

SEA Determination

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination under:

Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004), as amended by the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (SI No. 201 of 2011)

for:

Proposed Variation No. 3 to the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025

An SEA Screening Determination as to whether Proposed Variation No. 3 to the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 is likely to have significant effects on the environment is being made under the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004), as amended by the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (SI No. 201 of 2011).

In making the determination, the information contained in the accompanying SEA Screening Report (including information provided by environmental authorities and 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 an adopted – allowing a determination to be made that Proposed Variation No. 3 would be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

The proposed variation will form part of the Plan but does not introduce any new policies or sources for effects that were not already considered by the existing: Monaghan County Development Plan and associated SEA and AA; and the wider planning and environmental assessment framework, including the National Planning Frameworks, the Northern and Western Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and associated SEAs and AAs.

Taking into account all of the above, SEA is not required to be undertaken on the Proposed Variation.

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