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Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination under The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for: Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Castlebar Local Area Plan 2023-2029.

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination is being made by Mayo County Council regarding Proposed Material Alterations to the draft Castlebar Local Area Plan (LAP) 2023 -2029. Section 12 (7) (aa) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), requires, a determination to be made as to whether Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft xx require the undertaking of SEA.

Such a determination is prepared by considering relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the SEA Regulations, as amended. These criteria are considered in an SEA Screening Report for Proposed Material Alterations that has been prepared to inform this determination.

The SEA Screening Report concludes that most Proposed Material Alterations are determined not to result in likely significant effects due to such Material Alterations being minor or that existing provisions in the draft Castlebar LAP 2023 -2029 provide environmental protection and management. Therefore, these do not require full SEA. A number of Proposed Material Alterations are identified as requiring SEA and consideration through the SEA Environmental Report.

Mayo County Council, hereby determines pursuant to Section 12 (7) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that SEA is required for a number of the Proposed Material Alterations and that other Proposed Material Alterations do not require SEA.

The SEA Environmental Report prepared for the Draft Plan will be finalised in advance of adoption of the Plan. A SEA Statement will be prepared following adoption, which will detail how environmental considerations were integrated into the Plan and how consultations on the SEA and associated Plan-preparation process were taken into account. The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and the Appropriate Assessment reports will be finalised in a similar manner at adoption, taking into account how environmental considerations were integrated into the Plan and how consultations were taken into account.

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