

# Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment Determination

**Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination under:**

**Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004), as amended, and the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended**

**for:**

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

A Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening determination as to whether Material Alterations to Variation No. 1 to the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 are likely to have significant effects on the environment is being made under the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004), as amended, and the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

In making the determination, the information contained in the accompanying Screening for SEA Report (including an examination of the need to undertake SEA against relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the above Regulations) is being taken into account. That information has been carefully considered and its reasoning and conclusion agreed with and adopted – allowing a determination to be made that Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 1 would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

The existing Cork City Development Plan 2022 has been subject to SEA, which identified various environmental effects arising from implementation. Proposed Variation No. 1 is a short-term measure to provide a lower car parking demand management framework until such time as CMATS projects are delivered. Proposed Variation No. 1 would contribute towards the proper planning and sustainable development of the City and consequential environmental effects that have been identified by the SEA for the existing Plan. Taking into account the measures that have already been integrated into the Plan that provide for and contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, any potential effects arising from Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 1, would either: be present already (beneficial) and would further contribute towards, but not to a significant extent; and/or would be mitigated so as not to be significant (adverse).

Furthermore, the accompanying Screening for AA report identifies that there are no additional sources presented by Material Amendments to Variation No. 1 that have not been considered by the AA for the existing Plan. Taking into account this and the mitigation measures that have already been integrated into the existing Plan it was concluded that the Material Alterations to Variation No. 1 would not affect the integrity of any European site.

Taking into account all of the above, it is determined that SEA is not required to be undertaken on the Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation.

**Signatory:**



**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

# Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination

**Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination pursuant to the Habitats Directive<sup>1</sup> and having regard to requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)**

**for:**

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

A Screening for AA Determination<sup>2</sup> is being made by Cork City Council regarding Material Amendments to 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;
- Material Alterations to the original Proposed Variation following display;
- The Screening for AA Report prepared for Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028.
- The Screening for AA Report prepared for Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028.

The Screening for AA Report demonstrates that the implementation of the Material Amendments 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 associated Material Alterations) 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 Material Alterations to 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 Material Amendments to the Proposed Variation.

**Signatory:** 

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

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

<sup>2</sup> 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)