

APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT.

Mayo County Council Planning Register Ref: P8/20/008

1. Introduction.

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive and Section 177V of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2020 an appropriate assessment carried out by a competent authority shall take account the matters set out in Section 177V(2) and shall give consent for proposed development only after having determined that the proposed development shall not adversely affect the integrity of a European site.

In carrying out a screening for appropriate assessment for the development proposed under P8/20/006 (the project) in accordance with Section 177V(2) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2020 Mayo County Council, as competent authority, is required to take into account each of the following matters:

- a) Whether a plan or project is directly connected to or necessary for the management of the European Sites. And
- b) whether a plan or project, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have significant effects on the European Sites

If the effects are deemed to be significant, potentially significant, or uncertain or if the screening process becomes overly complicated, then the process must proceed to Stage 2 (AA) and the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement.

In preparing this report, I have consulted the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report submitted on the 25/9/18 prepared by Jenny Neff.

2. Description of the Development.

The proposal is for the construction of 21 houses, within the town of Kiltimagh on lands zoned for residential development as per the Kiltimagh Area Plan as contained in the Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020. Proposal is for a mix of dwelling houses including:

- 8 x 2 bed units
- 7 x 3 bed units
- 6 x 2 bed units

All units will be provided with private external space (gardens or terraces & balconies) with a mix of in curtilage and off street parking.

The proposal includes all associated development works including access road, footways, site boundaries, open space, drainage, landscaping, associated earthworks, public lighting, utilities and services connections, diversions of services and ancillary works.

3. Information and Data

Documents consulted, and information used in this AA report are set out in Appendix I.

4. Assessment.

4.1. European Sites

There are 4 sites located within 15 km of the proposed development.

- River Moy SAC (002298)
- Balla Turlough SAC (000463)
- Ballinfad SAC (002081)
- Urlar Lakes SAC (002081)

Of the sites identified the River Moy SAC is with 300 metres of the location of the development. The other 3 sites are between 8km and 14km from the location of the development.

4.2. Conservation Objectives of the European Sites

The conservation objectives as set out by the NPWS, were examined.

River Moy SAC (002298)

<https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/002298>

4.3. Elements of the project likely to give rise to impacts on the European Sites.

Having regard to the location of the proposal within lands zoned for residential development as per the Kiltimagh Area Plan contained within the Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020 and the Natura Impact Report carried out when zoning the lands for residential development. The Kiltimagh waste water treatment plant, has sufficient capacity to cater for the proposed development. It is not envisioned that any element of the project is likely to give rise to impacts on the conservation objectives of the European Site

4.4. Cumulative and In-Combination Impacts

No impact is envisaged in terms of the possible cumulative or in combination impacts as there very little development projects in the area that would likely give rise to impacts on the conservation objectives of the European Site.

5. Screening Conclusion and Statement.

On the basis of the information provided with the Part 8 and in light of the assessment carried out above. Mayo County Council considered that:

- a) The project is not directly connected to or necessary for the management of the European Site and,
- b) The project, alone or in combination with other plans and projects, is not likely to have significant effects on the European site.

Therefore, under Part XAB 177(U) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2020 Mayo County Council as the Competent Authority has determined that an Appropriate Assessment (Stage 2) Natural Impact Statement is not required.

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination (Stage 1):

The proposed development is in close proximity to the Pollagh River which forms part of the River Moy SAC. It is considered that due to location, works proposed and the provision of the Kiltimagh Area Plan which have been accepted in the Natura Impact Report for the Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020, the development proposed will

not have the potential for significant effects on the Conservation Objectives of the SAC in question.

Mayo County Council considered that the proposed development, individually and/or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European site, in view of the site's conservation objectives, and a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment (and preparation of a NIS) is not therefore required.



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Appendix 1

Documents Consulted

Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020 Natura Impact Report.

European Communities (2000a) 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.

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

DEHLG (2009, rev 2010) Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland, Guidance for Planning Authorities. Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government.

DEHLG (2010b) Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government Circular NPWS 1110 and PSSP 2/10 on Appropriate Assessment under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive – Guidance for Planning Authorities. Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Information Sources Consulted

<https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/AAGeoTool>

<https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/search/by-county?county=Mayo&designation%5B%5D=375&designation%5B%5D=376>

<http://www.wfdireland.ie/maps.html>

<https://www.npws.ie/protected-sites/sac/002298>