



**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination under
 pursuant to the Habitats Directive¹ and having regard to requirements of the Planning
 and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
 at the making of Variation No. 3 to the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow
 Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018**

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening determination² is being made by Carlow County Council regarding Proposed Variation No. 3 to the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018, incorporating the Carlow Town Development Plan 2012-2018 (as extended).

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


- The existing Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018, incorporating the Carlow Town Development Plan 2012-2018 (as extended) (and associated documents);
- Proposed Variation No. 3 to the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018, incorporating the Carlow Town Development Plan 2012-2018 (as extended);
- The AA Screening Report prepared for Proposed Variation No. 3 to the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012-2018, incorporating the Carlow Town Development Plan 2012-2018 (as extended); and
- Submissions received during the public display of the Proposed Variation and responses to these submissions contained in the associated Chief Executive's Report.

The Variation does not relate to areas designated as European Sites. The AA screening process has demonstrated that there are no sources for effects on the qualifying interests, special conservation interest or the conservation objectives of any designated European Site.

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

It is concluded that Variation No. 3 will not give rise to any effect on the ecological integrity of any European sites, alone or in combination with any other plans, programmes, and projects etc. This evaluation is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated. Consequently, a Stage 2 AA is not required for the Variation.

Signatory:



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(Approved Officer for Carlow County Council)

Date:

10th February 2020

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

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

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