

**Modifications to the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 for the Monaghan County Council functional area**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination under the EU's Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC Article 6(3) as transposed into Irish law under Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477/2011), as amended**

Monaghan County Council has prepared a Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) for the Monaghan functional area for the years 2024 – 2029 under Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021.

A screening determination for the need for Appropriate Assessment (AA) has been made by the Council in respect of the Modifications to the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan in accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the Directive 92/43/EEC (Habitats Directives) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended).

The Modifications to the Draft LACAP have been made following a review of the issues raised during the prescribed public consultation period for the Draft LACAP from 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and subsequent consideration by Monaghan County Council.

The Draft LACAP has been informed by an AA and a Natura Impact Report has been prepared outlining the likely environmental effects of the Plan on European sites in accordance with the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC. Measures have been integrated into the Draft Plan that mitigate its potential effects on any European site.

Following assessment and having regard to the nature of the Modifications to the Draft LACAP and the potential for likely significant environmental effects associated with the Modifications, Monaghan County Council has concluded, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of conservation objectives, that the Modifications to the Draft LACAP will not give rise to any likely significant effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

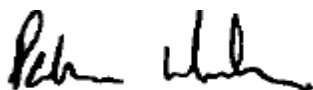
This determination has been made following consideration of the information contained in an AA Screening Report for the Modifications to the Draft LACAP. The principal reason the Modifications to the Draft LACAP do not give rise to any likely significant effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, are as follows:

- The modification are not material and will not result in any additional, likely significant environmental effects, including effects on ecological processes or European sites, not already considered in the NIR for the Draft LACAP.

Taking account of the above, it is determined that full AA is not required to be undertaken for the modifications to the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029.

An AA Conclusion Statement will be prepared following adoption of the Plan, which will detail the AA process undertaken for the Plan.

Signed by:



Director of Services,

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