



## Mayo County Council

### Habitats Directive (EU 92/43/EEC)

#### Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

Appropriate Assessment for Development to be undertaken by Mayo County Council under Section 179A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) of: **The construction of 25 no. new houses, together with all associated site development works including access roads, footways, car parking, site boundaries, open space including sheltered public seating area, drainage, landscaping, associated earthworks, public lighting, utilities and services connections, and all ancillary site works, all of which constitutes 'Phase 2' of the existing adjoining development at a site south of Abbeyquarter (Phase 1) Development, at Abbeyquarter, Ballyhaunis, Co Mayo.**

Mayo County Council, in accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, appointed **Altemar Marine & Environmental Consultancy** to prepare a Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report on the proposed development of **24 no. houses + 1 no. community dwelling (total 28 no. residential units) and associated works as listed above**, to consider, analyse and assess whether in view of best scientific knowledge and objective information and the conservation objectives of the European site(s), if the Proposed Scheme individually or in-combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s).

Mayo County Council ("the Council") has noted that the Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report uses the following guidance:

1. Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government Circular NPW 1/10 and PSSP 2/10 on Appropriate Assessment under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive – Guidance for Planning Authorities March 2010.
2. Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland: Guidance for Planning Authorities, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government 2009;  
[http://www.npws.ie/publications/archive/NPWS\\_2009\\_AA\\_Guidance.pdf](http://www.npws.ie/publications/archive/NPWS_2009_AA_Guidance.pdf)
3. Managing NATURA 2000 Sites: the provisions of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, European Commission 2000;  
[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/Natura2000/management/docs/art6/provision\\_of\\_art6\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/Natura2000/management/docs/art6/provision_of_art6_en.pdf)
4. 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;  
[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/Natura2000management/docs/art6/Natura\\_2000\\_assess\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/Natura2000management/docs/art6/Natura_2000_assess_en.pdf)
5. 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;  
[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/Natura2000/management/docs/art6/guidance\\_art6\\_4\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/Natura2000/management/docs/art6/guidance_art6_4_en.pdf)
6. Guidance document on the implementation of the birds and habitats directive in estuaries and coastal zones with particular attention to port development and dredging;  
[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/Natura2000/management/docs/guidance\\_doc.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/Natura2000/management/docs/guidance_doc.pdf)
7. The Status of EU Protected Habitats and Species in Ireland.  
[http://www.npws.ie/publications/euconservationstatus/NPWS\\_2007\\_Conservation\\_Status\\_Report.pdf](http://www.npws.ie/publications/euconservationstatus/NPWS_2007_Conservation_Status_Report.pdf)
8. NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: River Moy SAC 002298. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

9. NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Errit Lough SAC 000607. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
10. NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Lough Corrib SAC 000297. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.
11. NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: Carrowbehy/Caher Bog SAC 000597. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
12. NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Urlaur Lakes SAC 001571. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
13. NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: Drumalough Bog SAC 002338. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.
14. NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: Derrinea Bog SAC 000604. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
15. NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Coolcam Turlough SAC 000218. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
16. NPWS (201c) Conservation Objectives: Cloonchambers Bog SAC 000600. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
17. NPWS (2018) Conservation Objectives: Williamstown Turloughs SAC 002296. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
18. NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Croaghill Turlough SAC 000255. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
19. NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: Corliskea/Trien/Cloonfelliv Bog SAC 002110. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

The Screening Report has been completed to consider potential direct and indirect impacts of the project on the integrity and interest features of the European designated site(s), alone and in-combination with other plans and projects. In this context the following elements were considered:

- Description of the Proposed project
- Flood zone
- Site Investigations
- Onsite Hydrology
- Proposed Drainage Strategy
- Identification of Relevant Natura 2000 Sites
- In-Combination Effects
- Conclusions

The Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report has concluded that the development will not lead to significant adverse impacts upon any European sites as a result of the proposals, either alone or in combination with any other development.

Mayo County Council has received and read the Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report and has considered its content and its conclusions and recommendation set out therein. Having done this, Mayo County Council, agrees with the conclusions and recommendations as set out in the Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report.

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, Mayo County Council has made a determination that the proposed development does not require an Appropriate Assessment or the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement (NIS), as it can be concluded on the basis of information provided by **Altamar Marine & Environmental Consultancy** that the works, individually or in

combination with other plans or projects, are not likely to have a significant effect on any European Sites.

Signed on behalf of the Competent Authority (Mayo County Council):

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. C. Connell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Director of Services – Planning and Corporate Development

Date: 12/11/2024