



**Appropriate Assessment Determination under:**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination pursuant to the Habitat's Directive and having regard to requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)**

**for:**

**Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Monaghan County Development Plan 2025-2031**

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening determination is being made by Monaghan County Council regarding Variation No. 1 to the Monaghan County Development Plan 2025-2031.

In carrying out this Appropriate Assessment 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 Monaghan County Development Plan 2025-2031 (and associated Stage 2 AA Natura Impact Report)
- The AA Screening Report prepared for Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Monaghan County Development Plan 2025-2031 as prepared by Flynn Furney Environmental Consultants.

On the basis of objective scientific information following screening under Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, it is concluded that Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Monaghan County Development Plan 2025-2031 would not have a significant effect on European Designated Sites, individually or in combination with other plans or projects. Consequently, a Stage 2 AA is not required for the Proposed Variation.

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