



Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination
Under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011,
(as amended)
for the
Kerry County Council Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

In order to comply with the requirements of Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (SI No. 477), as amended, this determination is being made by Kerry County Council relating to the potential for the Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 to have significant effects on a European Site.

In making this determination, Kerry County Council as the competent authority, has been informed by information on the potential for the Plan to have significant effects on European Sites, provided in an AA Screening report undertaken by Fehily Timoney (FT) dated October 2023.

Kerry County Council has reviewed the AA screening report which concludes significant effects on European Sites from the implementation of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan, cannot be excluded. An appropriate assessment is required.

Kerry County Council, as the competent authority, is satisfied that the AA Screening provided by FT, contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the Plan on European sites and agrees and adopts the conclusion that an Appropriate Assessment is required for the following reasons:

- The plan is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European Site,
- Due to nature and scope of the LACAP, and that
- Significant effects cannot be excluded without the consideration of mitigation measures.

The undersigned hereby determines pursuant to Regulation 42 of SI 477 of 2011, as amended, and for the purposes of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive that it could not be excluded, on the basis of objective scientific information following screening under the aforementioned Regulation, that the plan, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on a European site. An Appropriate Assessment is required.

Signed on behalf of Kerry County Council:

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