recognise the importance of identifying, valuing and safeguarding our archaeological, architectural and cultural heritage for future generations and aim to do so by means of proper management, sensitive enhancement and/or appropriate development of this resource. To also protect and enhance the unique identity and character of Mayo's towns and villages and improve quality of life and well-being through the application of Healthy Placemaking, underpinned by good urban design, by the creation of attractive public spaces that are vibrant, distinctive, safe and accessible and which promote and facilitate positive social interaction.

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Archaeological Heritage Policies	BEP 1	To support and promote the protection, appropriate management and sympathetic enhancement of the county's archaeological heritage within the Plan area, in particular by implementing the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the National Monuments Act 1930 (as amended).	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Archaeological Heritage Policies	BEP 2	To protect archaeological sites, monuments, underwater archaeology and archaeological objects in their setting, which are listed on the Record of Monuments and Places for Mayo.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Archaeological Heritage Policies	BEP 3	To protect all sites and features of archaeological interest discovered subsequent to the publication of the Record of Monument and Places, in situ (or at a minimum preservation by record) , having regard to the advice and recommendations of the National Monuments Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Archaeological Heritage Objectives	BEO 1	Protect the archaeological heritage and sites identified in the Record of Monuments and Places, National Monuments in the ownership or guardianship of the State in addition to	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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		National Monuments that are the subject of Preservation Orders, and to safeguard the integrity of the archaeological sites in their setting.		
Archaeological Heritage Objectives	BEO 2	Protect the tentative World Heritage Site in Mayo on the UNESCO Tentative List - Ireland 2010, The Céide Fields, from inappropriate development and support its nomination to World Heritage Status.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Archaeological Heritage Objectives	BEO 3	To implement, in partnership with the County Mayo Heritage Forum, relevant stakeholders and the community, the County Mayo Heritage Plan and any revisions thereof.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Archaeological Heritage Objectives	BEO 4	To ensure that development in the vicinity of a Recorded Monument or Zone of Archaeological Potential is sited and designed in a sensitive manner, with a view to minimal detracton from the monument or its setting.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Archaeological Heritage Objectives	BEO 5	To encourage the management and maintenance of the county's archaeological heritage, including historic burial grounds, in accordance with best conservation practice that considers the impact of climate change.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Archaeological Heritage Objectives	BEO 6	To promote awareness of and encourage the provision of access to, the archaeological resources of the county.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Architectural Heritage Policies	BEP 4	To protect the architectural heritage of County Mayo which is a unique and special resource.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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Architectural Heritage Policies	BEP 5	To promote best conservation practice and encourage the use of appropriately qualified professional advisors, tradesmen and craftsmen with recognised conservation expertise, for works to protected structures or historic buildings in an Architectural Conservation Area.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Architectural Heritage Policies	BEP 6	To encourage the conservation of Protected Structures, and where appropriate, the adaptive re-use of existing buildings and sites in a manner compatible with their character and significance.	This objective could lead to development/retention of abandoned or derelict building which could contain Annex II species. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Architectural Heritage Policies	BEP 7	Protect buildings and structures included in the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) which forms part of this Plan.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Architectural Heritage Objectives	BEO 7	To review and update the Record of Protected Structures on an on-going basis and to make additions and deletions, as appropriate.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Architectural Heritage Objectives	BEO 8	To ensure the protection and sympathetic enhancement of buildings and structures included and proposed for inclusion in the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) that are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest, together with the integrity of their character and setting.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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Architectural Heritage Objectives	BEO 9	To protect the setting of protected structures and seek to prevent the demolition or inappropriate alteration of Protected Structures, which would adversely impact on the character and special interest of the structure, where appropriate.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Architectural Heritage Objectives	BEO 10	Ensure that any new development or alteration to a building within or adjoining an Architectural Conservation Area positively enhances the character of the area and is appropriate in terms of the proposed materials, scale, density, layout, proportions, plot ratio and building lines.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Architectural Heritage Objectives	BEO 11	Identify places of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest, and to define them as Architectural Conservation Areas and to undertake an assessment to inform the potential ACA designation for the following areas:- Ballinrobe, Killala, Pontoon and Dugort.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects therefore positive impacts are anticipated from the implementation of this objective/policy	N/A
Historic Building Stock and Vernacular Architecture Policies	BEP 8	To encourage the retention, sympathetic maintenance and sustainable re-use of historic buildings, including vernacular dwellings or farm buildings and the retention of historic streetscape character, fabric, detail and features, where appropriate.	This objective could lead to development/retention of abandoned or derelict building which could contain Annex II species. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Historic Building Stock and Vernacular Architecture Policies	BEP 9	To actively promote the retention and restoration of thatched dwellings as a key component of the built heritage of the county.	This objective could lead to development/retention of abandoned or derelict building which could contain Annex II species. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Historic Building Stock and Vernacular Architecture Policies	BEP 10	To encourage the protection, retention, appreciation and appropriate revitalisation of the vernacular heritage of Mayo.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Historic Building Stock and Vernacular Architecture Policies	BEP 11	To promote the sympathetic maintenance refurbishment and re-use of vernacular built heritage and to support the retention of original fabric such as windows, doors, renders/pub/shop-fronts, roof coverings and interiors.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Historic Building Stock and Vernacular Architecture Policies	BEP 12	To support proposals to appropriately refurbish and extend vernacular structures in a semi-derelict or derelict condition.	This objective could lead to development/retention of abandoned or derelict building which could contain Annex II species. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project

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			through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	arising from this objective/ policy
Historic Building Stock and Vernacular Architecture Policies	BEP 13	To encourage the protection, conservation, promotion and enhancement of Country Houses, Gardens and Demesnes in the county and support public awareness, enjoyment of and access to these sites, where appropriate.	This objective could lead to development/retention of abandoned or derelict building which could contain Annex II species. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Historic Building Stock and Vernacular Architecture Policies	BEP 14	To discourage development that would lead to a loss of, or cause damage to, the character, the principle components of, or the setting of Country Houses, Gardens and Demesnes.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Historic Building Stock and Vernacular Architecture Objectives	BEO 12	To identify and retain good examples of vernacular architecture and historic street furniture in situ, for example, cast-iron post boxes, water pumps, signage, street lighting, kerbing and traditional road and street surface coverings.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Historic Building Stock and	BEO 13	To ensure that conversions or extensions of traditional buildings or the provision of new adjoining buildings, are sensitively designed and	This objective could lead to development/retention of abandoned or derelict building which could contain Annex	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation

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Vernacular Architecture Objectives		do not detract from the character of the historic building.	II species. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Historic Building Stock and Vernacular Architecture Objectives	BEO 14	To update the survey of surviving thatched structures in the county and to promote available grant schemes in order to assist owners with their retention and repair.	This objective could lead to development/retention of abandoned or derelict building which could contain Annex II species. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Historic Building Stock and Vernacular Architecture Policies	BEO 15	To preserve the character and setting (for example, gates, gate piers and courtyards) of historic building and vernacular buildings, where deemed appropriate by the planning authority.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Sustainable Buildings and Structures Policies	BEP 15	Support and promote retaining built urban fabric/structures in towns and villages, in the interest of sustainable development in the national and global context of locking in carbon.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Sustainable Buildings and	BEP 16	Promote and support the re-use and re-purposing of extant building stock, in the first	This objective could lead to development/retention of abandoned or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for

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Structures Policies		instance, over demolition and rebuilding building, where practical, with reference to the loss of our historic building stock, sense of place and the environmental cost.	derelict building which could contain Annex II species. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Sustainable Buildings and Structures Policies	BEP 17	Support and promote the development and use of passive solar design principles in all new developments taking account of national guidelines.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Sustainable Buildings and Structures Policies	BEP 18	Encourage the use of green roofs and green walls particularly on apartment, industrial, commercial, leisure and educational buildings.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Sustainable Buildings and Structures Policies	BEP 19	Encourage improved energy efficiency of existing building stock and promote energy efficiency and conservation in the design and	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any

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		development of all new buildings, including local authority dwellings.	through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Sustainable Buildings and Structures Objectives	BEO 16	To seek to reduce reliance on fossil fuels in the county by reducing the energy demand of existing buildings, in particular residential dwellings.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Sustainable Buildings and Structures Objectives	BEO 17	To require, where feasible and practicable, the provision of green roof technology for all new public buildings (Council buildings, school buildings, hospitals, community centres, sports facilities, libraries, Garda stations etc.) to assist in flood alleviation, insulation and improved biodiversity and to actively promote these measures where appropriate in new commercial and industrial buildings.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Sustainable Buildings and Structures Objectives	BEO 18	To seek to improve the energy efficiency of the county's existing building stock in line with good architectural conservation practice and to promote energy efficiency and conservation in the design and development of all new buildings in the county, in accordance with the Building Regulations Part L (Conservation of Fuel and Energy).	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Sustainable Buildings and Structures Objectives	BEO 19	To consider the adaptability of buildings over time and seek to improve the efficiency of existing building stock, promote energy efficiency, high levels of energy conservation and the use of renewable energy sources in the	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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		design and development of all new buildings in the county.		
Sustainable Buildings and Structures Objectives	BEO 20	Inform and encourage new developments to mitigate against, and adapt to, where possible the impacts of climate change through the location, layout and design of the development.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Sustainable Buildings and Structures Objectives	BEO 21	To ensure that new development proposals maximise energy efficiency through siting, layout, design and incorporate best practice in energy technologies, conservation and smart technology.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Placemaking Policies	BEP 20	Provide for a high-quality public realm and public spaces by promoting quality urban design that accommodates creative patterns of use, having regard to the physical, cultural, and social identities of individual settlements.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Placemaking Policies	BEP 21	To encourage the continued vitality and viability of town and village centres by promoting ongoing environmental improvements to the public realm, including blue and green infrastructure measures.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Placemaking Policies	BEP 22	To encourage high quality and well-designed buildings, structures, public spaces and streets	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for

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		and support and promote healthy place-making and quality of life.	potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Placemaking Policies	BEP 23	To encourage and facilitate improvements to the physical fabric and environment of town and village centres, including streetscape, street furniture, landscaping (hard and soft), signage and wirescape, while recognising that both private and public developments can contribute to effective public realm.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Placemaking Policies	BEP 24	To be flexible in terms of enabling brownfield / infill development within settlements, focusing on design-led and performance-based outcomes, rather than specifying absolute requirements in all cases.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Placemaking Policies	BEP 25	To support the consolidation and aggregation of land where required in order to enable regeneration and proper planning and sustainable development.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project

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			changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	arising from this objective/ policy
Placemaking Policies	BEO 22	To apply the following key attributes when considering public realm and public space enhancements: Accessible - connected and linked permeable spaces to ensure ease of movement. Functional - safe, adaptable and social environments to attract and foster activity. Attractive - visually pleasing spaces with high quality design, materials and installations (lighting, furniture and signage) based on a singular common design theme. Distinctive - reference to local context and building on the character and identity of place. Where appropriate, recreational considerations and access to blue and greens space should be underpinned by the Green Space Principles[1] including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance urban greening through planting strategies that mitigate noise and air pollution and maximise local biodiversity gain and facilitate sustainable drainage (e.g. deciduous wooded and wildflower meadow areas). A networked approach: emphasising green infrastructure networks (rather than isolated parks) can provide new opportunities for connecting existing and new green spaces and creating linkages between urban and rural areas. Examples include greenways and linear parks, local greenways or cycleways that link to 	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		<p>regional and national greenways and de-culverting watercourses to provide new blue corridors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well managed and maintained, creating a high-quality environment: poorly managed spaces or vandalism lead to negative perceptions among potential users. Multifunctional uses: examples include spaces that encourage active mobility, physical activity and sports, relaxation and tranquillity, and opportunities for social exchange (e.g. that incorporate community gardens or encourage park runs). Create multisensory restorative environments that help mitigate the psychological stresses of modern living through the provision of “restive places for rejuvenation”. 		
Placemaking Objectives	BEO 23	<p>To facilitate, promote and encourage the development of Town Centre Consolidation Sites and Opportunity Sites, identified in Chapter 12 (Settlement, or any such regeneration sites in the Local Area Plans Ballina, Castlebar and Westport for appropriate development, that contributes positively to the character of the settlement. Any proposal brought forward on Opportunity Sites shall be in accordance with the Development Principles for Town Centre Consolidation Sites/Opportunity Sites should include of an urban design statement, site brief/masterplan and shall demonstrate the rationale for the</p>	<p>This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>

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		proposal and how it will interact within its context and the wider urban area.		
Placemaking Objectives	BEO 24	Require that all new developments, including public open spaces, cater for disability needs by way of appropriate design of the built environment.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Placemaking Objectives	BEO 25	To make a Place-Making Strategy for towns and implement Town Centre Renewal Plans.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Placemaking Objectives	BEO 26	To support the preparation of Design Guidelines to provide for improvements in the appearance of streetscapes.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Placemaking Objectives	BEO 27	To support the revitalisation of vacant spaces for example with cost effective, temporary uses that build on the longer-term vision for space.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Placemaking Objectives	BEO 28	Require proposals for public realm enhancements to include inclusive universal design principles.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Placemaking Objectives	BEO 29	Seek funding to support the preparation of site-specific Public Realm Strategies to enhance the unique characteristics and assets of Mayo's towns and villages.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Placemaking Objectives	BEO 30	Prepare and deliver Place-making Strategies for Castlebar and Ballina.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Placemaking Objectives	BEO 31	Prepare a Placemaking Strategy for the Tier 2 towns of Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Belmullet, Claremorris and Swinford.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Regeneration Policies	BEP 26	Promote the regeneration of settlements by making better use of underutilised land and buildings, particularly within the existing built-up areas to achieve compact growth.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Regeneration Policies	BEP 27	To support initiatives that promote the reuse, refurbishment and retrofitting of existing buildings within town and village centres.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Regeneration Policies	1111BEP 28	To apply for funding under various funding streams to facilitate the enhancement, revitalisation, renewal and regeneration of communities and town/village centres, and the delivery of innovative and transformational regeneration proposals, for example, under the Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Funds and Town and Village Renewal Schemes.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Regeneration Policies	BEP 29	Promote the consolidation of town and village centres with a focus on the regeneration of underused buildings and strategic sites and on the establishment of a mix of uses to encourage greater vibrancy outside of business hours.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Regeneration Policies	BEP 30	Promote regeneration and revitalisation of small towns and villages and support local enterprise and employment opportunities to	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any

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		ensure their viability as service centres for their surrounding rural areas.	through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Regeneration Objectives	BEO 32	Require all development proposals for strategic opportunity, brownfield and infill sites to be accompanied by a site brief and/or masterplan that sets out a phased programme for the regeneration of the site and demonstrates how the proposal will comply with national guidelines that seek to integrate principles of good urban design and placemaking	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Regeneration Objectives	BEO 33	Support the regeneration of rural towns and villages through identification of regeneration projects for rural towns, villages and rural areas and promoting the utilisation of investment opportunities such as the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Regeneration Objectives	BEO 34	Support the viability of small towns and villages, through sustainable targeted measures that address vacant premises and deliver sustainable reuse and regeneration outcomes targeted in core areas.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Regeneration Objectives	BEO 35	Use specific powers, such as the Vacant Sites register to address issues of vacancy and underutilisation of strategic lands in town centres, including the implementation of the Vacant Sites Levy in accordance with the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Regeneration Objectives	BEO 36	To establish a database of strategic brownfield and infill sites so that brownfield land re-use can be managed and co-ordinated across multiple stakeholders, as part of an active land management process.	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Regeneration Objectives	BEO 37	To identify derelict sites and vacant sites which are suitable for redevelopment and to maintain the respective registers	This objective could lead to development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

A.9 Chapter 10 – Natural Environment

Strategic aim: to continue to protect and enhance Mayo’s natural heritage and biodiversity; ensure that networks of green infrastructure are identified, created, protected and enhanced to provide a wide range of environmental, social and economic benefits to communities; improve the knowledge and understanding of the county’s landscape and coast; enhance the overall characteristics, qualities and diversity of landscape character, its sense of place and local distinctiveness in recognition of the amenity potential of the county.

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Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites	NEP - 1	To support the protection, conservation and enhancement of natural heritage of County Mayo, including the protection of the integrity of European sites, that form part of the Natura 2000 Network, the protection of Natural Heritage Areas, proposed Natural Heritage Areas Ramsar Sites, Nature Reserves and Wild Fowl Sanctuaries (and other designated sites including any future designations).	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites	NEP - 2	To support the implementation of the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021, the National Pollination Plan 2015-2020 and County Mayo Biodiversity Plan 2015-2020 and any future editions, in partnership with relevant stakeholders, subject to available resources.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites	NEP - 3	To support the implementation, in partnership with the County Mayo Heritage Forum, relevant stakeholders and the community, of the objectives and associated actions the County Mayo Heritage Plan and future editions thereof, which relate to the remit and functions of Mayo County Council.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites	NEP - 4	To conserve and enhance the county's biodiversity and ecological connectivity identified areas of local biodiversity importance (Local Biodiversity Areas) in the town and villages in Mayo.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites	NEP - 5	To promote and support increased public participation in biodiversity conservation by supporting and encouraging community-led initiatives.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites	NEP - 6	To support the maintenance of geological and geomorphological heritage values of County Geological Sites and through consultation with the Geological Survey of Ireland and seek to promote access to such sites where possible.	This Policy could promote development for tourism. Any developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites	NEP - 7	To encourage the effective management of native and semi-natural woodlands, groups of trees and individual trees in the discharge of development management functions.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites Objectives	NEO - 1	To review the County Mayo Heritage Plan and County Mayo Biodiversity Plan as appropriate.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A

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Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites Objectives	NEO - 2	To create a Wetland Database for County Mayo of known and potential wetland sites in the county and to develop a corresponding GIS dataset as an important tool for future biodiversity and natural heritage conservation planning in the county.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites Objectives	NEO - 3	To ensure the unique ecological, scenic, recreational and environmental character of Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park is protected and enhanced, and developed appropriately.	This Policy could promote development for tourism. Any developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites Objectives	NEO - 4	To protect and enhance biodiversity and ecological connectivity in County Mayo, including woodlands, trees, hedgerows, semi-natural grasslands, rivers, streams, natural springs, wetlands, stone - walls, geological and geo-morphological systems, other landscape features and associated wildlife where these form part of the ecological network.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites Objectives	NEO - 5	To actively increase awareness of the importance of the natural heritage of the County and to promote education, knowledge and pride in our natural heritage.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A

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Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites Objectives	NEO - 6	To protect surface waters, aquatic and wetland habitats and freshwater and water- dependent species through the implementation of all appropriate and relevant Directives and transposed legislation and seek to protect and conserve the quality, character and features of inland waterways by controlling developments close to navigable and non-navigable waterways.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites Objectives	NEO - 7	To seek the protection, where possible the riparian zones of watercourses throughout the County, recognising the benefits they provide in relation to flood risk management and their protection of the ecological integrity of watercourse systems.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites Objectives	NEO - 8	To maintain, protect and where possible enhance bogs, fens and turloughs, where appropriate, in County Mayo.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites Objectives	NEO - 9	Recognise the importance of woodlands, tree lines hedgerows, stone - walls, watercourses and associated riparian vegetation to support bat populations and where possible developments will be encouraged to retain such features.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated	NEO - 10	to install nest boxes in all new and existing Municipal buildings, as appropriate.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A

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sites Objectives				
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites Objectives	NEO - 11	To have regard to the policies and guidance of National Parks and Wildlife Service of the DoEHLG in respect of proposed development where it is possible that such development may impact on a designated European or national site or a site proposed for designation.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites Objectives	NEO - 12	To support the Joyce Country and Western Lakes Geopark Project aim of establishing a NEP - w UNEP - SCO Global Geopark in the South Mayo and North Connemara area of Galway.	This Policy could promote development for tourism. Any developments can potentially have direct and/or indirect impact on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality. Therefore, mitigation measures will be required.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Biodiversity, Designated and Non-designated sites Objectives	NEO - 13	To ensure the protection of trees or groups of trees protected under Tree Preservation Orders, as well as recognise the value and encourage the retention and management of other trees and woodlands which make a valuable contribution to the character of the landscape, a settlement or its setting.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Invasive Species	NEP - 8	To support measures for the prevention and/or eradication of invasive species as appropriate within the county	Although this Policy/objective will likely lead to a sustainable and positive impact, this policy/objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Invasive Species Objectives	NEO - 14	To ensure that where the presence of invasive species is identified at the site of any proposed development or where the proposed activity has an elevated risk of resulting in the presence of these species, details of how these species will be managed and controlled will be required.	Although this Policy/objective will likely lead to a sustainable and positive impact, this policy/objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/policy
Peatlands policy	NEP - 9	To support the protection and restoration of peatlands in County Mayo, where appropriate, in order to transition towards a low-carbon and circular economy.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Peatlands policy	NEP - 10	To recognise the role of peatlands as carbon sinks to combat climate change, and ensure that peatland areas, including those designated or proposed for designation (pNHA, NHA or SAC), are conserved for their ecological, climate regulation, archaeological, cultural and educational significance.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Peatlands Objectives	NEO - 15	As part of the implementation of Climate Ready Mayo, Climate Adaption Strategy, to develop and implement a Peatland Management Strategy for County Mayo that will: (a) Identify	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A

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		damaged Peatlands in the county and those at risk from climate change and becoming carbon emitters. b) Initiate conservation and management of Mayo's peatlands, particularly those sites nominated for designation as Special Areas of Conservation and Natural Heritage Areas, to preserve the habitat and their unique ecosystems, managing flood risk and other environmental benefits.		
Peatlands Objectives	NEO - 16	To actively increase public awareness of the importance of peatlands as carbon sinks to combat climate change.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Green and blue Infrastructure policy	NEP - 11	To recognise the economic, social, environmental and physical value of green infrastructure	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Green and blue Infrastructure policy	NEP - 12	To seek to protect and expand the green infrastructure within the county, and ensure their connectivity to provide additional green infrastructure, where possible, and to encourage green infrastructure to be spatially connected to facilitate the extension or establishment of ecological corridors.	Although this Policy/objective will likely lead to a sustainable and positive impact, this policy/objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Green and blue Infrastructure policy	NEP - 13	To promote and enhance green and blue infrastructure and seek to integrate the provision of green infrastructure with infrastructure provision and replacement,	Although this Policy/objective will likely lead to a sustainable and positive impact, this policy/objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising

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		including walking and cycling routes, as appropriate, while protecting and enhancing natural heritage and improving ecological corridors.	county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	from this objective/policy
Green and Blue Infrastructure Objectives	NEO - 17	To prepare a Green and blue Infrastructure Strategy for the County over the plan period, which will be incorporated into local area plans and non-statutory plans over the lifetime of the plan.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Green and Blue Infrastructure Objectives	NEO - 18	To identify green infrastructure and sustainable design that supports biodiversity and natural systems to adapt to climate change and contribute to climate adaptation in the built and natural environment.	Although this Policy/objective will likely lead to a sustainable and positive impact, this policy/objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/policy
Green and Blue Infrastructure Objectives	NEO - 19	To ensure the design and construction of new developments create low carbon, walkable neighbourhoods and workplaces, provides for high quality green infrastructure, where appropriate.	Although this Policy/objective will likely lead to a sustainable and positive impact, this policy/objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/policy

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			species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Green and Blue Infrastructure Objectives	NEO -20	To protect open spaces, with multifunctional green and blue infrastructure in developments, with connections to the wider Network of open spaces and habitats.	Although this Policy/objective will likely lead to a sustainable and positive impact, this policy/objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Green and Blue Infrastructure Objectives	NEO - 21	Protect and enhance the County's floodplains and wetlands as 'green infrastructure' which provides space for storage and conveyance of floodwater, enabling flood risk to be more effectively managed and reducing the NEP - ed to provide flood defenses in the future, subject to normal planning and environmental criteria.	Although this Policy/objective will likely lead to a sustainable and positive impact, this policy/objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Landscape policy	NEP - 14	To protect the physical, visual and scenic character of County Mayo and to preserve the unique landscape character of the area	Although this Policy/objective will likely lead to a sustainable and positive impact, this policy/objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Landscape Objectives	NEO - 22	Consider development, along Mayo's Scenic routes, that can demonstrate a clear need to locate in the area concerned, whilst ensuring that it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not impinge in any significant way on the character, integrity and distinctiveness of the area, Meets high standards in siting and design Satisfies all other criteria with regard to, inter alia, servicing, public safety, and environmental considerations Rural housing applications along Coastal Areas and Lakeshores must comply with the requirements set out in Objective RHO 4 (Chapter 3).	Although this Policy/objective will likely lead to a sustainable and positive impact, this policy/objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/policy
Landscape Objectives	NEO -23	Consider Development, within Mayo's Coastal Areas and Lakeshores and within areas along scenic routes with designated scenic views, that can demonstrate a long-standing social link to the area concerned, whilst ensuring that it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not impinge in any significant way on the character, integrity and distinctiveness of the area Cannot be considered at an alternative location Meets high standards in siting and design Satisfies all other criteria with regard to, inter alia, servicing, public safety, and environmental considerations 	Although this Policy/objective will likely lead to a sustainable and positive impact, this policy/objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/policy
Landscape Objectives	NEO -24	To ensure all development proposals are consistent with the Landscape Appraisal of	Although this Policy/objective will likely lead to a sustainable and positive impact,	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation

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		County Mayo and the associated Landscape Sensitivity Matrix and future editions thereof.	this policy/objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/policy
Landscape Objectives	NEO -25	To review the Landscape appraisal for Mayo and update this plan as appropriate, following publication of the statutory guidelines for Planning Authorities on local Landscape Character Assessments as detailed in the National Landscape Strategy 2015-2025.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Landscape Objectives	NEO -26	Require a Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment to accompany significant proposals, located within or adjacent to sensitive landscapes, where appropriate.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Coastal Zone Policy	NEP - 15	To protect the character, visual, recreational, ecological and amenity value of the coast and provisions for public access, while recognising the NEP - eds of coastal communities to live, work and interest with the coast.	Construction of coastal protection structures within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/policy
Coastal Zone Policy	NEP - 16	To maintain and enhance our natural coastal defences to increase resilience to climate change	Construction of coastal protection structures within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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			impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Coastal Zone Objectives	NEO - 27	To ensure that the County's natural coastal defences, such as beaches, sand dunes, coastal wetlands and estuaries are not compromised by inappropriate works or development.	Construction of coastal protection structures within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Coastal Zone Objectives	NEO - 28	To ensure that any conservation works on the coastal dune - systems shall be carried out in accordance with best practice, subject to ecological impact assessment and Appropriate Assessment, as appropriate	Provision of Appropriate Assessment and protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Coastal Zone Objectives	NEO - 29	To investigate how the County's natural coastal defences, can be enhanced to increase climate resilience of our coastal communities.	Construction of coastal protection structures within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Coastal Zone Objectives	NEO - 30	To ensure any new development within areas liable to coastal flooding and assessed and developed in accordance with the Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Office of Public Works, 2009).	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Coastal Zone Objectives	NEO - 31	To protect the coastal zone - through the protection, enhancement and maintenance of the current status of the designated Blue Flag beaches and Green Coasts and seek to increase the number of beaches and coasts holding this status in the future	Construction of coastal protection structures within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Coastal Zone Objectives	NEO - 32	As part of the implementation of Climate Ready Mayo, Climate Adaption Strategy, to develop, in consultation with key stakeholders, an Integrated Coastal Zone - Management Plan for County Mayo to preserve, enhance and develop protective habitats of coastal ecosystems, dunes and wetlands, as well as protect critical infrastructure and assets from damaging storm surges, and to ensure new developments take account of future risk from coastal erosion/storm surges and sea level rise, including the identification and restriction of development in coastal erosion zones where appropriate, and ecosystem based adaptation	Construction of coastal protection structures within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		actions to manage climate risk and build resilience to climate change.		
Coastal Zone Objectives	NEO - 33	Ensure new developments take account of future risk from coastal erosion/storm surges and sea level rise, including the identification and restriction of development in coastal erosion zones where appropriate, and ecosystem-based adaptation actions to manage climate risk and build resilience to climate change.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Water Quality Policy	NEP - 17	To promote public awareness of water quality issues and the measures required to protect surface water and groundwater bodies for inappropriate and damaging development.	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Water Quality Policy	NEP - 18	To co-operate with the EPA and other authorities in the continued implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive.	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Water Quality Policy	NEP - 19	To protect existing groundwater sources and aquifers in the County and to manage development in a manner consistent with the protection of these resources. to meet the requirements of the Water Framework Directive	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Water Quality Policy	NEP - 20	To meet our targets to achieve 'good status' in all water bodies in compliance with the Water Framework Directive and to cooperate with the implementation of the National River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021.	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Water Quality Policy	NEP - 21	To manage, protect and enhance surface water and ground water quality to meet the	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A

Natural Environment				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective		Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red		Mitigation
		requirements of the Water Framework Directive.		
Water Quality Policy	NEP - 22	To encourage the use of catchment-sensitive farming practices, in order to meet Water Framework Directive targets and comply with the River Basin Management Plan.	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Water Quality Objectives	NEO - 34	To ensure that the Water Framework Directive, the River Basin Management Plan and any subsequent Water Management Plans are fully considered throughout the planning process.	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Water Quality Objectives	NEO - 35	To ensure, through the implementation of the River Basin Management Plan(s) and the associated Programmes of Measures and any other associated legislation or revised plans with all relevant stakeholders, the protection and improvement of all drinking water, surface water and ground waters throughout the County.	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Water Quality Objectives	NEO - 36	To manage in a sustainable manner the existing groundwater sources and aquifers in the County and manage development in a manner consistent with the sustainable management of these resources in conformity with the EU Environmental objectives (Groundwater) Regulations 2010 and the second cycle National River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021, and any subsequent plan and the Groundwater Protection Scheme.	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Water Quality Objectives	NEO - 37	To protect groundwater sources through the implementation of the Groundwater Protection Scheme and Source Protection Zones.	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A

Natural Environment				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
		Development proposals within these zones which have the potential to pose a risk to groundwater will be required to demonstrate that no reasonable alternative site is available and that groundwater quality will be protected to the satisfaction of the Council		
Water Quality Objectives	NEO - 38	To protect both ground and surface water resources and to work with Irish Water to develop and implement Drinking Water Safety Plans, to protect sources of public water supply and their contributing catchment, and to work with the National Federation of Group Water Schemes, in respect of Source Protection Plans for Group Water Schemes to protect these sources.	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Water Quality Objectives	NEO - 39	To comply with the Blue Dot Catchments Programme and protect high status water bodies in County Mayo, and ensure all proposed development which may have an impact on a high status water quality site will require site specific assessment to demonstrate localised pressures and demonstrate suitable mitigation measures in order to protect these sites.	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Water Quality Objectives	NEO - 40	To protect through its regulatory controls and in conjunction with the Local Authority Waters Programme, water bodies with 'high ecological status', to restore water bodies that have fallen below 'high ecological status', to maintain water bodies at 'Good Status' and to mitigate	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A

Natural Environment				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
		threats to water bodies identified as 'At Risk' i.e. 'Moderate and Poor Status'		
Water Quality Objectives	NEP - 23	To support and facilitate the implementation of the Air Quality Regulations.	Improvement to air quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Water Quality Objectives	NEP - 24	To promote the implementation of the Noise Directive 2002/49/EC and associated Environmental Noise Regulations 2006, as amended.	Positive impacts through reduction in Noise pollution under Noise Directive are generally anticipated from implementation of objective/policy	N/A
Water Quality Objectives	NEO - 41	Promote the achievement of best ambient air quality, compatible with sustainable development, in accordance with the EU Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe (CAFE) Directive (2008/50/EC) and by ensuring that all air emissions associated with new developments are within Environmental Quality Standards as set out in the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011 (SI No. 180 of 2011) (or any updated/superseding documents).	Improvement to air quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Water Quality Objectives	NEO - 42	To raise awareness of artificial light pollution and identify where lighting improvements or adjustments could be made to reduce its impact, where appropriate.	Positive impacts through reduction in light pollution are generally anticipated from implementation of objective/policy	N/A
Water Quality Objectives	NEO - 43	To protect Mayo Dark Sky Park at Wild Nephin Wilderness Park from adverse levels of artificial light pollution and encourage the use of Dark Sky Friendly lighting for all new lighting and lighting upgrades.	Positive impacts through reduction in light pollution are generally anticipated from implementation of objective/policy	N/A

A.10 Chapter 11 – Climate Action and Renewable Energy

Strategic Aim: to transition to a low carbon and climate resilient county, with an emphasis on reduction in energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions, through a combination of effective mitigation and adaptation responses to climate change; in addition to maximising the opportunities to become a national leader in renewable energy generation, whilst safeguarding the environment and other amenities.

Climate				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
Climate Action Policies	CAP 1	To support and enable the implementation and achievement of European and national objectives for climate adaptation and mitigation as detailed in the following documents, taking into account other provisions of the Plan (including those relating to land use planning, energy, sustainable mobility, flood risk management and drainage);	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Climate Action Policies	CAP 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Action Plan (2019 and any subsequent versions); National Climate Change Adaptation Framework (2018 and any subsequent versions); Relevant provisions of any Sectoral Adaptation Plans prepared to comply with the requirements of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015, including those seeking to contribute towards the National Transition Objective, to pursue, and achieve, the transition to a low carbon, climate resilient and environmentally sustainable economy by the end of the year 2050; and Mayo Council Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (2019-2024 and any subsequent versions). 	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

Climate				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
Climate Action Policies	CAP 2	To support the National Climate Change Strategy and methods of reducing anthropogenic greenhouse gases on an ongoing basis through implementation of supporting objectives in this Plan, particularly those supporting use of alternative and renewable energy sources, sustainable transport, air quality, coastal zone management, flooding and soil erosion and promotion of the retention of, and planting of trees, hedgerows and afforestation, subject to no significant adverse effects on the environment including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Climate Action Policies	CAP 3	To support, promote and facilitate the advancement of climate action at the local and community level in County Mayo and to raise general awareness of issues associated with climate action and climate change mitigation and adaptation.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Climate Action Policies	CAP 4	To support local, regional, national and international initiatives for climate adaptation and mitigation and to limit emissions of greenhouse gases through energy efficiency and the development of renewable energy sources, which make use of all natural resources, including publicly owned lands, in an environmentally acceptable manner.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Climate Action Policies	CAP 5	To support the National Dialogue on Climate Action, in an effort to increase awareness of climate change, behavioural change and adaptation actions and in doing so provide an	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

Climate				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
		ongoing platform for planning climate resilience with a focus on personal responsibility at all levels.		
Climate Action Policies	CAP 6	To support the transition to a competitive, low carbon, climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable economy by 2050, by way of reducing greenhouse gases, increasing renewable energy, and improving energy efficiency.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Climate Action Policies	CAP 7	To support and promote the enhancement of carbon sinks such as peatlands, appropriate afforestation and permanent grasslands, with consideration of afforestation on cut away peatlands.	Protection of native habitats will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Climate Action Policies	CAP 8	To cooperate with the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) in respect of the implementation of existing and future climate change adaption and mitigation strategies.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Climate Action Policies	CAP 9	To support Ireland’s renewable energy commitments outlined in national policy by facilitating the development and exploitation of all appropriate renewable energy sources at suitable locations within the county, where such development does not have a negative impact on the surrounding environment (including water quality), landscape, biodiversity or local amenities, so as to provide for further residential and enterprise development within the county.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Climate Action Objectives	CAO 1	To support and advance the provision of renewable energy resources and programmes in line with the Government’s National Renewable Energy Action Plan (NREAP), the Governments’ Energy White Paper “Ireland’s Transition to a Low	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

Climate				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
		Carbon Energy Future (2015-2030) and any other relevant policy adopted during the lifetime of this plan.		
Climate Action Objectives	CAO 2	To support, facilitate and advance the implementation of Climate Ready Mayo, the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for County Mayo.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Climate Action Objectives	CAO 3	To carry out a carbon emissions baseline for County Mayo over the lifetime of the plan.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Climate Action Objectives	CAO 4	To develop and implement a climate change screening checklist and guidance document over the lifetime of the plan, to ensure new development takes account of climate change over the lifetime of a development, in particular with regard to its location, site layout, building, ventilation and cooling, drainage, water, outdoor spaces and connectivity.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Climate Action Objectives	CAO 5	To identify and develop Decarbonising Zone(s) in Mayo, as per Action 165 of the Climate Action Plan 2019 and to promote the use of the Decarbonisation Zone(s) as an exemplary example for best practice within the county.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Climate Action Objectives	CAO 6	To increase the resilience of Natural and Cultural Capital, as per Goal 3 of Climate Ready Mayo, by: (a) Building awareness of Nature Based Adaptation Solutions and Green Infrastructure. (b) Support biodiversity for its intrinsic value within the natural environment and its importance in climate change adaptation.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

Climate				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
		(c) Develop a database of impacts of climate change on Mayo's Natural Environment. (d) Identify Cultural and Heritage Sites vulnerable to climate change and develop adaptation and management policies. (e) Encourage adaptation in Agriculture and Local Food Supply		
Climate Action Objectives	CAO 7	To recognise, support and facilitate Ballina to become Ireland's Greenest Town by 2025	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Renewable Energy Policies	REP 1	To support Ireland's renewable energy commitments outlined in national policy by facilitating the development and exploitation of a range of renewable energy sources at suitable locations within the county, where such development does not have a negative impact on the surrounding environment (including water quality), landscape, biodiversity or local amenities to ensure the long term sustainable growth of the county	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Renewable Energy Policies	REP 2	To support, within the context of the Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan (OREDPP) and its successors, the progressive development of Ireland's offshore renewable energy potential, including domestic and international grid connectivity enhancements.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Renewable Energy Policies	REP 3	To actively encourage and support the sustainable development, renewal and maintenance of energy generation infrastructure in order to maintain a	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A

Climate				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
		secure energy supply, while protecting the landscape, archaeological and built heritage and having regard to the provisions of the Habitats Directive.		
Renewable Energy Policies	REP 4	To ensure that developers of proposed large-scale renewable energy projects carry out community consultation in accordance with best practice and commence the consultation at the initiation of project planning.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Renewable Energy Policies	REP 5	To promote the use of efficient energy storage systems and infrastructure that supports energy efficiency and reusable energy system optimization, subject to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and consideration of environmental and ecological sensitivities.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Renewable Energy Policies	REP 6	To work with relevant stakeholders and industry to establish Mayo as a centre of excellence for renewable energy research and development activities.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Renewable Energy Policies	REP 7	To promote the harnessing of wind energy to contribute toward decarbonising County Mayo, including new emerging by-product markets.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

Climate				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
			indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 1	To co-operate with the Northern and Western Regional Assembly in identifying Strategic Energy Zones as areas suitable for larger, energy generating projects, community and micro energy production, whilst ensuring environmental constraints and a regional landscape strategy are considered.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 2	To examine options to ensure that community benefits are derived from renewable energy development in the County	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 3	To encourage and facilitate, where possible, the production of energy from established and emerging renewable technologies.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 4	To support and implement the recording and monitoring of renewable energy potential in the county in partnership with other stakeholders including the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI).	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

Climate				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 5	To support and work in partnership with local communities in the development of energy efficient and renewable energy projects.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 6	To ensure all renewable energy proposal comply with the provisions of the Mayo County Council Renewable Energy Strategy 2011-2022 (or as updated).	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 7	To review the Mayo County Renewable Energy Strategy 2011-2022 in accordance with future legislative guidelines.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 8	To encourage the development of wind energy, in accordance with Government policy and having regard to the <i>Landscape Appraisal of County Mayo</i> and the Wind Energy Development Guidelines (2006) and Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy, or any revisions thereof or future guidelines.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 9	To support Ireland's renewable energy commitments outlined in national policy by promoting the development of solar energy.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

Climate				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 10	To encourage solar energy in commercial and residential developments, subject to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and consideration of environmental and ecological sensitivities.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 11	To ensure that solar farm development proposals in the vicinity of major road networks & transport nodes, such as Ireland West Airport Knock (15km Radius), do not create a traffic hazard or endanger aircraft safety by reason of glint and glare.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 12	To support offshore and tidal renewable energy developments subject to environmental considerations and the protection of the amenities of the surrounding areas in accordance with the OREDP, subject to proper planning and environmental considerations.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 13	To recognise the important role of the Atlantic Marine Energy Test Site (AMETS) tidal wave test site off Belmullet.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 14	To support the development of appropriate land-based infrastructure at suitable locations, in order to facilitate the transition between the land and sea necessary for off- shore renewable energy projects.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

Climate				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
			indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 15	To facilitate large and smaller scale geothermal energy generating developments both standalone and in conjunction with other renewable energy projects.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 16	To promote the use of geothermal heat pumps for space heating and cooling as well as water heating in domestic, commercial and recreational buildings.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 17	To promote on-site wind/solar energy development or other emerging energy technologies, where energy generated is primarily required to meet the needs of households, communities, agriculture and other businesses to reduce their carbon emissions.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 18	Support, promote and facilitate community energy-based initiatives such as the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's (SEAI) 'Sustainable Community Energy' scheme or similar community	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

Climate				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
		energy initiatives to help achieve low carbon communities.		
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 19	To support Ireland's renewable energy commitments outlined in national policy by promoting the use of district heating systems in new residential and commercial developments.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 20	To consider using heat mapping to support developments which deliver energy efficiency and the recovery of energy that would otherwise be wasted.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 21	To carry out a feasibility assessment for district heating in County Mayo and identify local waste heat sources or renewable energy sources.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Renewable Energy Objectives	REO 22	To promote the use of efficient energy storage systems and infrastructure that supports energy efficiency and reusable energy system optimisation, in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

A.11 Chapter 12 – Settlement Plans

Strategic Aim: to create a network of attractive, liveable towns and villages in the County, with increased levels of population, employment activity and enhanced levels of amenity, which support a high quality of life and wellbeing, along with providing an alternative residential choice for those who may not wish to live in the rural countryside.

Policies and objectives have been devised for Tier II towns: Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Belmullet, Claremorris & Swinford; and Tier III towns: Balla, Charlestown, Crossmolina, Foxford, Killala, Kiltimagh, Knock, Louisburgh, and Newport.

Settlements				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
General Settlement Policies	GSP 1	Support and promote commensurate population, service and employment growth, to enable the Tiers 2 and 3 settlements to fulfil their role as a self-sustaining growth towns and self-sustaining towns, respectively.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
General Settlement Policies	GSP 2	Support and encourage the development/redevelopment of identified Town Centre Consolidation Sites in Tier II settlements and Opportunity Sites in Tier III settlements.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Policies	GSP 3	Support the provision of mixed-use developments in the town centre which create opportunities to live, work, shop, etc., within the town and reduce the propensity to travel by private car.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

Settlements				
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			conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
General Settlement Policies	GSP 4	Encourage re-development of all derelict buildings within all settlement plan areas listed on the Derelict Sites Register.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Policies	GSP 5	Support and promote the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and other buildings in town centre areas for retail and other appropriate uses.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Policies	GSP 6	To encourage the appropriate use of unoccupied/derelict buildings in the town for start-up businesses and community facilities.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Policies	GSP 7	Co-operate with relevant agencies to secure improvements to the public	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation

Settlements				
Potential Sources of Impact from the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2020-2026 policy / objective			Potential Impacts for significant adverse effects on Natura 2000 site(s) No Impacts= Green, Likely impacts = Red	Mitigation
		transport system serving Tier 2 and 3 settlement towns and to support initiatives designed to improve bus interchange facilities.	county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Policies	GSP 8	Support the establishment of green routes and an accessible walking / cycling network throughout the settlement plan areas and surrounding areas that provides safe and attractive circulation routes for pedestrians and cyclists for the enjoyment and recreational use of the entire community by linking residential areas, community facilities, amenities and the town centre.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Policies	GSP 9	Support and encourage Irish Water in increasing the provision of adequate wastewater and water infrastructure, to ensure that services are delivered in line with the further development and growth of settlements.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Policies	GSP 10	Support and encourage key stakeholders/providers in increasing the provision of	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		adequate key physical infrastructure (i.e. transportation, parking, communications, energy etc.) and to support the provision of key social infrastructure (health care services, education facilities, burial grounds, fire and emergency services, recreational, cultural facilities etc.) in Tier II and Tier III settlements.	indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 1	To ensure appropriate development occurs in a sequential manner outward from the core area, to maximise the utility of existing and future infrastructure provision, to promote sustainability and active travel, to make more efficient use of underutilised lands, and to avoid the inappropriate extension of services and utilities.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 2	Encourage and facilitate the development of the economic and tourism potential of towns in a manner that respects, builds on, protects and enhances the cultural, built heritage, natural heritage and local amenities of the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 3	Ensure that the town centre is accessible to all members of the community, including people with	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		mobility issues, the elderly and people with young children.	indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 4	Work with Irish Water and landowners on the “New Homes in Small Towns and Villages” initiative to augment the delivery of actions by Local Authorities, Irish Water, communities and other stakeholders in the provision of services and serviced sites to create “build your own home” opportunities within the existing footprint of rural settlements, to meet housing demand.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 5	Require proposals for new development to integrate with existing Green Infrastructure networks and contribute to the development and protection of overall Green Infrastructure assets.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 6	To use active land management measures, such as the Vacant Site Levy and Derelict Site Levy, to ensure the delivery of the projected	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		housing units in the identified Town Centre Consolidation Sites and residential zoned lands in Tier II Self-Sustaining Growth Towns, as set out in the Core Strategy or any subsequent Town Centre Consolidation Sites identified over the lifetime of the plan.	network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 7	To promote and facilitate the delivery of multiple residential development in the identified Opportunity Sites for Tier III Self-Sustaining Towns or any subsequent Opportunity Sites identified over the lifetime of the plan.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 8	Ensure applications for development within the settlement boundaries on lands identified as flood risk areas including benefitting lands, shall be subject to a Specific Flood Risk Assessment and Justification Test, in accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2009 or any superseding guidelines and circulars.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 9	To facilitate, identify, support and secure a strategic footpath and cycleway network throughout the	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		plan areas, as appropriate and as resources allow.	indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 10	Support and facilitate pedestrian mobility and safety in the town by introducing traffic calming measures and pedestrian crossings.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 11	Support and where possible, implement measures to create interpretative walking routes in and around the town, linking the town's special features of built and natural heritage interest.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 12	Develop the local economy by encouraging additional commercial businesses and industries and to promote the clustering of such industries on suitably zoned land in Tier II settlements and at	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		appropriate locations within Tier II settlements.	conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 13	Protect the role of the town centre as the dominant retailing and commercial area.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 14	Implement the land use zoning objectives in each Tier 2 settlement plans.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
General Settlement Objectives	GSO 15	To actively provide or facilitate the provision/upgrade of identified infrastructural deficiencies in settlement plan areas.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Policies	BEP 1	Promote the development of Ballinrobe as a driver of economic growth for the south region of county Mayo and fulfil its role as a designated Self-Sustaining Growth Town and support the potential for the creation of an Economic Growth Cluster in tandem with the towns of Ballyhaunis and Claremorris.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Policies	BEP 2	Promote and support the re-development and refurbishment of Bridge Street/High Street whilst safeguarding the protected	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		structures and their curtilages along the street.	habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Policies	BEP 3	Promote and support the appropriate refurbishment of Cranmore House and the Military Barracks for amenity and cultural purposes.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Policies	BEP 4	Promote and support the re-establishment of the Ballinrobe to Claremorris dismantled railway line as a walking and cycling route or as a spur line of the Western Rail corridor.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Policies	BEP 5	Promote and support the enhancement and extension of the Bowers Walk River walkway and safeguard the value of the river as an ecological “green corridor”. Riverside walkway provisions should be incorporated, where appropriate, into development proposals bounding the river.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Policies	BEP 6	Promote and support the implementation of the projects listed within the Ballinrobe Public Realm Plan during the plan period, to improve attractiveness and permeability of the public realm.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Objectives	BEO 1	Ensure infill development respects the unique height-to-width ratio with respect to building design in Ballinrobe town centre and maintain the existing sense of enclosure on town centre streets.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Objectives	BEO 2	To consider the designation in the town centre of an Architectural Conservation Area, including all or parts of Bowgate Street, Main Street, High Street/Bridge Street, Glebe Street and Abbey Street.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Objectives	BEO 3	Support and facilitate the development of the town centre consolidation site located to the rear of New Street/Convent Road for appropriate uses, as outlined in the land uses generally permitted on town centre consolidation sites in	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		the Land Use Zoning Matrix, with pedestrian links to New Street/Convent Road.	conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Objectives	BEO 4	Seek and encourage ways to make more use of the Cornmarket area, including making the area pedestrian and market-place friendly and encourage and support the provision of a weekly market in the Cornmarket area.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Objectives	BEO 5	Protect the water quality and riparian zone of the rivers Robe and Bulkan. Any proposed developments adjacent to or close to watercourses shall be carefully assessed to ensure that there is no adverse impact to the water course, its riparian zone or to any waterbody into which it flows.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Objectives	BEO 6	Seek to make Tree Preservation Orders for the tree groups along the River Robe and important tree groups in the town.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Objectives	BEO 7	To encourage development in the town of Ballinrobe in accordance with the Land Use Zoning Map (Map BE1).	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Objectives	BEO 8	To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map BE2)	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballinrobe Settlement Plan Objectives	BEO 9	To use active land management measures, such as the vacant site levy and derelict site levy to ensure the delivery of the projected housing units for Ballinrobe, as set out in the Core Strategy, on town centre consolidation sites and residential zoned lands (Map BE3).	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Policies	BSP 1	Promote the development of Ballyhaunis as a driver of economic growth for the southeast region of County Mayo and fulfil its role as a designated Self-Sustaining Growth Town and to further investigate the potential for the creation of an Economic Growth Cluster, in tandem with the towns of Ballinrobe and Claremorris.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Policies	BSP 2	Protect St. Mary's Abbey and its associated lands as one of the town's key tourist attractions.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Policies	BSP 3	Support community-led developments, where appropriate, including the implementation of Community Action Plan for Ballyhaunis (2016-2021) or any amended or superseding Community Futures Plan for the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Policies	BSO 4	Promote and support the enhancement and extension of the Dalgan River walkway and to safeguard the value of the river as an ecological "green corridor". Riverside walkway provisions should be incorporated, where appropriate, into development proposals bounding the river.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Policies	BSO 5	Promote the town's strategic location in relation to Ireland West Airport Knock.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Objectives	BSO 1	Improve the attractiveness of the built fabric of the town centre, including the encouragement of appropriate redevelopment and renewal of vacant sites and buildings, in particular Knox St, and	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		to ensure high architectural quality in all new developments.	conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Objectives	BSO 2	Support and facilitate the development of the four identified town centre consolidation sites for appropriate uses, as outlined in the land uses generally permitted on town centre consolidation sites in the Land Use Zoning Matrix.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Objectives	BSO 3	Continue to facilitate the further development of the Abbey Walk an amenity / recreation area in Ballyhaunis.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Objectives	BSO 4	Provide a civic amenity facility in Ballyhaunis.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Objectives	BSO 5	Continue to encourage rail use as a sustainable mode of transport and	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation

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		to promote the upgrading of the rail services to the town and connecting bus services.	county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Objectives	BSO 6	Ensure the future protection of lands adjacent to the railway station from inappropriate development that could jeopardize the long-term viability and improvement of the transport facility.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Objectives	BSO 7	Protect the water quality and riparian zone of the Dalgan River and to encourage appropriate developments that enhance its landscape setting and public benefit.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Objectives	BSO 8	Facilitate the construction of the town's outer bypass.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Objectives	BSO 9	Ensure that the strategic importance, capacity and safe operation of the Knock Link Road is maintained by restricting the number of access points entering and exiting onto the road.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Objectives	BSO 10	To encourage development in the town of Ballyhaunis in accordance with the Land Use Zoning Map (Map BS1).	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Objectives	BSO 11	To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map BS2)	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Ballyhaunis Settlement Plan Objectives	BSO 12	To use active land management measures, such as the vacant site levy and derelict site levy to ensure the delivery of the projected housing units for Ballyhaunis, as set out in the Core Strategy, on town centre consolidation sites and residential zoned lands (Map BS3).	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Béal an Mhuirthead Settlement Plan Policies	BTP 1	Promote the development of Béal an Mhuiread as a driver of economic growth for the Erris region and fulfil its role as a designated Self-Sustaining Growth Town.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Béal an Mhuirthead Settlement Plan Policies	BTP 2	Strengthen and protect the linguistic heritage of the town and to promote use of the Irish language in the public realm through signage and other measures throughout the town centre area.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Béal an Mhuirthead Settlement Plan Policies	BTP 3	Support the provision of a swimming pool in Béal an Mhuirthead through public private partnership, assistance to a private promoter or any other means.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Béal an Mhuirthead Settlement Plan Policies	BTP 4	Support community-led development, where appropriate, including the implementation of Community Action Plan for Belmullet (2019-2024) or any amended or superseding Community Futures Plan for the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Béal an Mhuirthead Settlement Plan Objectives	BTO 1	To work with local agencies, in particular Údarás na Gaeltachta, to encourage the development and growth of Béal an Mhuirthead as an employment centre for the wider rural area.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Béal an Mhuirthead Settlement Plan Objectives	BTO 2	Prioritise the construction of a civic amenity site in Béal an Mhuirthead.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Béal an Mhuirthead Settlement Plan Objectives	BTO 3	Create a more pedestrian friendly environment in the town centre of Béal an Mhuirthead.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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			network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Béal an Mhuirthead Settlement Plan Objectives	BTO 4	To support and facilitate the development of the three identified town centre consolidation sites in Béal an Mhuirthead for appropriate uses, as outlined in Section 12.6.11, and as generally permitted on town centre consolidation sites in the Land Use Zoning Matrix.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Béal an Mhuirthead Settlement Plan Objectives	BTO 5	To encourage development in the town of Béal an Mhuirthead in accordance with the Land Use Zoning Map (Map BT1).	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Béal an Mhuirthead Settlement Plan Objectives	BTO 6	To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map BT2)	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Béal an Mhuirthead Settlement Plan Objectives	BTO 7	To use active land management measures, such as the vacant site levy and derelict site levy to ensure the delivery of the projected housing units for Béal an Mhuirthead, as set out in the Core Strategy, on town centre consolidation sites and residential zoned lands (Map BT3).	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Claremorris Settlement Plan Policies	CSP 1	To promote the development of Claremorris as a driver of economic growth for the southeast region and fulfil its role as a designated Self-Sustaining Growth Town and to further investigate the potential for the creation of an Economic Growth Cluster in tandem with the towns of Ballinrobe and Ballyhaunis.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Claremorris Settlement Plan Policies	CSP 2	To support and promote the development potential of Claremorris as a transportation hub given its trans-nodal infrastructural location and siting along the Atlantic Economic Corridor.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Claremorris Settlement Plan Policies	CSP 3	To support the reinstatement of the Western Rail Corridor, in particular	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation

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		to actively seek and promote the re-opening of the Claremorris-Galway rail link as well as a link to Sligo and to safeguard and protect these potential rail links from redevelopment for non-transport related purposes, in order not to preclude their future uses as an operational transportation network.	county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Claremorris Settlement Plan Policies	CSP 4	To support the development of Claremorris station for passenger and freight services and as a distribution depot.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Claremorris Settlement Plan Policies	CSP 5	To support and develop Claremorris as a low carbon town, in conjunction with relevant stakeholders, including Claremorris and Western District Energy Co-Operative.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 1	To develop an attractive, serviced industrial land bank to the north of the inner relief road, on lands zoned for industrial development (refer to Map xxx), suitable for a range of high class and environmentally acceptable business and technology / industrial park type developments.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 2	To continue to facilitate the further development of the Mayfield Lough and McMahon Park as an amenity / recreation area in Claremorris	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 3	To support and facilitate the development of the six identified town centre consolidation sites in Claremorris for appropriate uses, as outlined in Section 12.7.11, and as generally permitted on town centre consolidation sites in the Land Use Zoning Matrix.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 4	To provide a civic amenity facility in Claremorris.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 5	To examine the feasibility of, with the aim of constructing, the	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation

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		following road projects within the plan area:	county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 5	(i) construction of an inner relief road from the N60 to the old N17	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 5	(ii) construction of a link road from the L-5572-0 (Cloonconner Road) to the old N17 Claremorris/Ballindine Road, with the intention of extinguishing the vehicular right of way on the Cloonconner Road to/from the N17 By-Pass	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 5	The above road projects will be subject to the normal planning and environmental considerations, including an assessment in accordance with Article 6 of the EU Habitats Directive, as appropriate.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 6	To safeguard and protect the Claremorris By-Pass from development for non-infrastructure related purposes that would prejudice its future use as part of the Western Infrastructural Corridor.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 7	To protect, maintain and enhance, in conjunction with the relevant agencies, the conservation value of Mayfield and Clare Loughs, their associated wetland habitats and rich diversity of plant and animal species and the extent, quality and connectivity of associated surface waters and wetlands as well as to promote the educational role of the lakes.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 8	To protect and enhance the conservation value of the disused railway lines in the town and their setting / margins as wildlife habitats and corridors notwithstanding that such disused railway lines may be developed at some future date as part of the County's infrastructure /	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		greenway network, in a manner that has regard to their inherent conservation value.	conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 9	To comply with the requirements of the objectives in the Economic Development Chapter of this Plan regarding Seveso II site 'Calor Gas Teo'.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 10	To encourage development in the town of Claremorris in accordance with the Land Use Zoning Map (Map CS1).	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 11	To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map CS2)	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Claremorris Settlement Plan Objectives	CSO 12	To use active land management measures, such as the vacant site levy and derelict site levy to ensure the delivery of the projected housing units for Claremorris, as set out in	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		the Core Strategy, on town centre consolidation sites and residential zoned lands (Map CS3).	habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Swinford Settlement Plan Policies	SDP 1	To promote the development of Swinford as a driver of economic growth for the east region of Mayo and fulfil its role as a designated Self-Sustaining Growth Town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Swinford Settlement Plan Policies	SDP 2	To support and promote the reinstatement of the Western Rail Corridor.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Swinford Settlement Plan Policies	SDP 3	Support community-led developments, where appropriate, including the implementation of Community Action Plan for Swinford (2013-2018) or any amended or superseding Community Futures Plan for the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Swinford Settlement Plan Objectives	SDO 1	To protect and enhance existing amenity facilities in Swinford, particularly the golf course, tennis courts, Amenity Park and Brabazon Woods.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Swinford Settlement Plan Objectives	SDO 2	To protect and enhance areas considered unique and important in the town such as the Courthouse, the Famine Graveyard and Church of Ireland Graveyard, the Church, the Railway Bridge, the Signal Box and the Water Tower.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Swinford Settlement Plan Objectives	SDO 3	To support and facilitate the development of the six identified town centre consolidation sites in Swinford for appropriate uses, as outlined in Section 12.8.11, and as generally permitted on town centre consolidation sites in the Land Use Zoning Matrix.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Swinford Settlement Plan Objectives	SDO 4	To develop the local economy by encouraging additional healthcare and pharmaceutical industries in the town and to promote the clustering	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		of such industries on suitably zoned land.	network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Swinford Settlement Plan Objectives	SDO 5	To ensure infill development respects the unique height-to-ratio building design in Swinford town centre along Market Street and Main Street.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Swinford Settlement Plan Objectives	SDO 6	To protect the Spaddagh and Derryronan Rivers and all water courses and surface waters within the area, their water quality, ecology and function as ecological corridors, in this regard developers are required to show that any proposed development in the town will not adversely affect the integrity of the River Moy candidate Special Area of Conservation.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Swinford Settlement Plan Objectives	SDO 7	To develop and maintain a pedestrian access to Pound Street car park from the town centre	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Swinford Settlement Plan Objectives	SDO 8	To examine the feasibility of enhancing the link between the town centre and the Tesco development site.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Swinford Settlement Plan Objectives	SDO 9	To support and facilitate the local community in measures to commemorate Swinford 2050 including oak tree planting on site to the rear of the former vocational school.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Swinford Settlement Plan Objectives	SDO 10	To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map SD2)	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Swinford Settlement Plan Objectives	SDO 11	To use active land management measures, such as the vacant site levy and derelict site levy to ensure the delivery of the projected housing	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		units for Swinford, as set out in the Core Strategy, on town centre consolidation sites and residential zoned lands (Map SD3).	network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Balla Settlement Plan Policies	BAP 1	Support community-led developments, where appropriate, including the implementation of Community Action Plan for Balla (2017-2022) or any amended or superseding Community Futures Plan for the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Balla Settlement Plan Objectives	BAO 1	Protect and enhance existing amenity areas/facilities in Balla, particularly the round tower, fair green, town park, and its sporting and recreational facilities.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Balla Settlement Plan Objectives	BAO 2	Protect the town park and encourage its enhancement through the Neighbourhood scheme (2017)	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Balla Settlement Plan Objectives	BAO 3	Support and facilitate pedestrian mobility and safety in the town by introducing traffic calming measures and pedestrian crossings.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Balla Settlement Plan Objectives	BAO 4	To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map BA2)	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Balla Settlement Plan Objectives	BAO 5	To support and facilitate the development of the two identified opportunity sites in Balla for residential development, as outlined in Section 12.9.10.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Charlestown Settlement Plan Policies	CNP 1	Support community-led developments, where appropriate, including the implementation of Community Action Plan for Charlestown (2015-2020) or any amended or superseding Community Futures Plan for the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Charlestown Settlement Plan Policies	CNP 2	Promote and market Charlestown as an Enterprise Centre	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Charlestown Settlement Plan Policies	CNP 3	Support the reinstatement of the Western Rail Corridor, in particular actively seek and promote the re-opening of the Claremorris-Galway rail link, as well as a link to Sligo and to safeguard and protect these potential rail links from redevelopment for non-transport related purposes, in order not to preclude their future uses as an operational transportation network.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Charlestown Settlement Plan Objectives	CNO 1	Revitalise the town centre and encourage the redevelopment of the backland areas to the rear of Church Street and Main Street where it can be demonstrated the development will not have adverse effects on the integrity of the River Moy SAC.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Charlestown Settlement Plan Objectives	CNO 2	Support and facilitate the construction of the N17 Knock to Collooney Atlantic Economic Corridor road project which includes the N17 Charlestown By-pass.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Charlestown Settlement Plan Objectives	CNO 3	Protect and enhance existing amenity facilities in Charlestown, particularly the fair green, bowling alley, football pitch and the river area.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Charlestown Settlement Plan Objectives	CNO 4	Protect and enhance areas considered unique and important in the town such as the church, the library, the Arts centre, the Town Hall, the railway line and railway	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		station, Westpoint Business Centre and the health centre.	species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Charlestown Settlement Plan Objectives	CNO 5	Secure sites for town centre parking.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Charlestown Settlement Plan Objectives	CNO 6	Protect the Mullaghanoe River as a salmonid status water course, and all water courses and surface waters within the area, their water quality, ecology and function as ecological corridors and as potential influences on the integrity of any Natura 2000 sites within an appropriate radial buffer zone.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Charlestown Settlement Plan Objectives	CNO 7	Continue to work and co-operate with Sligo County Council to ensure that a coherent and consistent strategy continues to be applied for the overall development of the Charlestown- Bellaghy Area.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Charlestown Settlement Plan Objectives	CNO 8	Support local sports and community groups in delivering facilities, including the delivery of a new town park on a site identified adjacent to the Church.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Charlestown Settlement Plan Objectives	CNO 9	Improve and enhance the river walkway within the town and pedestrian linkages within the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Charlestown Settlement Plan Objectives	CNO 10	To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map CN2)	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Charlestown Settlement Plan Objectives	CNO 11	To support and facilitate the development of the two identified opportunity sites in Charlestown for	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		residential development, as outlined in Section 12.10.10.	network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Crossmolina Settlement Plan Policies	CAP 1	To investigate proposals for the enhancement of the public realm within the town core.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Crossmolina Settlement Plan Policies	CAP 2	Support community-led developments, where appropriate, including the implementation of Community Action Plan for Crossmolina (2015-2020) or any amended or superseding Community Futures Plan for the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Crossmolina Settlement Plan Objectives	CAO 1	To retain and enhance the distinctive character and layout of Crossmolina town, which reflects the historical street pattern of growth since the early nineteenth century configuration and to promote this as part of the town's unique identity.	Town enhancement works could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Crossmolina Settlement Plan Objectives	CAO 2	To investigate the possible designation of built-up areas of special interest and importance in the town, such as an Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA).	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Crossmolina Settlement Plan Objectives	CAO 3	To support the local community in exploring the creation of a Cultural and Heritage Centre in the town, as resources permit.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Crossmolina Settlement Plan Objectives	CAO 4	To support and facilitate the full implementation of the Office of Public Work's Flood Relief Scheme for Crossmolina.	Flood relief works could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Crossmolina Settlement Plan Objectives	CAO 5	To sustain, enhance and consolidate the retail and services offer within the core areas of Crossmolina and harness and develop the potential of heritage and tourism assets.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Crossmolina Settlement Plan Objectives	CAO 6	To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map CA2).	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Crossmolina Settlement Plan Objectives	CAO 7	To support and facilitate the development of the four identified opportunity sites in Crossmolina for residential development, as outlined in Section 12.11.10.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Foxford Settlement Plan Policies	FDP 1	To investigate proposals for the enhancement of the public realm within the town core.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Foxford Settlement Plan Policies	FDP 2	Support community-led developments, where appropriate, including the implementation of Community Action Plan for Foxford	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		(2017-2022) or any amended or superseding Community Futures Plan for the town.	network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Foxford Settlement Plan Objectives	FDO 1	To retain and enhance the distinctive character and layout of Foxford town, which reflects the historical street pattern of growth since the early nineteenth century configuration and to promote this as part of the town's unique identity.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Foxford Settlement Plan Objectives	FDO 2	To support the local community in exploring the creation of a river walk in the town, as resources permit and in a manner that will not adversely affect the integrity of the River Moy candidate Special Area of Conservation.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Foxford Settlement Plan Objectives	FDO 3	To support the further investigation by the Office of Public Work's of the necessity of flood relief scheme for Foxford.	Flood relief works could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Foxford Settlement Plan Objectives	FDO 4	To sustain, enhance and consolidate the retail and services offer within	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation

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		the core areas of Foxford and harness and develop the potential of heritage and tourism assets.	county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Foxford Settlement Plan Objectives	FDO 5	To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map FD2).	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Foxford Settlement Plan Objectives	FDO 6	To support and facilitate the development of the five identified opportunity sites in Foxford for residential development, as outlined in Section 12.12.10.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Killala Settlement Plan Policies	KAP 1	To support appropriate enterprise/employment uses that are sympathetic to and supportive of maintaining the architectural character and setting of Killala House (a Protected Structure) and	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		adjacent lands (zoned Enterprise & Employment).	species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Killala Settlement Plan Policies	KAP 2	To support the linkage of the Western Way with various local walking/cycling trails in the area including the Great Western Greenway.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Killala Settlement Plan Policies	KAP 3	Support community-led developments, where appropriate, including the implementation of Community Action Plan for Killala (2015-2020) or any amended or superseding Community Futures Plan for the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Killala Settlement Plan Objectives	KAO 1	To work with existing service providers and relevant interests to promote Killala as one of the key tourist locations within County Mayo, in accordance with the objectives contained within this Plan.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Killala Settlement Plan Objectives	KAO 2	To protect and enhance the character of the pier area and to provide for the development of appropriate commercial, tourism, leisure uses and ancillary works such as car parking and navigation.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Killala Settlement Plan Objectives	KAO 3	To promote greater public accessibility to existing tourist attractions in the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Killala Settlement Plan Objectives	KAO 4	To investigate the provision of a bypass around the town and to improve traffic management through the provision of the inner relief road and the development of a town centre car park, subject to no significant adverse effects on the environment, including the integrity of the Natura 2000 network.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Killala Settlement Plan Objectives	KAO 5	To support and facilitate the provision of a wastewater treatment plant and associated works for the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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			network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Killala Settlement Plan Objectives	KAO 6	To ensure that the historic architectural character of Killala is protected and enhanced.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Killala Settlement Plan Objectives	KAO 7	To designate within the lifetime of this plan an Architectural Conservation Area for Killala town centre including Market Street, Courthouse Street, Church Street, Church Lane, William Street, Georges Street, and Ballina Road (R314) and the coastline to the pier.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Killala Settlement Plan Objectives	KAO 8	To protect Killala Bay/Moy Estuary Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 000458) and Special Protection Area (Site Code 004036). Development proposals will be required to demonstrate that the development will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of the sites.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A
Killala Settlement Plan Objectives	KAO 9	To retain the tourist accommodation function of the holiday cottages at Steeple Hill.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Killala Settlement Plan Objectives	KAO 10	To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map KA2).	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Killala Settlement Plan Objectives	KAO 11	To support and facilitate the development of the three identified opportunity sites in Killala for residential development, as outlined in Section 12.13.10.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Kiltimagh Settlement Plan Policies	KTP 1	Support the reinstatement of the Western Rail Corridor, in particular actively seek and promote the re-opening of the Claremorris-Galway rail link, as well as a link to Sligo and to safeguard and protect these potential rail links from redevelopment for non-transport related purposes, in order not to	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		preclude their future uses as an operational transportation network.		
Kiltimagh Settlement Plan Policies	KTP 2	Support the work of IRD Kiltimagh Ltd., in providing essential community services for the elderly and marginal groups of Kiltimagh.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Kiltimagh Settlement Plan Policies	KTP 3	Support the creation of an Arts residency programme with revolving art residency spaces.	Policy or proposal that could not have any conceivable effect on a site	N/A
Kiltimagh Settlement Plan Policies	KTP 4	Promote more frequent bus services to Kiltimagh allowing increased connectivity and accessibility for tourists and residents alike.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Kiltimagh Settlement Plan Policies	KTP 5	Support community-led developments, where appropriate, including the implementation of Community Action Plan for Kiltimagh (2019-2024) or any amended or superseding Community Futures Plan for the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Kiltimagh Settlement Plan Objectives	KTO 1	Protect and enhance existing amenity facilities in Kiltimagh, particularly the Pollagh River, the playground, amenity park, GAA pitch, wetland park and sculpture trail.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Kiltimagh Settlement Plan Objectives	KTO 2	Protect existing public sculptures throughout the town and support the provision of additional sculptures at appropriate locations throughout the town.	Policy or proposal that could not have any conceivable effect on a site	N/A
Kiltimagh Settlement Plan Objectives	KTO 3	Support and facilitate pedestrian mobility and safety in the town by introducing traffic calming measures and pedestrian crossings.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Kiltimagh Settlement Plan Objectives	KTO 4	Maintain and further develop walking routes and linkages to the walking routes throughout the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Kiltimagh Settlement Plan Objectives	KTO 5	Implement effective vehicular linkages within and around the town, subject to further feasibility studies, detailed design and traffic impact assessment.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Kiltimagh Settlement Plan Objectives	KTO 6	To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map KT2).	network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Kiltimagh Settlement Plan Objectives	KTO 7	To support and facilitate the development of the three identified opportunity sites in Kiltimagh for residential development, as outlined in Section 12.14.10.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Knock Settlement Plan Policies	KKP 1	To support and promote the development of Knock as a world-renowned religious tourist destination.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Knock Settlement Plan Policies	KKP 2	To support the provision of amenity walkways with dedicated pedestrian and cycle ways, planting and picnic areas in the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Knock Settlement Plan Policies	KKP 3	To promote greater public accessibility to existing tourist attractions in the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Knock Settlement Plan Policies	KKP 4	Support community-led developments, where appropriate, including the implementation of Community Action Plan for Knock (2016-2021) or any amended or superseding Community Futures Plan for the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Knock Settlement Plan Objectives	KKO 1	To facilitate the development of the town’s religious tourism products to the highest international standards, in a manner that respects, builds on, protects and enhances the cultural, built and natural heritage and local amenities of the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Knock Settlement Plan Objectives	KKO 2	To work with existing service providers and relevant interests to	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation

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		promote Knock as one of the key tourist locations within County Mayo, in accordance with the objectives contained in this Plan.	county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Knock Settlement Plan Objectives	KKO 3	To ensure that all new development makes a positive contribution to the built and natural environment of the Plan area, by ensuring that it is absorbed into the surrounding streetscape/landscape, so that it does not impinge in any significant way on the character, integrity or uniformity of the town and does not undermine or interfere with the iconic status of Knock Basilica.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Knock Settlement Plan Objectives	KKO 4	To safeguard and protect the Knock By-Pass from development for non-infrastructure related purposes.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Knock Settlement Plan Objectives	KKO 5	To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map KK2).	network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Knock Settlement Plan Objectives	KKO 6	To support and facilitate the development of the three identified opportunity sites in Knock for residential development, as outlined in Section 12.15.10.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Louisburgh Settlement Plan Policies	LHP 1	Support the promotion of Louisburgh as a key tourist destination in the county and along the Wild Atlantic Way.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Louisburgh Settlement Plan Policies	LHP 2	Support community-led developments, where appropriate, including the implementation of Louisburgh Community Action Plan (2016-2021) or any amended or superseding Community Futures Plan for the town.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Louisburgh Settlement Plan Objectives	LHO 1	To actively work with Irish Water to increase the capacity/upgrade Louisburgh wastewater treatment plant.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Louisburgh Settlement Plan Objectives	LHO 2	Re-establish a village green on Church Street.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Louisburgh Settlement Plan Objectives	LHO 3	Establish a pedestrian link between the town and Carrowmore Beach.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Louisburgh Settlement Plan Objectives	LHO 4	Encourage the development of a Bunowen River walkway and to	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation

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		<p>safeguard the value of the river as an ecological “green corridor”. Riverside walkway provisions should be incorporated into development proposals bounding the river, where appropriate.</p>	<p>county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.</p>	<p>measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>
Louisburgh Settlement Plan Objectives	LHO 5	<p>Protect the water quality and riparian zone of the Bunowen River. Any proposed developments adjacent to or close to watercourses shall be carefully assessed to ensure that there is no adverse impact to the water course, its riparian zone or to any waterbody into which it flows.</p>	<p>Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects</p>	N/A
Louisburgh Settlement Plan Objectives	LHO 6	<p>Support and, where possible, implement measures to create interpretative walking routes in and around the town, linking the town’s special features of built and natural heritage interest.</p>	<p>This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>
Louisburgh Settlement Plan Objectives	LHO 7	<p>To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail</p>	<p>This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of</p>	<p>Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy</p>

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		Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map LH2).	species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Louisburgh Settlement Plan Objectives	LHO 8	To support and facilitate the development of the three identified opportunity sites in Louisburgh for residential development, as outlined in Section 12.16.10.		
Newport Settlement Plan Policies	NTP 1	To have regard to the findings and provisions set out in the Newport Character Study.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Newport Settlement Plan Policies	NTP 2	To support the promotion of Newport as a key tourist destination in the county and along the Wild Atlantic Way, with emphasis on cultural heritage, sailing, angling, fishing and walking/cycling.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Newport Settlement Plan Policies	NTP 3	To promote more frequent bus services to Castlebar/Westport allowing increased connectivity and accessibility for tourists and residents alike.	This objective could lead to increased infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Newport Settlement Plan Policies	NTP 4	To support the favourable conservation status of the	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international	N/A

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		Freshwater Pearl Mussel (<i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i>) population located in Newport River, in accordance with the programme of measures contained in the Newport Sub-basin Management Plan. In this regard, development will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the proposed development will not have an adverse effect on the Freshwater Pearl Mussel population or its habitat, by virtue of their conservation objectives.	nature conservation sites from adverse effects therefore positive impacts are anticipated from the implementation of this objective/policy	
Newport Settlement Plan Objectives	NTO 1	To protect and enhance existing amenity areas/facilities in Newport, particularly the river/estuary, the playground, the tennis courts, the sporting pitches, Grace Kelly Amenity Park and the Great Western Greenway.	This objective could lead to increased infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Newport Settlement Plan Objectives	NTO 2	To support and facilitate pedestrian mobility and safety in the town, by introducing traffic calming measures and pedestrian crossings.	This objective could lead to increased infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Newport Settlement Plan Objectives	NTO 3	To identify an appropriate site within the town for the development of a new community hall.	This objective could lead to increased infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Newport Settlement Plan Objectives	NTO 4	To protect the water quality and riparian zone of the Newport River and all water courses and surface waters within the area, their water quality, ecology and function as ecological corridors. In this regard, development will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the proposed development will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of the Natura 2000 sites including the Clew Bay Complex (Site Code 001482) and Newport River (Site Code 002144) candidate Special Areas of Conservation.	Protection or improvement to water quality will positively impact on Natura 2000 Sites	N/A
Newport Settlement Plan Objectives	NTO 5	To seek to make Tree Preservation Orders for individual and groups of trees in the town, particularly those located at Newport House, Grace	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A

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		Kelly Amenity Park and along the Newport River.		
Newport Settlement Plan Objectives	NTO 6	To support and facilitate the provision of a wastewater treatment plant and associated works for the town.	This objective could lead to increased infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Newport Settlement Plan Objectives	NTO 7	To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other town centre uses with due cognisance to the Sequential Approach prescribed in the Retail Planning Guidelines 2012. (Refer to Map NT2).	This objective could lead to increased infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Newport Settlement Plan Objectives	NTO 8	To support and facilitate the development of the identified opportunity site in Newport for residential development, as outlined in Section 12.17.10.	This objective could lead to increased infrastructure. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Plan Policies	RSVP 1	To promote the development of rural settlements and villages to meet the needs of these established communities and to provide an alternative choice for those seeking to live in a more rural setting, while supporting existing local services and facilities.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Plan Policies	RSVP 2	To support the consolidation of Mayo’s rural settlements and villages, by promoting proposals that contribute to the sustainable and sequential development of serviceable lands.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Plan Policies	RSVP 3	To encourage in-depth residential development in rural settlements and villages, of an appropriate scale, design and density, compatible with the intrinsic character and scale of those settlements/villages.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Plan Policies	RSVP 4	To support, promote and encourage the appropriate development of infilling, brownfield or the use of derelict or under-utilised land or	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan

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		premises, subject to siting, design, protection of residential amenities and normal planning considerations.	network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Plan Policies	RSVP 5	To encourage the re-use of existing vacant buildings for commercial or residential purposes and the development of infill sites to create compact, vibrant rural settlements and villages.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Plan Policies	RSVP 6	To support public realm enhancements in rural settlements and villages, including signage, public lighting (Dark Sky Friendly), public seating, hard and soft landscaping and improvements to the road and footpath network, where appropriate.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Plan Policies	RSVP 7	To support rural settlements and villages in their role as local rural service centres for their population and its rural hinterland.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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			conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Plan Policies	RSVP 8	Support community-led developments in rural settlements/villages, where appropriate, including the implementation of Mayo Community Futures' Community Action Plans.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Plan Policies	RSVP 9	To support the development of a "New Homes in Small Towns and villages" initiative which would augment the delivery of actions by Local Authorities, Irish Water, communities and other stakeholders, in the provision of services and serviced sites to create "build your own home" opportunities, within the existing footprint of rural settlements and villages, in order to provide new homes to meet housing demand.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Plan Policies	RSVP 10	To liaise and work in conjunction with Irish Water in the delivery of an adequate level of water and wastewater services in rural settlements and villages, including pursuing wastewater treatment upgrades, where appropriate,	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		through Irish Water’s Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme.	conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Plan Policies	RSVP 11	Support the creation of cycling infrastructure within the rural villages and settlements, their hinterlands and at areas of interest and attractions.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 1	To ensure that future housing occurs in rural settlements and villages within the settlement/village boundary (based on the sequential approach), where serviced lands are available.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 2	To ensure that all rural settlements and villages develop in a self-sufficient manner, utilising existing physical and social infrastructure, where appropriate.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 3	To promote and facilitate residential development commensurate with the nature and scale of the particular rural village or settlement, utilising brownfield and infill opportunities in order to regenerate and consolidate the rural settlements and villages.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 4	To support the development of appropriate housing in rural settlements and villages, in order to provide a choice for those who wish to live in a rural setting but not in the rural countryside, subject to a limited scope for individual small-scale multi-house developments of up to 12 houses only or 10% of the existing housing stock, unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority that local infrastructure, such as schools, community facilities and water services, are sufficiently developed to cater for a larger residential development.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 5	To facilitate the expansion of and provision of new mixed-use and employment-generating development within rural settlements and villages at an	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy

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		appropriate size and scale, subject to normal planning requirements and the “good neighbour” principle.	habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 6	To seek the improvement, consolidation and expansion of the public lighting and footpath network in rural settlements and village, including a footpath / cycle link, where appropriate and feasible.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 7	To facilitate the expansion of the employment and service base in the village	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 8	To actively support the objectives of the ‘Rebuilding Ireland’ Strategy to address the shortage of housing.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 9	To protect groundwater resources within Source Protection Zones.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A

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Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 10	To improve recreational/community/social facilities in rural settlements and villages, where appropriate and as resources allow.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 11	To facilitate additional community facilities and services within the rural settlement and village envelope, where possible.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 12	To promote and facilitate development that is commensurate with the nature and extent of the existing settlement to support their role as local service centres.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 13	To ensure new developments do not adversely impact on the setting and/or integrity of the built or	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A

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		natural heritage in or adjacent to rural settlements and villages.		
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 14	To facilitate the provision of gateway features and natural edges on the key approaches to rural settlements and villages.	General statement of policy/general aspiration which will not lead to development	N/A
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 15	To facilitate public realm improvements in rural settlements and villages, including signage, public seating, hard and soft landscaping and improvements to the road and footpath network, where appropriate and feasible.	This objective could lead to increased development. Any development within the county could potentially have direct and/or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network through fragmentation or loss of habitats, disturbance or fragmentation of species, or changes in key indicators of conservation value, such as changes in water quality and quantity, and air quality.	Refer to Chapter 9 of this NIR for mitigation measures for any plan or project arising from this objective/ policy
Rural Settlement and Village Settlement Objectives	RSVO 16	To consider proposals for small scale, clustered residential development in rural settlements and villages that are not serviced by a wastewater treatment plant. Subject to complying with the most up-to-date EPA Code of Practice for Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses and/or Small Communities Manuals.	Policies or proposals which steer change in such as way as to protect international nature conservation sites from adverse effects	N/A

B Qualifying Interests

Site Code	Site Name	Qualifying Interests
002268	Achill Head SAC	Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]
		Large shallow inlets and bays [1160]
		Reefs [1170]
000461	Ardkill Turlough SAC	Turloughs [3180]
000463	Balla Turlough SAC	Turloughs [3180]
002081	Ballinafad SAC	Rhinolophus hipposideros (Lesser Horseshoe Bat) [1303]
000474	Ballymaglancy Cave, Cong SAC	Rhinolophus hipposideros (Lesser Horseshoe Bat) [1303]
		Caves not open to the public [8310]
001922	Bellacorick Bog Complex SAC	Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds [3160]
		Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix [4010]
		Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
		Alkaline fens [7230]
		Vertigo geyeri (Geyer's Whorl Snail) [1013]
		Saxifraga hirculus (Marsh Saxifrage) [1528]
000466	Bellacorick Iron Flush SAC	Saxifraga hirculus (Marsh Saxifrage) [1528]
002005	Bellacragher Saltmarsh SAC	Atlantic salt meadows (Glaucopuccinellietalia maritimae) [1330]
		Mediterranean salt meadows (Juncetalia maritimi) [1410]
004177	Bills Rocks SPA	Storm Petrel (Hydrobates pelagicus) [A014]
		Puffin (Fratercula arctica) [A204]

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004037	Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA	Red-throated Diver (<i>Gavia stellata</i>) [A001]
		Great Northern Diver (<i>Gavia immer</i>) [A003]
		Slavonian Grebe (<i>Podiceps auritus</i>) [A007]
		Light-bellied Brent Goose (<i>Branta bernicla hrota</i>) [A046]
		Common Scoter (<i>Melanitta nigra</i>) [A065]
		Red-breasted Merganser (<i>Mergus serrator</i>) [A069]
		Ringed Plover (<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>) [A137]
		Sanderling (<i>Calidris alba</i>) [A144]
		Dunlin (<i>Calidris alpina</i>) [A149]
		Bar-tailed Godwit (<i>Limosa lapponica</i>) [A157]
		Curlew (<i>Numenius arquata</i>) [A160]
		Sandwich Tern (<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>) [A191]
		Dunlin (<i>Calidris alpina schinzii</i>) [A466]
Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]		
000471	Brackloon Woods SAC	Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles [91A0]
000472	Broadhaven Bay SAC	Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]
		Large shallow inlets and bays [1160]
		Reefs [1170]
		Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glaucopuccinellietalia maritima</i>) [1330]
		Submerged or partially submerged sea caves [8330]
000475	Carrowkeel Turlough SAC	Turloughs [3180]

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000476	Carrowmore Lake Complex SAC	Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
		Saxifraga hirculus (Marsh Saxifrage) [1528]
		Hamatocaulis vernicosus (Slender Green Feather-moss) [6216]
004052	Carrowmore Lake SPA	Sandwich Tern (<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>) [A191]
002243	Clare Island Cliffs SAC	Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230]
		Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8210]
		Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8220]
004136	Clare Island SPA	Fulmar (<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>) [A009]
		Shag (<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>) [A018]
		Common Gull (<i>Larus canus</i>) [A182]
		Kittiwake (<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>) [A188]
		Guillemot (<i>Uria aalge</i>) [A199]
		Razorbill (<i>Alca torda</i>) [A200]
		Chough (<i>Pyrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>) [A346]
001482	Clew Bay Complex SAC	Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]
		Coastal lagoons [1150]
		Large shallow inlets and bays [1160]
		Annual vegetation of drift lines [1210]
		Perennial vegetation of stony banks [1220]

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		Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae</i>) [1330]
		Embryonic shifting dunes [2110]
		Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (white dunes) [2120]
		Machairs (* in Ireland) [21A0]
		Old sessile oak woods with <i>Ilex</i> and <i>Blechnum</i> in the British Isles [91A0]
		<i>Vertigo geyeri</i> (Geyer's Whorl Snail) [1013]
		<i>Lutra lutra</i> (Otter) [1355]
		<i>Phoca vitulina</i> (Harbour Seal) [1365]
001899	Cloonakillina Lough SAC	Transition mires and quaking bogs [7140]
000479	Cloughmoyne SAC	Limestone pavements [8240]
000480	Clyard Kettle-Holes SAC	Turloughs [3180]
		Calcareous fens with <i>Cladium mariscus</i> and species of the <i>Caricion davallianae</i> [7210]
000485	Corraun Plateau SAC	Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i> [4010]
		European dry heaths [4030]
		Alpine and Boreal heaths [4060]
		<i>Juniperus communis</i> formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands [5130]
		Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (<i>Androsacetalia alpinae</i> and <i>Galeopsietalia ladani</i>) [8110]
		Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8220]
001955	Croaghun/Slievemore SAC	Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i> [4010]
		European dry heaths [4030]

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		Alpine and Boreal heaths [4060]
		Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (<i>Androsacetalia alpinae</i> and <i>Galeopsietalia ladani</i>) [8110]
		Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8220]
000484	Cross Lough (Killadoon) SAC	Perennial vegetation of stony banks [1220]
004212	Cross Lough (Killadoon) SPA	Sandwich Tern (<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>) [A191]
000492	Doocastle Turlough SAC	Turloughs [3180]
004235	Doogort Machair SPA	Dunlin (<i>Calidris alpina schinzii</i>) [A466]
001497	Doogort Machair/Lough Doo SAC	Machairs (* in Ireland) [21A0]
		<i>Petalophyllum ralfsii</i> (Petalwort) [1395]
000495	Duvillaun Islands SAC	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i> (Common Bottlenose Dolphin) [1349]
		<i>Halichoerus grypus</i> (Grey Seal) [1364]
004111	Duvillaun Islands SPA	Fulmar (<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>) [A009]
		Storm Petrel (<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>) [A014]
		Barnacle Goose (<i>Branta leucopsis</i>) [A045]
001501	Erris Head SAC	Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230]
		Alpine and Boreal heaths [4060]
000497	Flughany Bog SAC	Active raised bogs [7110]
		Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the <i>Rhynchosporion</i> [7150]

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000500	Glenamoy Bog Complex SAC	Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230]
		Machairs (* in Ireland) [21A0]
		Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds [3160]
		Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i> [4010]
		<i>Juniperus communis</i> formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands [5130]
		Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]
		Transition mires and quaking bogs [7140]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the <i>Rhynchosporion</i> [7150]
		<i>Salmo salar</i> (Salmon) [1106]
		<i>Petalophyllum ralfsii</i> (Petalwort) [1395]
		<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i> (Marsh Saxifrage) [1528]
		<i>Hamatocaulis vernicosus</i> (Slender Green Feather-moss) [6216]
000503	Greaghans Turlough SAC	Turloughs [3180]
004074	Illanmaster SPA	Storm Petrel (<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>) [A014]
004084	Inishglora and Inishkeeragh SPA	Storm Petrel (<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>) [A014]
		Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>) [A017]
		Shag (<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>) [A018]
		Barnacle Goose (<i>Branta leucopsis</i>) [A045]
		Lesser Black-backed Gull (<i>Larus fuscus</i>) [A183]
		Herring Gull (<i>Larus argentatus</i>) [A184]

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		Arctic Tern (<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>) [A194]
000507	Inishkea Islands SAC	Machairs (* in Ireland) [21A0]
		Halichoerus grypus (Grey Seal) [1364]
		Petalophyllum ralfsii (Petalwort) [1395]
004004	Inishkea Islands SPA	Shag (<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>) [A018]
		Barnacle Goose (<i>Branta leucopsis</i>) [A045]
		Ringed Plover (<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>) [A137]
		Sanderling (<i>Calidris alba</i>) [A144]
		Purple Sandpiper (<i>Calidris maritima</i>) [A148]
		Turnstone (<i>Arenaria interpres</i>) [A169]
		Common Gull (<i>Larus canus</i>) [A182]
		Herring Gull (<i>Larus argentatus</i>) [A184]
		Arctic Tern (<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>) [A194]
		Little Tern (<i>Sterna albifrons</i>) [A195]
		Dunlin (<i>Calidris alpina schinzii</i>) [A466]
001513	Keel Machair/Menaun Cliffs SAC	Perennial vegetation of stony banks [1220]
		Machairs (* in Ireland) [21A0]
		Alpine and Boreal heaths [4060]
		Petalophyllum ralfsii (Petalwort) [1395]
002320	Kildun Souterrain SAC	Rhinolophus hipposideros (Lesser Horseshoe Bat) [1303]
000504	Kilglassan/Cahevavoostia Turlough Complex SAC	Turloughs [3180]
000458	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC	Estuaries [1130]

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		<p>Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]</p> <p>Annual vegetation of drift lines [1210]</p> <p>Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230]</p> <p>Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]</p> <p>Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae</i>) [1330]</p> <p>Embryonic shifting dunes [2110]</p> <p>Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (white dunes) [2120]</p> <p>Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130]</p> <p>Humid dune slacks [2190]</p> <p><i>Vertigo angustior</i> (Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail) [1014]</p> <p><i>Petromyzon marinus</i> (Sea Lamprey) [1095]</p> <p><i>Phoca vitulina</i> (Harbour Seal) [1365]</p>
004036	Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA	<p>Ringed Plover (<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>) [A137]</p> <p>Golden Plover (<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>) [A140]</p> <p>Grey Plover (<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>) [A141]</p> <p>Sanderling (<i>Calidris alba</i>) [A144]</p> <p>Dunlin (<i>Calidris alpina</i>) [A149]</p> <p>Bar-tailed Godwit (<i>Limosa lapponica</i>) [A157]</p> <p>Curlew (<i>Numenius arquata</i>) [A160]</p>

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		Redshank (<i>Tringa totanus</i>) [A162]
		Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]
000516	Lackan Saltmarsh and Kilcummin Head SAC	Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]
		Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glaucopuccinellietalia maritima</i>) [1330]
		Mediterranean salt meadows (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) [1410]
		Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (white dunes) [2120]
		Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130]
001529	Lough Cahasy, Lough Baun And Roonah Lough SAC	Coastal lagoons [1150]
		Perennial vegetation of stony banks [1220]
		Embryonic shifting dunes [2110]
		Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (white dunes) [2120]
		Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130]
		Machairs (* in Ireland) [21A0]
004051	Lough Carra SPA	Common Gull (<i>Larus canus</i>) [A182]
001774	Lough Carra/Mask Complex SAC	Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (<i>Littorelletalia uniflorae</i>) [3110]
		Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the <i>Littorelletea uniflorae</i> and/or <i>Isoeto-Nanojuncetea</i> [3130]

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		<p>Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of Chara spp. [3140]</p> <p>European dry heaths [4030]</p> <p>Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important orchid sites) [6210]</p> <p>Calcareous fens with Cladium mariscus and species of the Caricion davallianae [7210]</p> <p>Alkaline fens [7230]</p> <p>Limestone pavements [8240]</p> <p>Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae) [91E0]</p> <p>Rhinolophus hipposideros (Lesser Horseshoe Bat) [1303]</p> <p>Lutra lutra (Otter) [1355]</p> <p>Hamatocaulis vernicosus (Slender Green Feather-moss) [6216]</p>
004228	Lough Conn and Lough Cullin SPA	<p>Tufted Duck (Aythya fuligula) [A061]</p> <p>Common Scoter (Melanitta nigra) [A065]</p> <p>Common Gull (Larus canus) [A182]</p> <p>Greenland White-fronted Goose (Anser albifrons flavirostris) [A395]</p> <p>Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]</p>
000297	Lough Corrib SAC	<p>Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae) [3110]</p>

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		Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or Isoeto-Nanojuncetea [3130]
		Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of Chara spp. [3140]
		Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitriche-Batrachion vegetation [3260]
		Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important orchid sites) [6210]
		Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) [6410]
		Active raised bogs [7110]
		Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
		Calcareous fens with Cladium mariscus and species of the Caricion davallianae [7210]
		Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion) [7220]
		Alkaline fens [7230]
		Limestone pavements [8240]
		Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles [91A0]
		Bog woodland [91D0]

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		<p>Margaritifera margaritifera (Freshwater Pearl Mussel) [1029]</p> <p>Austropotamobius pallipes (White-clawed Crayfish) [1092]</p> <p>Petromyzon marinus (Sea Lamprey) [1095]</p> <p>Lampetra planeri (Brook Lamprey) [1096]</p> <p>Salmo salar (Salmon) [1106]</p> <p>Rhinolophus hipposideros (Lesser Horseshoe Bat) [1303]</p> <p>Lutra lutra (Otter) [1355]</p> <p>Najas flexilis (Slender Naiad) [1833]</p> <p>Hamatocaulis vernicosus (Slender Green Feather-moss) [6216]</p>
004042	Lough Corrib SPA	<p>Gadwall (Anas strepera) [A051]</p> <p>Shoveler (Anas clypeata) [A056]</p> <p>Pochard (Aythya ferina) [A059]</p> <p>Tufted Duck (Aythya fuligula) [A061]</p> <p>Common Scoter (Melanitta nigra) [A065]</p> <p>Hen Harrier (Circus cyaneus) [A082]</p> <p>Coot (Fulica atra) [A125]</p> <p>Golden Plover (Pluvialis apricaria) [A140]</p> <p>Black-headed Gull (Chroicocephalus ridibundus) [A179]</p> <p>Common Gull (Larus canus) [A182]</p> <p>Common Tern (Sterna hirundo) [A193]</p> <p>Arctic Tern (Sterna paradisaea) [A194]</p>

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		Greenland White-fronted Goose (<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>) [A395]
		Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]
002177	Lough Dahybaun SAC	<i>Najas flexilis</i> (Slender Naiad) [1833]
000522	Lough Gall Bog SAC	Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the <i>Rhynchosporion</i> [7150]
000633	Lough Hoe Bog SAC	Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (<i>Littorelletalia uniflorae</i>) [3110]
		Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]
		<i>Vertigo geyeri</i> (Geyer's Whorl Snail) [1013]
		<i>Austropotamobius pallipes</i> (White-clawed Crayfish) [1092]
004062	Lough Mask SPA	Tufted Duck (<i>Aythya fuligula</i>) [A061]
		Black-headed Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>) [A179]
		Common Gull (<i>Larus canus</i>) [A182]
		Lesser Black-backed Gull (<i>Larus fuscus</i>) [A183]
		Common Tern (<i>Sterna hirundo</i>) [A193]
		Greenland White-fronted Goose (<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>) [A395]
		Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]
001536	Macorha Lough SAC	Calcareous fens with <i>Cladium mariscus</i> and species of the <i>Caricion davallianae</i> [7210]

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000527	Moore Hall (Lough Carra) SAC	Rhinolophus hipposideros (Lesser Horseshoe Bat) [1303]
004227	Mullet Peninsula SPA	Corncrake (Crex crex) [A122]
000470	Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC	Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]
		Large shallow inlets and bays [1160]
		Reefs [1170]
		Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]
		Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammophila arenaria (white dunes) [2120]
		Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130]
		Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (Calluno-Ulicetea) [2150]
		Machairs (* in Ireland) [21A0]
		Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition - type vegetation [3150]
		Alkaline fens [7230]
		Lutra lutra (Otter) [1355]
Petalophyllum ralfsii (Petalwort) [1395]		
001932	Mweelrea/Sheeffry/Erriff Complex SAC	Coastal lagoons [1150]
		Annual vegetation of drift lines [1210]
		Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae) [1330]
		Mediterranean salt meadows (Juncetalia maritimi) [1410]
		Embryonic shifting dunes [2110]

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		Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (white dunes) [2120]
		Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (Calluno-Ulicetea) [2150]
		Dunes with <i>Salix repens</i> ssp. <i>argentea</i> (<i>Salicion arenariae</i>) [2170]
		Machairs (* in Ireland) [21A0]
		Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (<i>Littorelletalia uniflorae</i>) [3110]
		Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the <i>Littorelletea uniflorae</i> and/or <i>Isoeto-Nanojuncetea</i> [3130]
		Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds [3160]
		Water courses of plain to montane levels with the <i>Ranunculion fluitantis</i> and <i>Callitricho-Batrachion</i> vegetation [3260]
		Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i> [4010]
		European dry heaths [4030]
		Alpine and Boreal heaths [4060]
		Juniperus communis formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands [5130]
		Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels [6430]
		Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]
		Transition mires and quaking bogs [7140]

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		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
		Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion) [7220]
		Alkaline fens [7230]
		Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (Androsacetalia alpinae and Galeopsietalia ladani) [8110]
		Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8210]
		Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8220]
		Vertigo geyeri (Geyer's Whorl Snail) [1013]
		Vertigo angustior (Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail) [1014]
		Margaritifera margaritifera (Freshwater Pearl Mussel) [1029]
		Salmo salar (Salmon) [1106]
		Lutra lutra (Otter) [1355]
		Petalophyllum ralfsii (Petalwort) [1395]
		Najas flexilis (Slender Naiad) [1833]
002144	Newport River SAC	Margaritifera margaritifera (Freshwater Pearl Mussel) [1029]
		Salmo salar (Salmon) [1106]
000532	Oldhead Wood SAC	European dry heaths [4030]
		Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles [91A0]
000534	Owenduff/Nephin Complex SAC	Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae) [3110]

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		Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds [3160]
		Water courses of plain to montane levels with the <i>Ranunculus fluitantis</i> and <i>Callitriche-Batrachion</i> vegetation [3260]
		Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i> [4010]
		Alpine and Boreal heaths [4060]
		<i>Juniperus communis</i> formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands [5130]
		Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]
		Transition mires and quaking bogs [7140]
		<i>Salmo salar</i> (Salmon) [1106]
		<i>Lutra lutra</i> (Otter) [1355]
		<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i> (Marsh Saxifrage) [1528]
		<i>Hamatocaulis vernicosus</i> (Slender Green Feather-moss) [6216]
004098	Owenduff/Nephin Complex SPA	Merlin (<i>Falco columbarius</i>) [A098]
		Golden Plover (<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>) [A140]
002006	Ox Mountains Bogs SAC	Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (<i>Littorelletalia uniflorae</i>) [3110]
		Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds [3160]
		Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i> [4010]
		European dry heaths [4030]
		Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]
		Transition mires and quaking bogs [7140]

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		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
		Vertigo geyeri (Geyer's Whorl Snail) [1013]
		Saxifraga hirculus (Marsh Saxifrage) [1528]
002298	River Moy SAC	Active raised bogs [7110]
		Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
		Alkaline fens [7230]
		Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles [91A0]
		Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae) [91E0]
		Austropotamobius pallipes (White-clawed Crayfish) [1092]
		Petromyzon marinus (Sea Lamprey) [1095]
		Lampetra planeri (Brook Lamprey) [1096]
		Salmo salar (Salmon) [1106]
		Lutra lutra (Otter) [1355]
000525	Shrulle Turlough SAC	Turloughs [3180]
000541	Skealaghan Turlough SAC	Turloughs [3180]
000542	Slieve Fyagh Bog SAC	Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]
004072	Stags of Broad Haven SPA	Storm Petrel (Hydrobates pelagicus) [A014]
		Leach's Storm-petrel (Oceanodroma leucorhoa) [A015]
004093	Termoncarragh Lake and Annagh Machair SPA	Whooper Swan (Cygnus cygnus) [A038]

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		Barnacle Goose (<i>Branta leucopsis</i>) [A045]
		Corncrake (<i>Crex crex</i>) [A122]
		Lapwing (<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>) [A142]
		Chough (<i>Pyrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>) [A346]
		Greenland White-fronted Goose (<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>) [A395]
		Dunlin (<i>Calidris alpina schinzii</i>) [A466]
		Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]
002179	Towerhill House SAC	Rhinolophus hipposideros (Lesser Horseshoe Bat) [1303]
001571	Urlaur Lakes SAC	Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of <i>Chara</i> spp. [3140]
002998	West Connacht Coast SAC	Tursiops truncatus (Common Bottlenose Dolphin) [1349]
000614	Cloonshanville Bog SAC	Active raised bogs [7110]
		Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
		Bog woodland [91D0]
002034	Connemara Bog Complex SAC	Coastal lagoons [1150]
		Reefs [1170]
		Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (<i>Littorelletalia uniflorae</i>) [3110]
		Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the <i>Littorelletea uniflorae</i> and/or <i>Isoeto-Nanojuncetea</i> [3130]
		Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds [3160]

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		<p>Water courses of plain to montane levels with the <i>Ranunculion fluitantis</i> and <i>Callitriche-Batrachion</i> vegetation [3260]</p> <p>Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i> [4010]</p> <p>European dry heaths [4030]</p> <p><i>Molinia</i> meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (<i>Molinion caeruleae</i>) [6410]</p> <p>Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]</p> <p>Transition mires and quaking bogs [7140]</p> <p>Depressions on peat substrates of the <i>Rhynchosporion</i> [7150]</p> <p>Alkaline fens [7230]</p> <p>Old sessile oak woods with <i>Ilex</i> and <i>Blechnum</i> in the British Isles [91A0]</p> <p><i>Euphydryas aurinia</i> (Marsh Fritillary) [1065]</p> <p><i>Salmo salar</i> (Salmon) [1106]</p> <p><i>Lutra lutra</i> (Otter) [1355]</p> <p><i>Najas flexilis</i> (Slender Naiad) [1833]</p>
004181	Connemara Bog Complex SPA	<p>Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>) [A017]</p> <p>Merlin (<i>Falco columbarius</i>) [A098]</p> <p>Golden Plover (<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>) [A140]</p> <p>Common Gull (<i>Larus canus</i>) [A182]</p>
000296	Lisnageeragh Bog and Ballinastack Turlough SAC	<p>Turloughs [3180]</p> <p>Active raised bogs [7110]</p> <p>Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]</p>

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		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
000285	Kilsallagh Bog SAC	Active raised bogs [7110]
		Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
001669	Knockalongy and Knockachree Cliffs SAC	Trichomanes speciosum (Killarney Fern) [1421]
001898	Unshin River SAC	Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitriche-Batrachion vegetation [3260]
		Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important orchid sites) [6210]
		Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) [6410]
		Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae) [91E0]
		Salmo salar (Salmon) [1106]
		Lutra lutra (Otter) [1355]
000592	Bellanagare Bog SAC	Active raised bogs [7110]
		Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
004144	High Island, Inishshark and Davillaun SPA	Fulmar (Fulmarus glacialis) [A009]

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		Barnacle Goose (<i>Branta leucopsis</i>) [A045]
		Arctic Tern (<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>) [A194]
004105	Bellanagare Bog SPA	Greenland White-fronted Goose (<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>) [A395]
001656	Bricklieve Mountains and Keishcorran SAC	Turloughs [3180]
		Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (<i>Festuco-Brometalia</i>) (* important orchid sites) [6210]
		Lowland hay meadows (<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i> , <i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>) [6510]
		Calcareous and calcshist screes of the montane to alpine levels (<i>Thlaspietea rotundifolii</i>) [8120]
		<i>Euphydryas aurinia</i> (Marsh Fritillary) [1065]
		<i>Austropotamobius pallipes</i> (White-clawed Crayfish) [1092]
004221	Illaunnanoon SPA	Sandwich Tern (<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>) [A191]
002110	Corliskea/Trien/Cloonfelliv Bog SAC	Active raised bogs [7110]
		Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the <i>Rhynchosporion</i> [7150]
		Bog woodland [91D0]
002130	Tully Lough SAC	Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the <i>Littorelletea uniflorae</i> and/or <i>Isoeto-Nanojuncetea</i> [3130]
		<i>Najas flexilis</i> (Slender Naiad) [1833]

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001311	Rusheenduff Lough SAC	Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or Isoeto-Nanojuncetea [3130]
		Najas flexilis (Slender Naiad) [1833]
000255	Croaghill Turlough SAC	Turloughs [3180]
000278	Inishbofin And Inishshark SAC	Coastal lagoons [1150]
		Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae) [3110]
		Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix [4010]
		European dry heaths [4030]
		Halichoerus grypus (Grey Seal) [1364]
002296	Williamstown Turloughs SAC	Turloughs [3180]
000595	Callow Bog SAC	Active raised bogs [7110]
		Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
000218	Coolcam Turlough SAC	Turloughs [3180]
004048	Lough Gara SPA	Whooper Swan (Cygnus cygnus) [A038]
		Greenland White-fronted Goose (Anser albifrons flavirostris) [A395]
002354	Tullaghanrock Bog SAC	Active raised bogs [7110]
		Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
000600	Cloonchambers Bog SAC	Active raised bogs [7110]
		Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]

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		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
000636	Templehouse And Cloonacleigha Loughs SAC	Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of Chara spp. [3140]
		Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitriche-Batrachion vegetation [3260]
002338	Drumalough Bog SAC	Active raised bogs [7110]
		Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
000637	Turloughmore (Sligo) SAC	Turloughs [3180]
000634	Lough Nabrickkeagh Bog SAC	Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]
000597	Carrowbehy/Caher Bog SAC	Active raised bogs [7110]
		Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
002031	The Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex SAC	Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae) [3110]
		Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or Isoeto-Nanojuncetea [3130]
		Alpine and Boreal heaths [4060]
		Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]

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		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
		Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (<i>Androsacetalia alpinae</i> and <i>Galeopsietalia ladani</i>) [8110]
		Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8210]
		Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8220]
		Old sessile oak woods with <i>Ilex</i> and <i>Blechnum</i> in the British Isles [91A0]
		<i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i> (Freshwater Pearl Mussel) [1029]
		<i>Salmo salar</i> (Salmon) [1106]
		<i>Lutra lutra</i> (Otter) [1355]
		<i>Najas flexilis</i> (Slender Naiad) [1833]
000607	Errit Lough SAC	Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of <i>Chara</i> spp. [3140]
002008	Maumturk Mountains SAC	Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (<i>Littorelletalia uniflorae</i>) [3110]
		Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i> [4010]
		Alpine and Boreal heaths [4060]
		Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]
		Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8220]

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		Salmo salar (Salmon) [1106]
		Najas flexilis (Slender Naiad) [1833]
000604	Derrinea Bog SAC	Active raised bogs [7110]
		Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120]
		Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]

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C Conservation Objectives

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D Cumulative and In-combination Impacts

Plans and Policies	Level	Description	Potential cumulative and/or in-combination impacts	Mitigation measures required
Water Quality				
River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021	National	Sets out the actions that Ireland will take to improve water quality and achieve 'good' ecological status in water bodies (rivers, lakes, estuaries and coastal waters) by 2021. Ireland is required to produce a river basin management plan under the Water Framework Directive (WFD). Water quality in Ireland has deteriorated over the past two decades. The Plan provides a more coordinated framework for improving the quality of our waters — to protect public health, the environment, water amenities and to sustain water-intensive industries, including agri-food and tourism, particularly in rural Ireland	Yes - positive	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Water Services Strategic Plan 2015-2040 (Irish Water)	National	Sets out strategic objectives for the delivery of water services up to 2040. It details current and future challenges which affect the provision of water services and identifies the priorities to be tackled in the short and medium term	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Local Authorities Water Programme	Local	The LAWP is a shared service working with Local Authorities and State agencies to meet obligations under the EU Water Framework Directive for the development and implementation of River Basin Management Plans in Ireland	Yes - positive	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Moy Water Management Unit Action Plan	Regional	Maps the river and lake water bodies of the Moy Water Management Unit, states the status, impacts, pressures and risk for these water bodies and defines action programmes and objectives	Yes - positive	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this

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Plan for Forests & Freshwater Pearl Mussel in Ireland (DRAFT)	National	Aims to eliminate, reduce or mitigate diffuse and point sources of sediment and nutrients and the disruption of the natural hydrological regime, arising from forests and regulated forestry activities, to ensure that these do not threaten the achievement of the conservation objectives for Freshwater Pearl Mussel set for each of the SACs involved	Yes - positive & negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
The Pearl Mussel Project	National	A pilot agri-environment programme that seeks to improve the quality of watercourses to benefit the endangered Freshwater Pearl Mussel. Farmers will be rewarded for their environmental services whilst having the freedom and flexibility to farm. This will in turn improve the outcomes and long-term sustainability of agri-environment schemes for biodiversity, and for rural communities. The Programme is being run by the Pearl Mussel Project Team, based in counties Kerry and Mayo	Yes - positive & negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Shellfish Water Action Programmes / Pollution Reduction Programmes for shellfish	Regional	Under the EU Shellfish Waters Directive Ireland is obliged to establish measures to protect shellfish waters against pollution and to safeguard certain shellfish populations from various harmful consequences, resulting from the discharge of pollutant substances into the sea	Yes - positive	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Irish National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides	National	The EU Sustainable Use Directive requires each Member State to develop a National Action Plan for the sustainable use of pesticides, which shall be reviewed at least every 5 years. The Plan sets out a national strategy to achieve a sustainable use of pesticides and aims to achieve a balance between ensuring human and environmental safety while maintaining continued viability of the farming and amenity sectors	No	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
County Groundwater Protection Schemes	Regional	Provides guidelines for the planning and licensing authorities in carrying out their functions, and a framework to assist in decision-making on the location, nature and control of developments and activities in order to protect groundwater	Yes - positive & negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this

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Ireland's Nitrates Action Programme	National	Designed to prevent pollution of surface waters and groundwater from agricultural sources and to protect and improve water quality. Under the national NAP, each Member State's NAP must include 1) a limit on the amount of livestock manure applied to the land each year, 2) set periods when land spreading is prohibited due to risk, and 3) set capacity levels for the storage of livestock manure	Yes - positive	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Environmental River Enhancement Programme (EREP)	National	The Environmental River Enhancement Programme (EREP) is an OPW funded project that is being co-ordinated and managed by Inland Fisheries Ireland. The programme focuses on the enhancement of drained Salmonid rivers in Ireland	Yes - positive	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Invasive Species				
Invasive Species Action Plans	Local	The National Biodiversity Action Plan requires Ireland to prepare strategies, in consultation with Northern Ireland, to control introduced species and to prevent, or minimise, future (accidental or deliberate) introduction of alien species, which might threaten biodiversity	Yes - positive	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Climate change				
Climate Action Plan Ireland	National	Sets out an ambitious course of action over the coming years to address this issue. The Plan identifies the nature and scale of the challenge, outlines the current state of play across key sectors including Electricity, Transport, Built Environment, Industry and Agriculture and charts a course towards ambitious decarbonisation targets. Reflecting the central priority climate change will have in Ireland's political and administrative systems into the future, the Plan sets out governance arrangements including carbon-proofing policies, establishment of carbon budgets, a strengthened Climate Change Advisory Council and greater accountability to the Oireachtas	No	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this

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Green, Low-Carbon Agri-Environment Scheme (GLAS)	National	The GLAS Scheme is part of the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020. It provides funding to farmers in return for delivering environmental management on their land. Farmers must commit to the scheme for a minimum period of 5 years	Yes - positive	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Renewable Energy Strategy 2011-2022	Regional	Sets out a path to allow County Mayo to contribute to meeting the national legally-binding targets and sets out opportunities for individuals, communities and businesses to harness renewable energy in a sustainable manner and to assist in combating climate change. The Strategy also clarifies the approach Mayo County Council takes to renewable energy, and should assist direction and reduce uncertainty for the most regarding issues associated with renewable energy developments in Mayo. All major forms of renewable energy are considered in the Strategy, including micro renewables	Yes - positive & negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Economics / Agri-food and fisheries				
Food Wise 2025	National	Sets out a ten year plan for the agri-food sector. It underlines the sector's unique and special position within the Irish economy, and it illustrates the potential which exists for this sector to grow even further. The Food Wise report was published in July 2015, with the Food Wise Implementation Plan and the final Environmental Analysis on the strategy published in December 2015	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Biodiversity				
National Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-2021	National	Captures the objectives, targets and actions for biodiversity that will be undertaken by a wide range of government, civil society and private sectors to achieve Ireland's Vision for Biodiversity. It provides a framework to track and assess progress towards Ireland's Vision for Biodiversity over a five-year timeframe from 2017 to 2021	Yes - positive	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this

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County Mayo Biodiversity Action Plan 2010-2015	Regional	The CMBAP aims to raise awareness of and promote the conservation of the natural heritage and biodiversity of the County. The Plan provides a framework for the conservation of biodiversity at a local level and helps ensure that national & international targets for biodiversity conservation can be achieved. A new strategy for the protection, conservation and promotion of Mayo's biodiversity is currently in preparation. This strategy will form part of the new County Mayo Heritage Plan 2020 – 2025 currently being developed and mirrors the National Biodiversity Action Plan	Yes - positive	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
National Peatlands Strategy	National	Guides the Government's approach to peatlands management and conservation in the future, taking into account current and potential uses of this key resource	Yes - positive & negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
All-Ireland Pollinator Plan	Local	The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan (AIPP) is a strategy that works to support the decline of pollinators including Ireland's 98 bee species, one-third of which are threatened with extinction. Mayo County Council signed up as a partner to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan in May 2019 and works to support the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan through working with communities and local authority staff and hosting workshops and talks on the Plan	Yes - positive	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Tourism				
Destination Mayo - a strategy for the future development of tourism in County Mayo 2015-2020 (DRAFT)	Regional	Seeks to build on the work of a previous study of tourism in Mayo called A Tourism Plan for Mayo. Some of the outcomes of this 1991 Plan included Mayo 5000, Mayo Naturally, designation of Ballycroy National Park and facilitated the development of a number of visitor attractions throughout the County, including Céide Fields, Mayo Naturally, National Museum of Ireland - Country Life and the Lough Lannagh Holiday Village. The vision for Mayo's tourism industry in 2020 is to be a high quality, inclusive and authentic destination. Key to the successful delivery of this vision are the availability of a skilled and enthusiastic workforce and good access to the County by road, rail and air	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this

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Strategic planning				
Project Ireland 2040	National	The government's long-term overarching strategy to make Ireland a better country for all of its people. Alongside the development of physical infrastructure, Project Ireland 2040 supports business and communities across all of Ireland in realising their potential. The National Development Plan and the National Planning Framework combine to form Project Ireland 2040	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
National Development Plan 2018-2027	National	Sets out the investment priorities that will underpin the successful implementation of the new National Planning Framework (NPF). This will guide national, regional and local planning and investment decisions in Ireland over the next two decades to cater for an expected population increase of over 1 million people	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
National Planning Framework	National	Sets the vision and strategy for the development of Ireland to 2040. It is a framework to guide public and private investment, to create and promote opportunities for people, and to protect and enhance the environment	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
The National Spatial Strategy 2002-2020	National	A coherent national planning framework for Ireland, which aims to achieve a better balance of social, economic and physical development across Ireland, supported by more effective planning. In order to drive development in the regions, the NSS proposes that areas of sufficient scale and critical mass will be built up through a network of gateways and hubs	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this

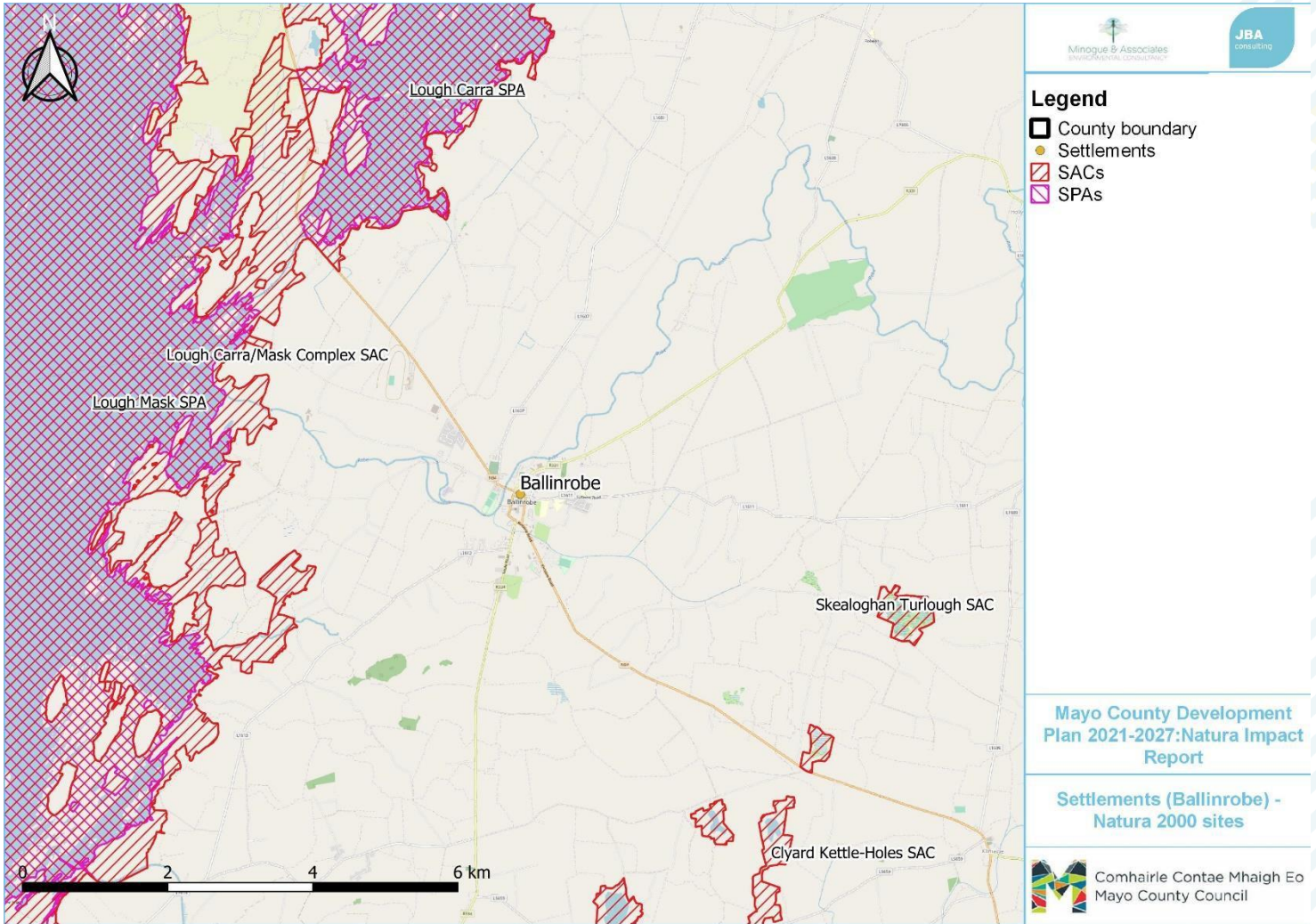
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Our Sustainable Future - Framework for Sustainable Development in Ireland	National	Identifies some 70 measures to be implemented across government and tasks a high-level inter-departmental group with ensuring that the vision set out in the policy document is translated into clear and effective action	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
National Rural Development Programme 2014-2020	National	Part of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), a common set of objectives, principles and rules through which the European Union coordinates support for European agriculture. The CAP is structured around two complementary pillars: Pillar 1 deals with direct payments to farmers and market management measures; Pillar 2 covers multi-annual rural development measures which include those that have beneficial impacts on the environment and climate change	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023	Regional	Sets out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of County Sligo, in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021	Regional	Sets out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of County Galway	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this

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Roscommon County Development Plan 2014-2020	Regional	Sets out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of County Roscommon. A new CDP for 2021-2027 is in preparation	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Mayo local economic and community plan 2015-2021	Regional	A Framework that identifies economic and local community issues in County Mayo and gives effect to the delivery of economic and community development in a manner that is consistent with higher level plans and strategies including the Regional Planning Guidelines for the West Region 2010-2022 and the The Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Forthcoming Castlebar, Ballina and Westport Local Area Plans	Local	Mayo County Council intends to prepare a Local Area Plans for the towns in the County which have a population exceeding 5000, these towns are Castlebar, Ballina & Westport. Castlebar and Ballina have been designated as Key Towns in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES), published by the Northern and Western Regional Assembly on 23 January 2020, whilst Westport was also identified as a regional driver. The formal preparation of the Local Area Plans for Castlebar, Ballina and Westport will commence after the Draft Mayo County Development Plan 2021-2027 has been published	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Northwest BAU (Business Area Unit) Strategic Plan 2016-2020	Regional	Sets out plans for the forest and non-forest business that will take place in the BAU during the plan period. In practicing sustainable forest management Coillte's aim is to develop its forests in a way that is environmentally sustainable, socially sustainable and economically sustainable	Yes - negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this

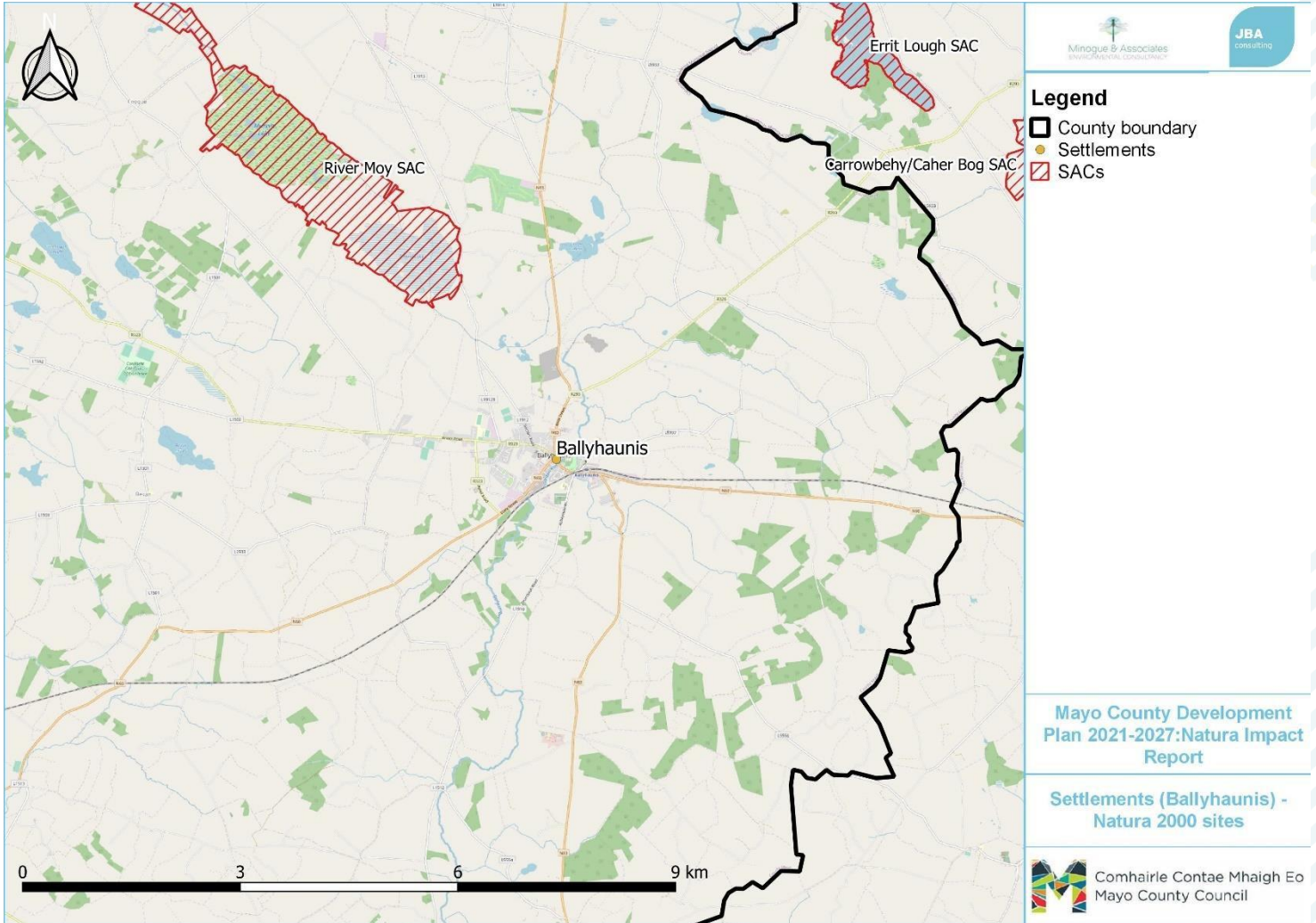
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Sustainable Development Goals National Implementation Plan 2018 - 2020	National	The Sustainable Development Goals National Implementation Plan 2018 - 2020 is in direct response to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and provides a whole-of-government approach to implement the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Plan identifies four strategic priorities to guide implementation: 1) Awareness: raise public awareness of the SDGs; 2) Participation: provide stakeholders opportunities to engage and contribute to follow-up and review processes, and further develop national implementation of the Goals; 3) Support: encourage and support efforts of communities and organisations to contribute towards meeting the SDGs, and foster public participation; and 4) Policy alignment: develop alignment of national policy with the SDGs and identify opportunities for policy coherence	No	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this
Ireland Forestry Programme 2014-2020	National	Aims to develop a competitive and sustainable forest sector through the implementation of measures, in particular afforestation, woodland creation and the prevention and restoration of damage to forests	Yes - positive & negative	Project level assessments will be required to determine any potential mitigation measures, as these will be dependent on the relevant project and any potential impacts that may arise as a result of this

E Maps of Natura 2000 sites within close vicinity of each settlement

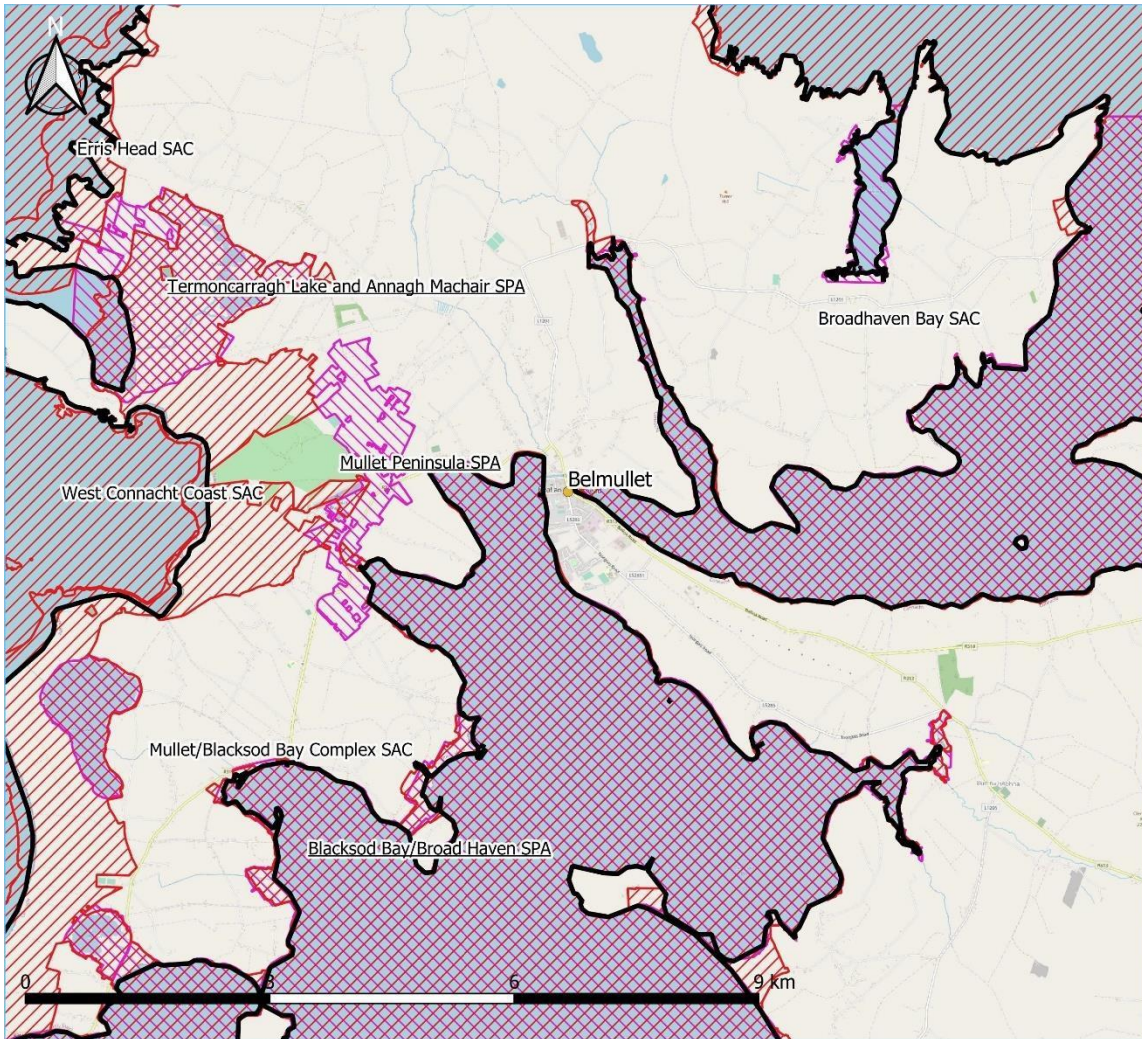
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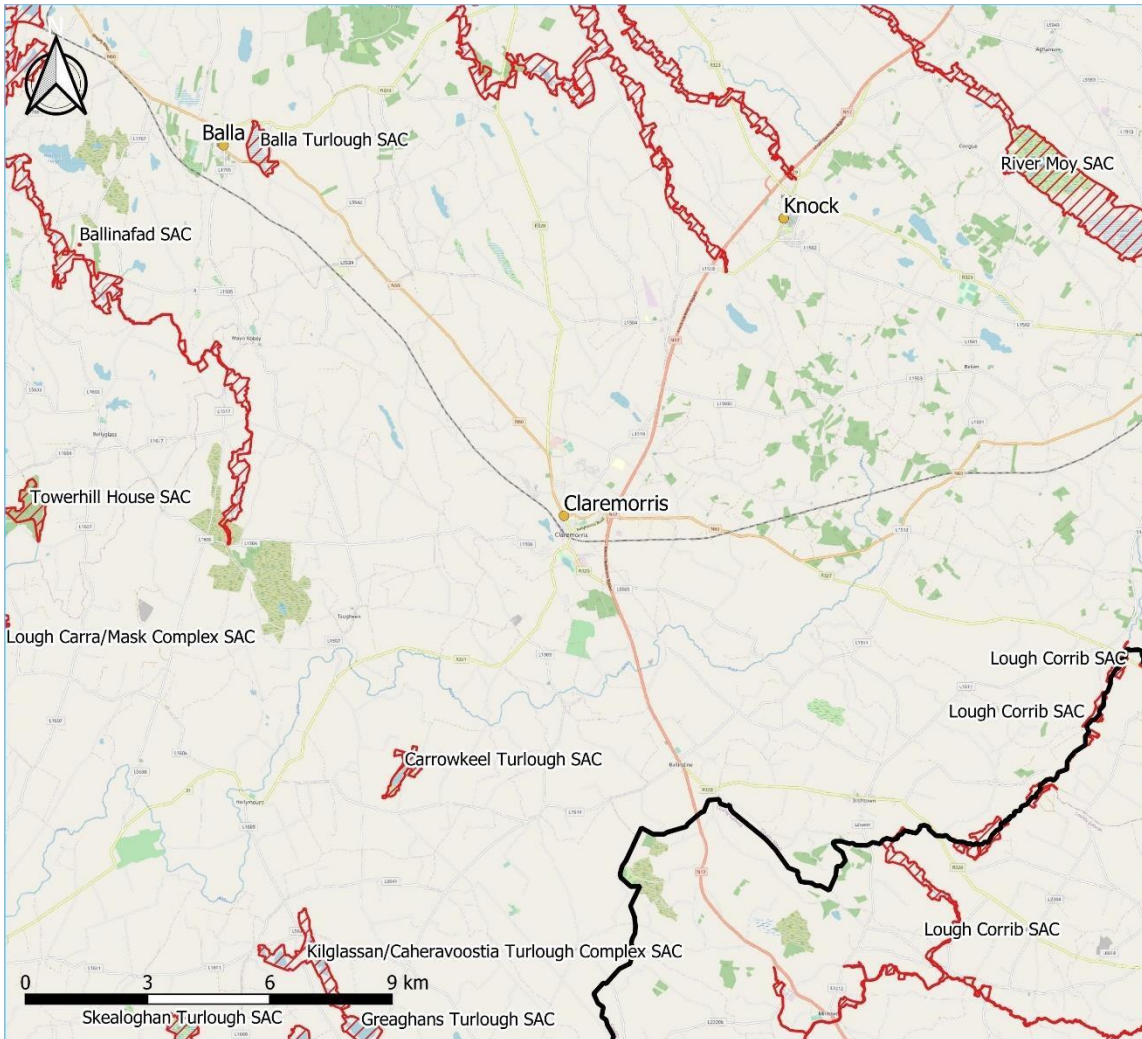
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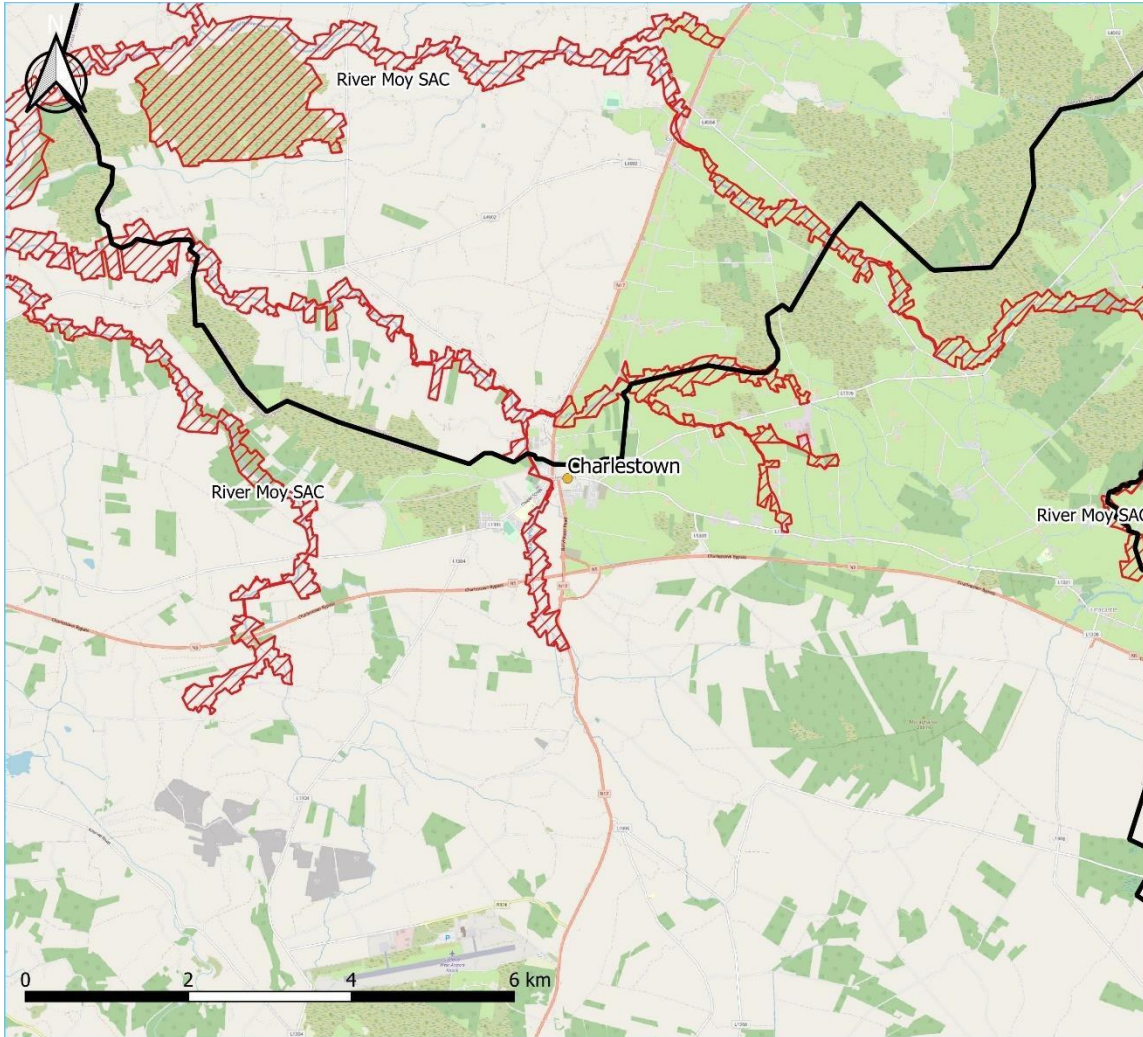
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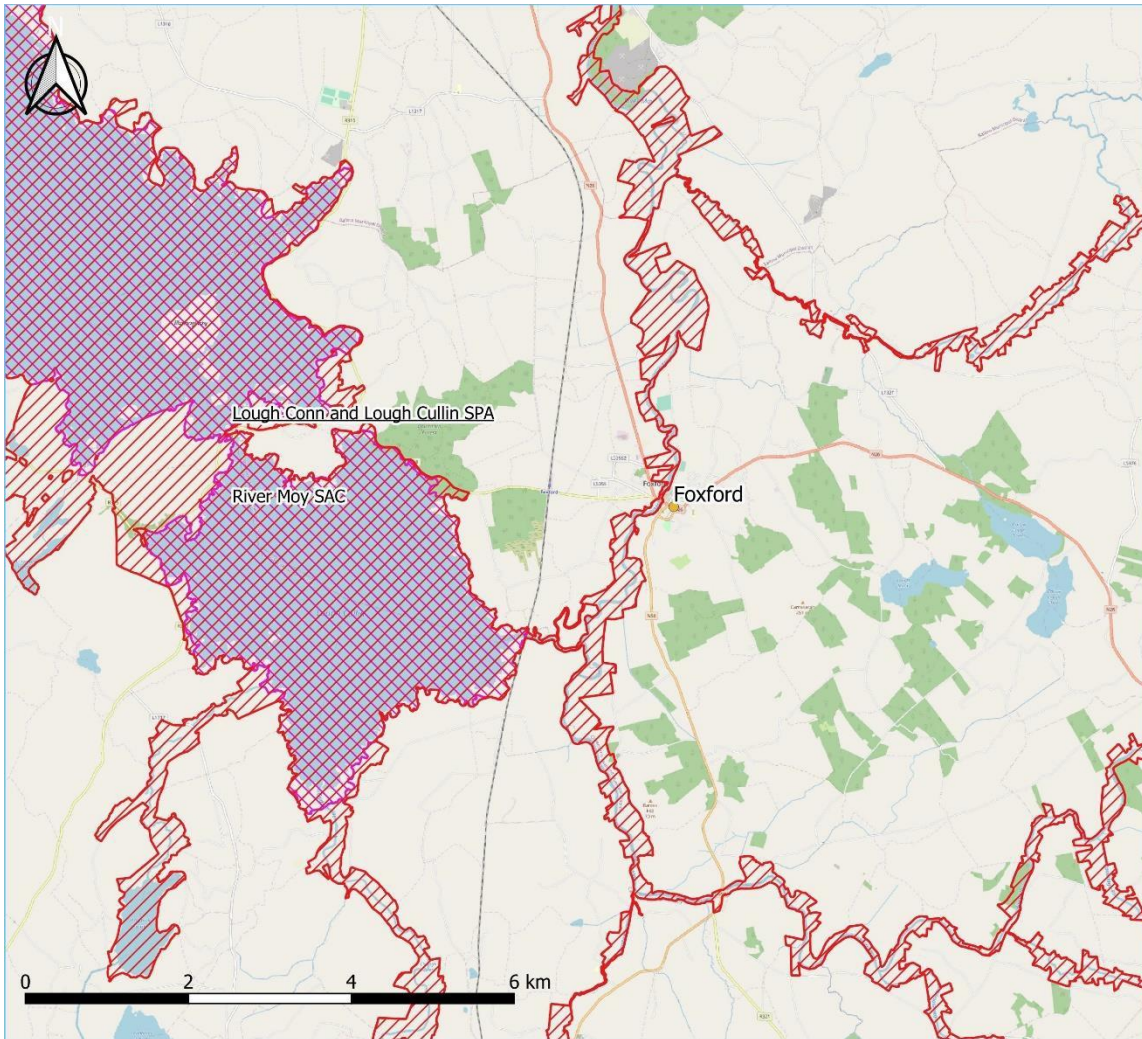
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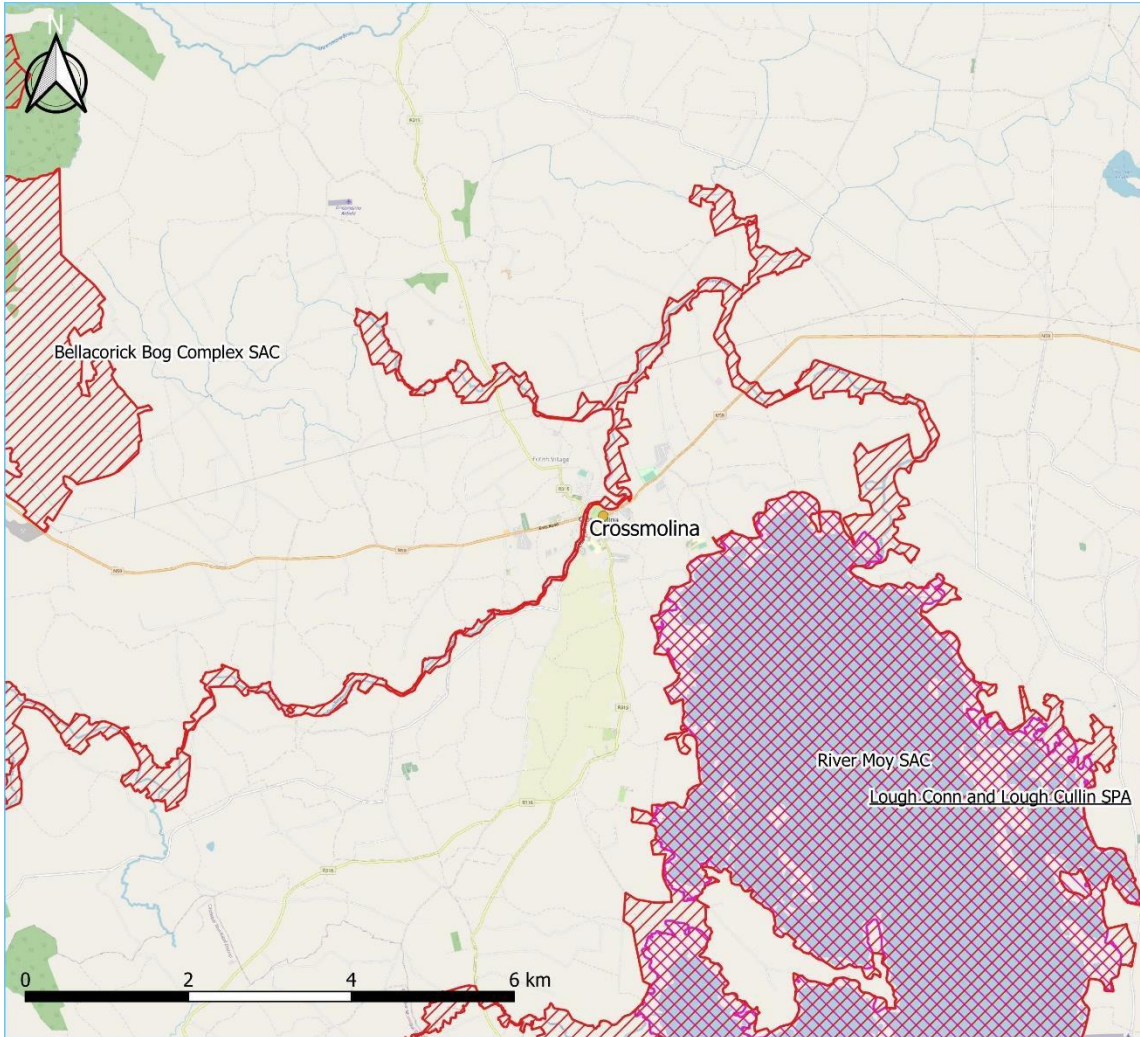
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E.7 Crossmolina



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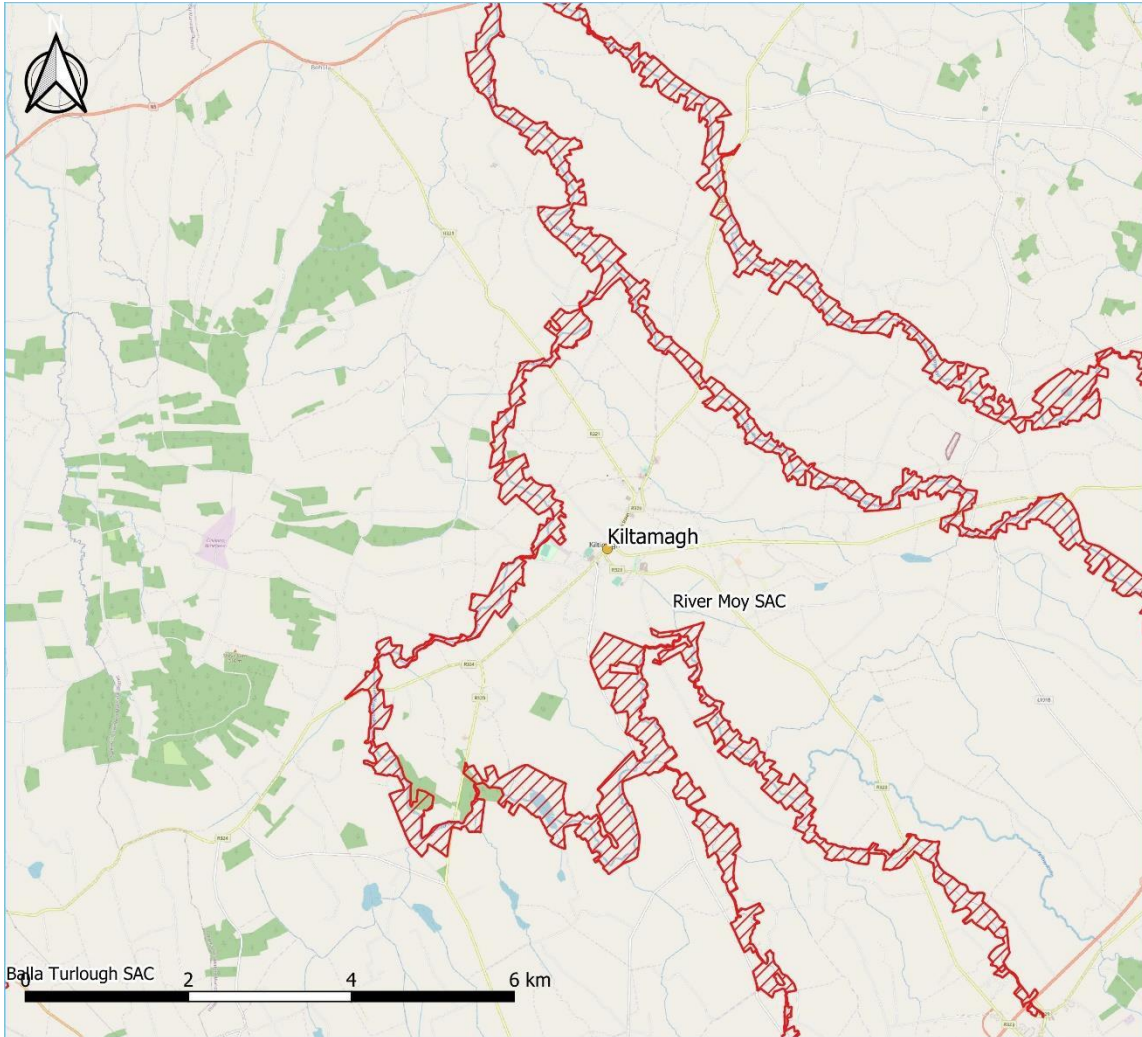
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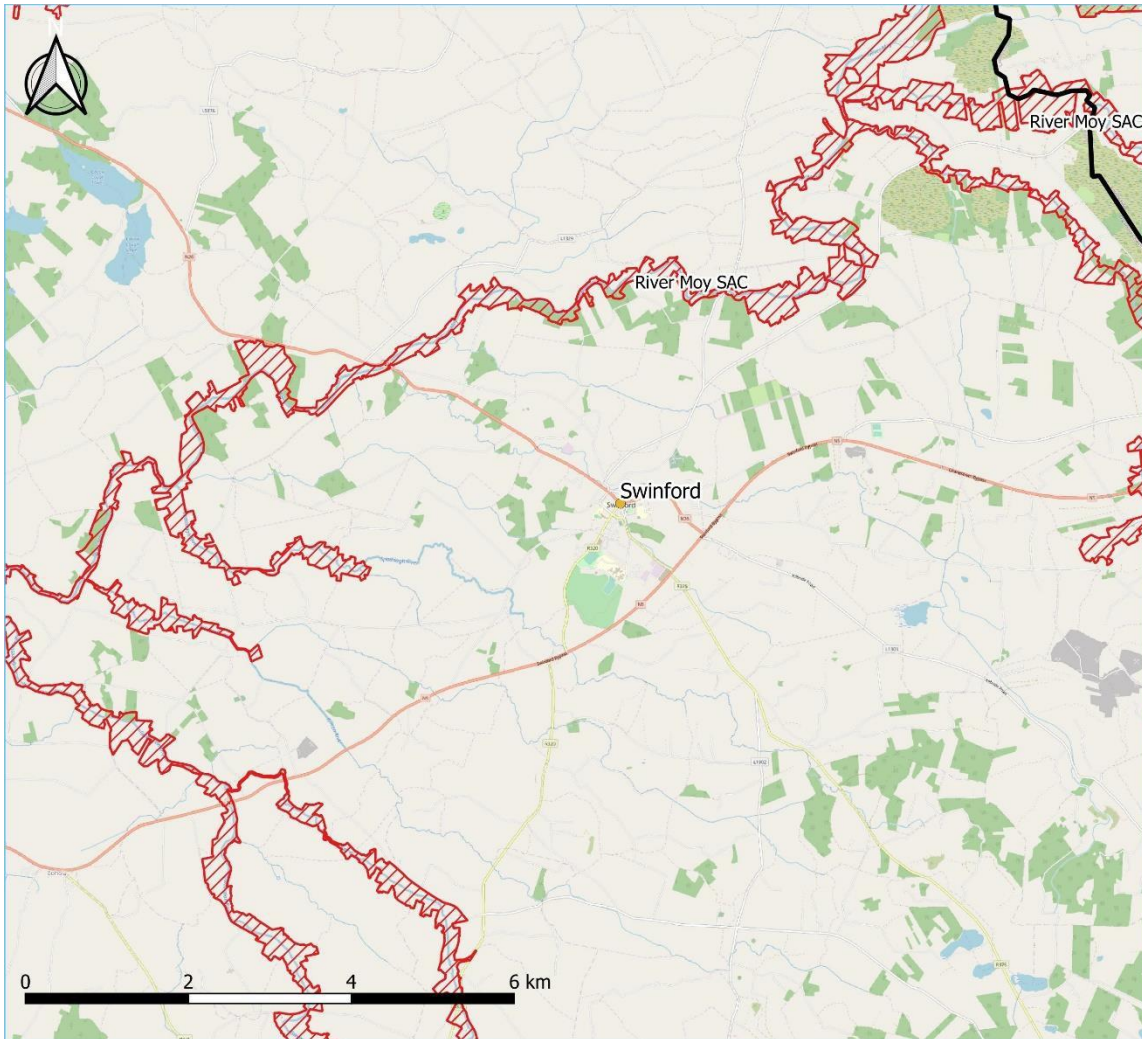
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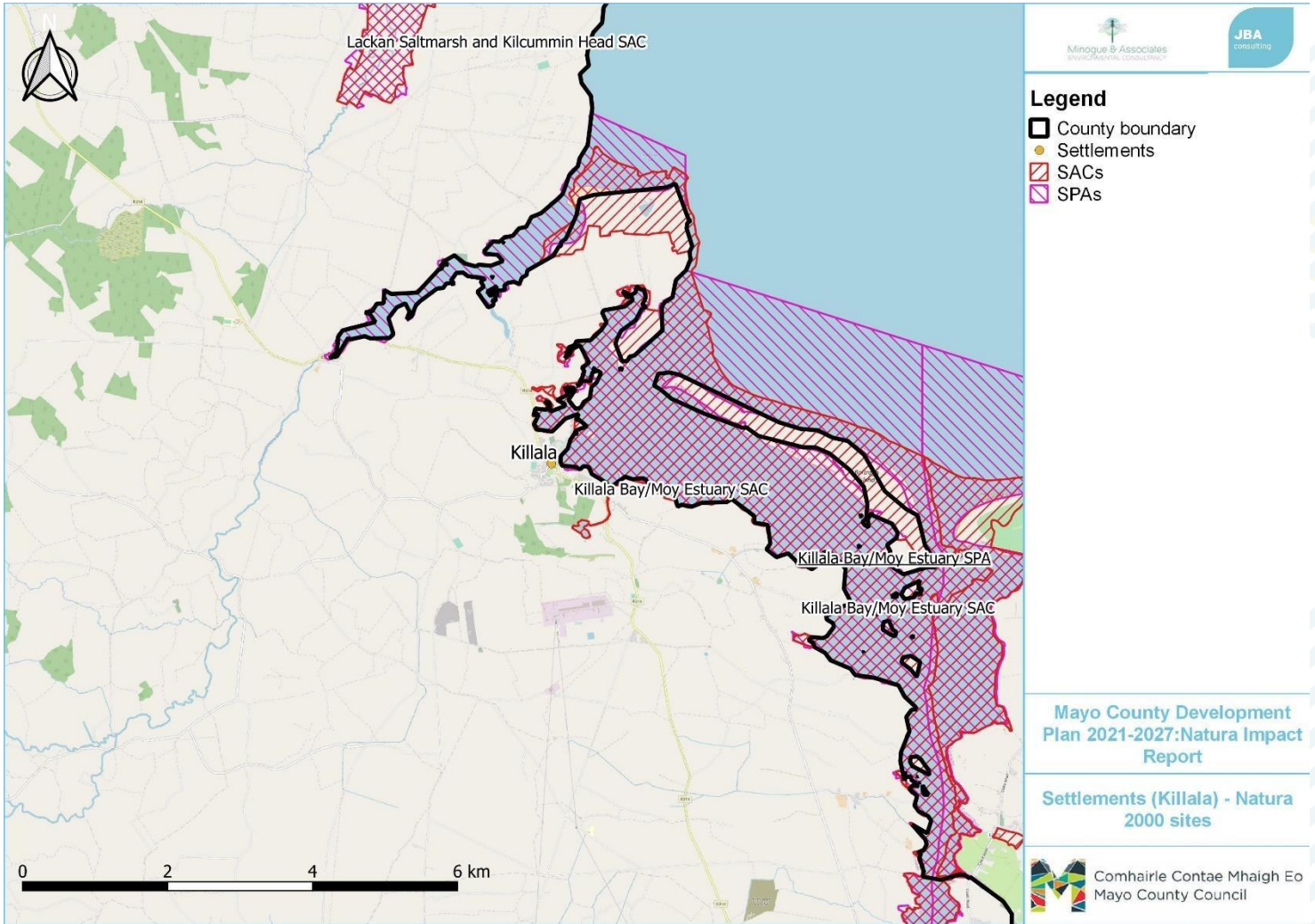
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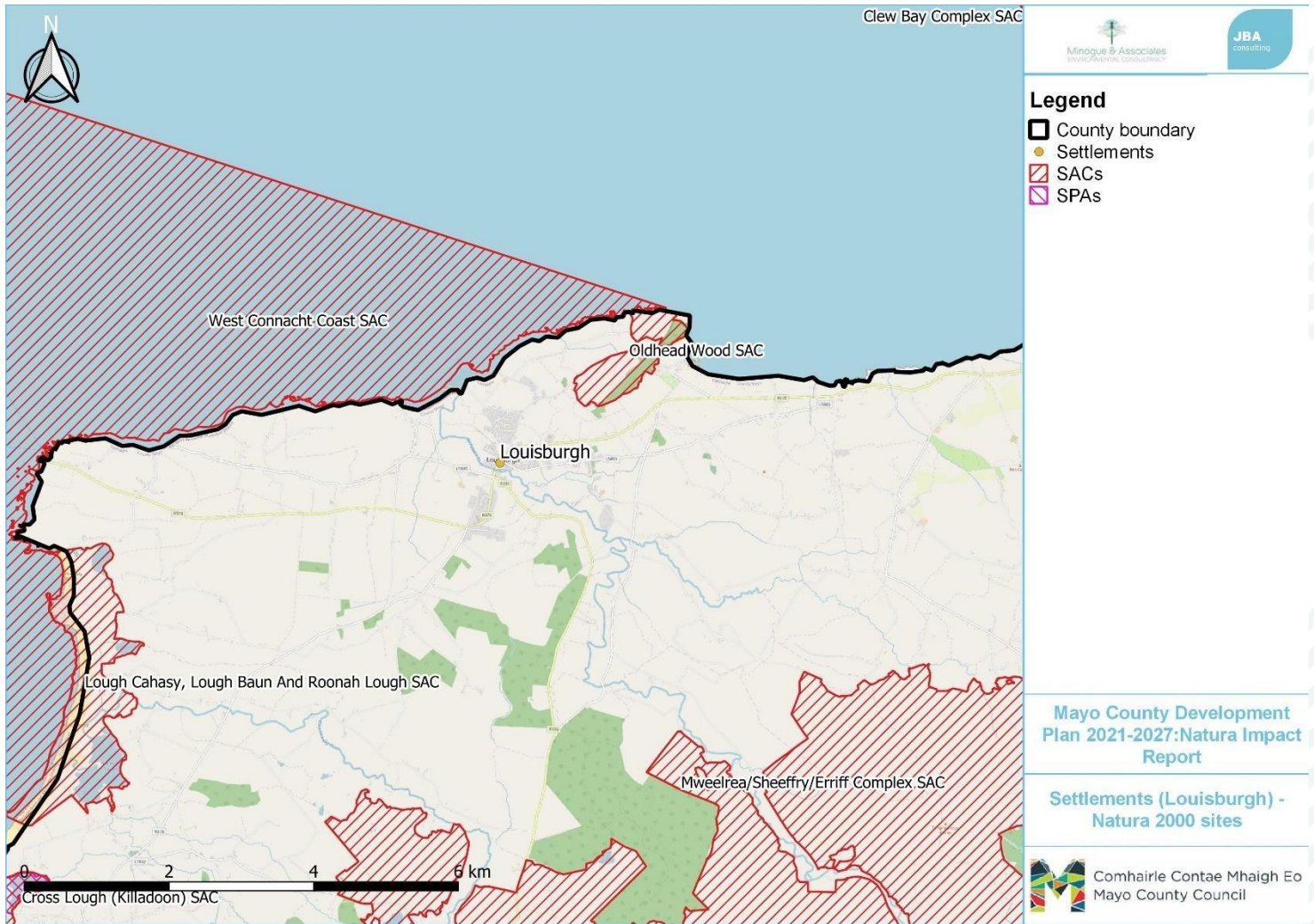
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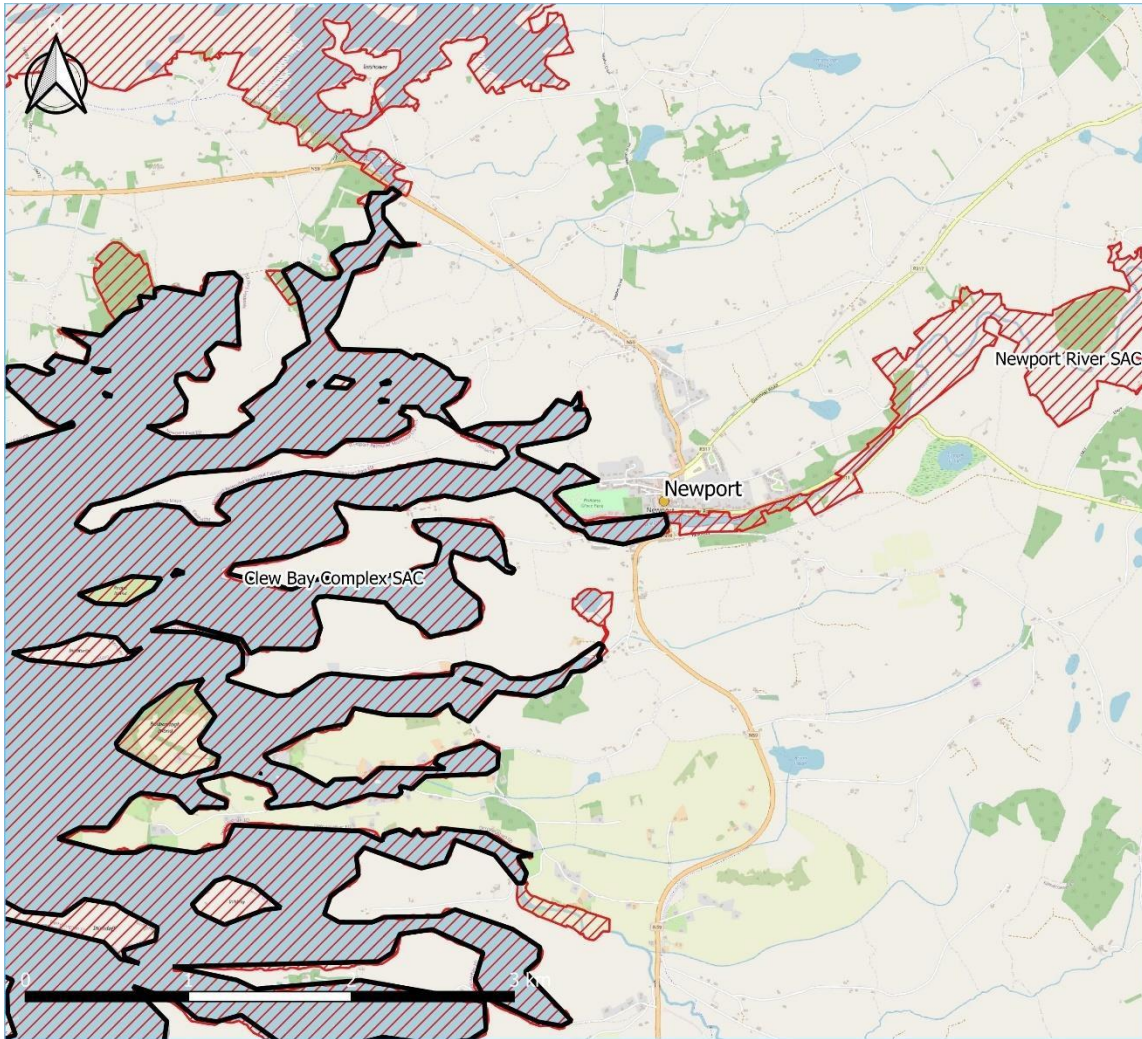
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