

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination

under European Union (Land Use Planning – Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2025 (S.I. No. 456 of 2025)

for the Proposed Variation No. 2 of 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 SEA Screening Determination as to whether the proposed Variation No. 2 to the MCDP is likely to have significant effects on the environment is being made under the European Union (Land Use Planning – Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2025 (S.I. No. 456 of 2025) (herein referred to as 'SEA Regulations').

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.

An SEA Screening Assessment for the Proposed Variation has been carried out, having regard to the criteria defined in Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations. Following this assessment, MCC has determined that a full SEA will not be required for the Proposed Variation. The principal reasons for this are as follows:

- The Proposed Variation does not introduce likely, significant effects beyond the ambit of environmental effects already considered, assessed and mitigated in the SEA and AA of the existing CDP.
- The Proposed Variation does not create any conflicts with existing Strategic Environmental Objectives for the Monaghan CDP, considering adherence to the existing framework of land use planning criteria/mitigation in the current CDP.
- The Proposed Variation does not require the integration of any environmental considerations, considering adherence to the existing framework of land use planning criteria/mitigation in the current CDP.
- The Proposed Variation is in alignment with higher-order and inter-related plans and programmes.

Signed: 

Dated: 27.04.2026