

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**  
**under Part 6 Chapter 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2024**  
**for the Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Monaghan County Development Plan 2025-2031**

Monaghan County Council (MCC) is preparing a Variation to the Monaghan County Development Plan (MCDP) 2025-2031, in accordance with the Section 58 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (herein referred to as 'the Act').

An AA Screening Determination as to whether the Proposed Variation No. 2 to the MCDP is likely to have significant effects on the integrity of European Sites, alone or in combination with other plans and projects, is being made under the Part 6 Chapter 2 of the 2024 Act.

The purpose of the Variation is to vary the MCDP to include additional provision of lands zoned for residential use in line with housing growth requirements, and compact growth and sequential planning principles.

Following an assessment of the Proposed Variation No. 2 to the MCDP, MCC has determined that a full AA for the Proposed Variation will not be required. The principal reasons for this are as follows:

- The Proposed Variation does not create Source-Pathway-Receptor connectivity between development supported by the Proposed Variation and Qualifying Interests/Special Conservation Interests of European sites.
- The Proposed Variation does not introduce likely, significant effects on European sites beyond the ambit of likely, significant environmental effects already considered, assessed and mitigated in the AA of the existing CDP.
- The Proposed Variation does not create any conflicts with existing European site-related Strategic Environmental Objectives for the Monaghan CDP (even in the absence of considering existing mitigation in the current CDP).

Signed: 

Dated: 27.04.2026