

Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination

Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination pursuant to the Habitats Directive¹ and having regard to requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

for:

Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028

Screening for AA Determination² is being made by Cork City Council regarding Variation No. 1 to the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028.

In carrying out this Screening for AA, 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 Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028;
- Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028; and
- The Screening for AA Report prepared for Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028.

The Screening for AA Report demonstrates that the implementation of the Proposed Variation will not result in adverse effects to the ecological integrity of any European sites. The Screening for AA Report has been carefully considered and its reasoning and conclusion agreed with and adopted. There are no significant effects identified that would adversely affect the ecological integrity of the any 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 Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 with which the Proposed Variation and all lower tier plans/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 Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 will not give rise to any effect on any European sites, alone or in combination with any other plans, programmes, and projects etc. Consequently, Stage 2 AA is not required for the Proposed Variation.

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)