

HABITATS DIRECTIVE ASSESSMENT NATURA IMPACT REPORT ADDENDUM REPORT

FOR THE

DRAFT KENMARE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PLAN 2023-2029

Incorporating an assessment of the proposed material alterations / amendments to the above document

Environmental Assessment Unit Kerry County Council County Buildings Rathass, Co. Kerry

January 2024

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1.	Introduction	. 3
2.	Overview of NIR findings to date	. 4
3.	Submissions and Observations received.	. 7
4.	Assessment of proposed material	
ali	terations / amendments	. 8
1	able 4.1. of this report assesses the potential for impact by way of he proposed amendments to the proposed Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029	8
	4.1 Overview of AA Screening	
5.	Summary	37
6. 7.	Conclusion	37 38

1. Introduction

A Habitats Directive Assessment / Natura Impact Report was undertaken for the Draft 'Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan in August 2023. It is now proposed to materially alter / amend the draft plan. This Addendum Report considers the potential for significant effect / impact of the proposed Amendments on Natura 2000 European sites taking into account potential for cumulative and in combination effects. This report also considers submissions / observations received at draft plan stage, as appropriate, including that received from the OPR. As an addendum document, this document should be read in conjunction with the August 2023 Natura Impact Report 'parent' document.

Section 2 of this report provides an overview of the Natura Impact Report (NIR) findings to date. Section 3 considers the submissions and observations received as part of the public consultation process to date. Section 4 includes an assessment of the potential impacts on Natura 2000 sites arising from the proposed material alterations / amendments. That assessment has been undertaken in an analytical manner on an amendment-by-amendment basis, within the context of the parent NIR. As part of this, an overview of each proposed material amendment / amendment is outlined to facilitate understanding and assessment. Section 5 provides the summary and the conclusion of this report. The conservation objectives for the European Sites located within the potential zone of influence of the plan are outlined in Appendix one.

Further consideration will be given to the NIR following the next stage of the consultation process / adoption stage of the plan.

2. Overview of NIR findings to date

The European sites listed in Tables 1.1 and 1.2 were screened in for Stage two Appropriate Assessment, as the plan potentially facilitates development projects and activities in sensitive locations within, near and or upstream/downstream of these European sites, which unmitigated has potential to significantly affect same. No viable or realistic pathway (ecological, hydrological or otherwise) for impact on other European sites exists and potential for significant effect on same was conclusively ruled out. It should be noted that Tables 1-1 and 1-2 include all European sites which overlap with the plan area or which are located within the same water sub-catchment as any settlement located within the plan area.

Table 2-1Special Areas of Conservation screened in for AppropriateAssessment

Special Areas of Conservation

- Ballinskelligs Bay And Inny Estuary, 000335
- Castlemaine Harbour, 000343
- Old Domestic Building, Dromore Wood, SAC 000353
- Kilgarvan Ice House, 000364
- Killarney National Park, Macgillycuddy's Reeks And Caragh River Catchment 000365
- Mucksna Wood, 001371
- Old Domestic Building, Askive Wood, 002098
- Kenmare River, 002158
- Valencia Harbour/Portmagee Channel, 002262

Table 2-2Special Protected Areas screened in for AppropriateAssessment

Special Protected Areas

- Castlemaine Harbour 004029
- Iveragh Peninsula 004154

Following on from this, the NIR concluded that subject to securing the mitigation detailed in the NIR, the plan is not likely to adversely affect the integrity of any Natura 2000 European Site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

The recommended mitigation measures were set out in S8.3 of the NIR, as follows:-

The following to be included in the plan as development guidance for the proposed C5 Tourism & related zoning to the east of the River Laune, in the Killorglin Town Plan.

Development Constraints

Nature Conservation

These lands adjoin a European Natura 2000 site, which is a nature conservation site of international importance. Accordingly, development proposals for these lands will be required to demonstrate compatibility with the conservation objectives of the Natura 2000 site and an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report and possible a Natura Impact Statement should be submitted as part of any development proposal. A buffer zone between the European site and a development proposal may be required. As part of the AA screening, the potential for wildlife disturbance, water quality degradation, trampling of sensitive vegetation and the potential spread of invasive introduced species should be considered. It is noted that stands of Japanese Knotweed are currently located in the vicinity. This is a vigorous introduced invasive species and accordingly development proposals for these lands should include proposals for the removal and long-term control of this species, as appropriate.

Flood Risk Management The site is also partly located on the historic floodplain of the River Laune. Development proposals will be required to incorporate sustainable flood risk management designs and practices as recommended in the DoEHLG (2009) publications 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities and Technical Appendices'. As part of this proposals should not reduce the overall flood water storage capacity in the area and sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) should be incorporated.

Water Quality

Development proposals should include detailed proposals for dealing with surface water runoff from the site so as to ensure that water quality of the River Laune is not adversely affected. As part of this hydrocarbon filters and sediment traps should be incorporated, where appropriate.

Access

Access onto these lands is via the N72. Proposals should be supported with a road safety audit and a traffic and transport assessment.

Visual impact / landscaping

Proposals should be appropriately screened and carefully designed having particular regard to its sensitive location on the approach road to the Town from Killarney and to its visibility from the opposite bank of the River Laune, which is used for recreational purposes. Landscaping proposals should be compatible with the Nature Conservation objectives of the adjoining Natura 2000 site, while a high standard of finished materials will be expected.

Proposals should have regard to Inland Fisheries Ireland's guidance document on managing watercourses in urban environments, as appropriate.

Waste Management

Development proposals shall be accompanied with a detailed waste management plan which shall cover both the construction and operation phases of the development.

It is recommended that the following be included in Section 3 subsection 3.5 (small village settlements) of the plan:-

As the settlement of Templenoe is located in the vicinity of an important Lesser horse bat roosting site associated with the Old Domestic Building Dromore Woods Special Area of Conservation (SAC), development proposals within this settlement will be required to be compatible with the conservation objectives of the SAC. As part of this careful consideration should be given to lighting and landscaping proposals so as to avoid unnecessary light spillage / pollution.

The following amendment to be made to the proposed Tahilla settlement boundary

It is recommended that the western settlement boundary for Tahilla be relocated to the east of the Tahilla River / Kenmare River SAC.

The following to be included after the second paragraph in Section 3 subsection 3.2.2.7.3 Natural Heritage of the Kenmare plan.

The development of lands adjoining the River Finnihy including lands adjoining the tidal waters downstream of Cromwell bridge will be subject to project level environmental assessment and be required to take into consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive, Departmental flood risk management guidelines and Inland Fisheries Ireland's planning guidelines on urban watercourses, as appropriate.

The following amendment to be made to the proposed Kenmare maps

An indicative buffer to be shown between proposed M4 mixed-use built-up site and the River Finnihy.

In addition, it is recommended that the proposed M4 'Mixed use built up area' zoning south of the River Finnihy should be reconsidered as it suggests that the area is already built up.

3. Submissions and Observations received.

The submissions and observation received as part of the draft plan stage public consultation process are noted. As part of this, it is noted that the submission received from the OPR makes specific reference to the AA undertaken. The OPR noted that the planning authority carried out appropriate assessment and has prepared a Natura Impact Report documenting same. The OPR further noted that while the conservation objectives are appended to the LAP, the appropriate assessment itself does not refer to the conservation objectives for the European sites concerned, or to the potential for adverse effects arising thereon from the draft LAP. The OPR also questioned whether all mitigation measures recommended in the NIR have been incorporated into the plan.

While the conservation objectives for the European Sites potentially impacted by the plan are discussed in S4.4. of the Natura Impact Report, in the interests of clarity, additional information on European Site Conservation Objectives and the potential for adverse effects arising thereon has been provided in Appendix one of this report.

In relation to the recommended mitigation measures, it is accepted that a number of these could have been more completely incorporated into the plan. This matter has been addressed within the proposed amendments / material alterations report.

4. Assessment of proposed material alterations / amendments

Table 4.1. of this report assesses the potential for impact by way of the proposed amendments to the proposed Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.

S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.		
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
1	Additional text to Section 1 of the plan	No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed amendment from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view. No significant or adverse effect likely.
2 and 7	These amendments relates to new and modified road / cycleway related development objectives and text and transport connectivity, reflective of national policy.	No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed amendment from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view. No significant or adverse effect likely.
3 and 15	These amendments relate to a new flood risk management objective / text reflective of national policy.	No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed amendment from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view. No significant or adverse effect likely.
4, 9, 10	These amendments relates to the Valentia cable sites / ensemble. A new objective is proposed	It is noted that the Sceilg Mhichíl World Heritage Property Management Plan 2020-2030 – was subject to SEA

amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029). supporting the Sceilg Mhichíl World Heritage Property Management Plan 2020-2030. Management Plan 2020-2030.	Assessment, in view of
World Heritage Property Management Plan 2020-2030.	European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
	Assessment. It is noted that Telegraph field also referred to in the amendment is located within the Iveragh Peninsula SPA. The amendment would require compliance with the 'Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessments in a World Heritage Context issued by the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS' As part of this screening for heritage impact assessment is required at plan (within the SEA) and or project level stage. It is further noted that development Objective KENMD -20 requires environmental assessment of proposals to provide improved access and visitor facilities within heritage and culturally sensitive areas while development objective
	KENMD – 23 ensures that development proposals within such areas demonstrate that they integrate and respect the character and setting of the heritage of the area. No significant or adverse

-	osed Amendments to the draft K (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	Cenmare Municipal District Local
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
		effect likely.
5	This amendment relates seeks to better align the plan with national and county level Climate Action policies and objectives.	No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed amendment from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view.
		No significant or adverse effect likely.
6	The amendment provides an updated water / wastewater infrastructure table.	This updated table ensures more accurate decision making and reduces potential for environmental impact.
		No significant or adverse effect likely.
8	This amendment relates seeks to support the 'West Cork and Kenmare Destination and Experience	
	Development Plan'	No significant or adverse effect likely.
11 and 14	These amendments support the ambitions of the Uíbh Ráthach Task Force to address issues pertaining to population structural deficiencies and seeks to	No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed amendment from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view.
	increase the number of Irish speakers in the area.	No significant or adverse effect likely.
12	This amendment seeks to outline that that there are a number of locations associated with aquaculture	This is a statement of fact. No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed amendment from a Habitats
	in the municipal district,	Directive Assessment point of

S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.		
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
	including Cromane.	view. No significant or adverse effect likely.
13	Amendment provides additional guidance on residential development within settlements.	The amendment reinforces requirements for adequate water infrastructure. No significant or adverse effect likely.
16	Cahersiveen Settlement zoning	No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed amendment from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view. No significant or adverse effect likely.
17		It is noted that accompanying text is proposed to be included in \$3.2.1.5.6 of the plan, outlining environmental constraints for the site. The site is geographically removed from European Natura 2000 sites. It is considered that there is no connecting pathway of potential significance or otherwise between this aspect of the plan (source) and

	S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.		
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects	
		European Natura 2000 sites (receptor). No significant or adverse effect likely.	
18	Cahersiveen zoning Settlement Settlement Settlement Image: Settlement settlement settlement Settlement Proposed Amendment to zone R4 Strategie Residential Reserve Proposed Amendment Proposed Amendment Settlement	While outside of the settlement it is noted that it is located adjoining existing development and is geographically removed from European Sites. It is considered that there is no connecting pathway of potential significance or otherwise between this aspect of the plan (source) and European Natura 2000 sites (receptor).	
19	Cahersiveen Settlement zoning	effect likely. While outside of the settlement it is noted that it is located adjoining existing development and is geographically removed from European Sites. It is considered that there is no connecting pathway of potential significance or otherwise between this aspect of the plan (source) and European Natura 2000 sites (receptor).	

-	S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.		
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects	
	Cahersiveen Settlement zoning	No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed amendment from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view. No significant or adverse effect likely.	
20	Kenmare Settlement Zonings Image: Construction of the state of the sta	This proposed amendment seeks to amend the Kenmare zoning map from R1 New/Proposed Residential to R2 Existing Residential and O1 Strategic Reserve, White Land, within the settlement boundary. No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed alterations from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view. No significant or adverse effect likely.	

S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.		
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
	Proposed Amendment to change from RI New/Proposed Residential to R2 Edsting Residential	
21	Kenmare Settlement Zoning	Proposal seeks to amend the Kenmare zoning map from R4 Strategic Residential Reserve to R1 New/Proposed Residential within the settlement boundary. No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed alterations from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view. No significant or adverse
22	Proposal seeks to include additional text in Section 3.2.2.7.3 of the Kenmare plan as follows; The development of lands adjoining the River Finnihy including lands adjoining the tidal waters downstream of Cromwell bridge will be subject to project level environmental assessment and be required to take into	effect likely This will reduce potential for environmental effects and is compatible with the recommendations of the NIR report prepared at draft plan stage. As part of this amendment, it provides guidance for developers of lands downstream of Cromwell's bridge regarding Habitats Directive Assessment and IFI guidelines in line with

_	osed Amendments to the draft K (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	Cenmare Municipal District Local
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
	consideration the requirements of the Habitats Directive, Departmental flood risk management guidelines and Inland Fisheries Ireland's planning guidelines on urban watercourses, as appropriate.	the requirements of the Kerry CDP 2022-2028. No significant or adverse effect likely
23	Proposal seeks to support the development of a community centre at an appropriate location within the town of Kenmare.	No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed amendment from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view. No significant or adverse effect likely.
24	Proposal seeks to improve pedestrian connectivity between the Peninsula Lands looped walk and the town centre in a sustainable manner in consultation and engagement with the local community and stakeholders.	The proposed amendment requires any such improved connectivity to be sustainable and is limited in its support to pedestrian connectivity. No specific route or routes have been identified, as such it is a strategic objective. It is noted that section 1 subsection 1.4.1 of the draft Kenmare plan clearly outlines that the conservation of species and habitats in accordance with the requirements of the EU Habitats and Birds Directives is considered to be an important

	osed Amendments to the draft K (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	Cenmare Municipal District Local
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
		component of the sustainable strategies, policies and objectives of the Plan.
		It is considered that the proposal is compatible with the guidance contained in \$3.2.2.5.2 of the Kenmare section of the draft plan.
		It is further considered that increased recreational use of the Peninsula lands is not likely to result in significant effects on the Kenmare River SAC or other European Sites. As part of this, it is considered that potential for Otter disturbance and or potential for effect on Lesser Horseshoe Bat habitat are not likely to arise as a result of increased recreational use of these lands.
		Having regard to the above, it is considered that there is no realistic potential for significant effects or adverse impacts on European Natura 2000 sites.
25	Kenmare Settlement Zoning	Proposal seeks to amend the Kenmare zoning map from amend the Kenmare zoning map from R2 Existing Residential to C5 Tourism & Related, within the settlement

	osed Amendments to the draft K n (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	Kenmare Municipal District Local
Number		Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
	Reposed Animation Bocharge Itom	boundary. No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed alterations from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view.
26	It is proposed to include a new objective in Section 3.2.2.9 (Kenmare Recreation & Amenities Objectives) as follows; Support the sustainable development of Maritime and River related recreational facilities at an appropriate location or locations within the town of Kenmare	of maritime and River related recreational facilities, also requires such development / facilities to be sustainable and to be appropriately located. Section 1 subsection 1.4.1 of

	osed Amendments to the draft K (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	Cenmare Municipal District Local
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
		out in a manner which does not unduly harm sensitive species or habitats. In certain areas extra care will need to be taken to ensure developments are compatible with nature conservation objectives for designated sites. The Plan supports measures and initiatives to both protect and sustainably develop these resources. It is also important that necessary improvements to community facilities, public infrastructure and other facilities are appropriately facilitated to ensure these places meet their potential and serve both the visitors & locals residing in these areas in a manner compatible with wider environment protection objectives'.
		In addition, it is noted that Development Objective KENMD-45 includes provisions to ensure that development proposals are compatible with the conservation objectives and biodiversity interests of European sites (SACs and SPAs) and National / proposed National designations (NHAs and pNHAs).

-	S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.		
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects	
		Having regard to the above, it is considered that there is no realistic potential for significant effects or adverse impacts on European Natura 2000 sites.	
27	Kenmare Settlement Zoning	The lands which are subject to this proposed amendment are brownfield lands located within the town centre and were zoned for mixed use in the previous local area plan for Kenmare. It is noted that the buffer of GI open space zoning would remain between the River Finnihy and the zoning and that the proposed zoning is located outside of any core sustenance zone outlined for Lesser Horseshoe Bats in the Conservation Objectives for the Kenmare River SAC.	
		Having regard to the above, it is considered that there is no realistic potential for significant effects or adverse impacts on European Natura 2000 sites.	
28	Kenmare Settlement Zoning	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from C5 Tourism & Related/R1 New/Proposed Residential to R1 New/Proposed Residential/C5 Tourism &	

-	osed Amendments to the draft K n (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	Kenmare Municipal District Local
Number		Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
	Proposed Amendment to change from CS Toution & Related/RT New/Proposed Related and include on indicative Cor Park Related and include on indicative Cor Park	Related and include an indicative car park. Essentially this would result in the proposed Tourism and related zoning swapping with the proposed residential – thereby locating the residential zoning closer to the town centre. Separately an indicative carpark is outlined within the adjoining proposed mixed use zoning.
		It is considered that these proposed changes from the draft plan are benign and immaterial from a Habitats Directive point of view. It is noted that \$3.2.2.5.2 of the Kenmare section of the Plan contains guidance for the development of these lands, specifically referencing Lesser Horseshoe Bat requirements and require compatibility with the conservation objectives of the Kenmare River SAC.
29	Kenmare Settlement Zoning	Having regard to the above, it is considered that there is no realistic potential for significant effects or adverse impacts on European Natura 2000 sites. Proposal seeks to amend the

-	osed Amendments to the draft K (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	Cenmare Municipal District Local
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
	Propried Amendment to change from CS To Jam & Related to R1 New/Proposed Residential	draft zoning map from C5 Tourism & Related to R1 New/Proposed. It is considered that these proposed changes from the draft plan are benign and immaterial from a Habitats Directive point of view.
		No significant or adverse effect likely.
	Kenmare Settlement Zoning	Proposal seeks to zone lands outside of the settlement boundary of Kenmare as C6 Mixed/General Commercial/Industrial/Enterpri se Uses.
30		These lands are geographically removed from any European Site and no realistic viable pathway for impact exists.
		No significant or adverse effect likely.
31	Kenmare Settlement Zoning	Proposal seeks to extend the settlement boundary and to zone R1 New/Proposed Residential/R2 Existing Residential.
		These lands are geographically removed from any European Site and no

	S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
		realistic viable pathway for impact exists. No significant or adverse effect likely.
32	Kenmare Settlement Zoning	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from O1 Strategic Reserve, White Land to R2 Existing Residential. These lands are geographically removed from any European Site and no realistic viable pathway for impact exists.
	Kenmare Settlement Zoning	Nosignificantoradverseeffect likely.Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from O1Strategic Reserve, White Land toR1New/ProposedResidential.
33		It is noted that a small watercourse adjoins these lands to the north. It is noted that the plan supports Inland Fisheries Irelands guidelines for urban development.
		Notwithstanding the above, it is noted that these lands are geographically removed from any European Site and that no

	osed Amendments to the draft K (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	Cenmare Municipal District Local
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
		realistic viable pathway for impact exists. No significant or adverse effect likely.
34	Killorglin	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from M1 Mixed Use to R1 New/Proposed Residential. No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed amendment from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view.
	Killorglin Proposed Amendment to zone R1 New/Proposed Residentia	No significant or adverse effect likely. Proposal seeks to zone lands outside of the settlement boundary of Killorglin as R1 New/Proposed Residential.
35		These lands are geographically removed from any European Site. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists.
		No significant or adverse effect likely.
36	Killorglin	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map to extend the settlement boundary and

_	S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
	Proposed Amendment to extend the settlement boundary and zone MI Mixed Use	to zone M1 Mixed used. These lands are geographically removed from any European Site. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists. No significant or adverse effect likely.
37	Killorglin	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map to extend the settlement boundary and to zone R1 New/Proposed Residential. These lands are geographically removed from any European Site. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists.
		No significant or adverse effect likely.

-	osed Amendments to the draft K n (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	Cenmare Municipal District Local
Number		Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
38	Killorglin Proposed Amendment for Zone R1 New/Proposed Residenticity	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map to extend the settlement boundary and to zone R1 New/Proposed Residential. These lands are geographically removed from any European Site. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists.
39	Killorglin Proposed Amendment to change from Anticulture: and to extend the settlement Anticulture: and to extend the settlement Residential Re	No significant or adverse effect likely. Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from R1 New/Proposed Residential to P1 Agriculture, and to extend the settlement boundary and to zone R1 New/Proposed Residential. These lands are geographically removed from any European Site. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact
40	Sneem	exists. No significant or adverse effect likely . Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from O1 Strategic Reserve, White Land

	osed Amendments to the draft K (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	Cenmare Municipal District Local
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
	Proposed Amendment to change from OI Strategic reserve. White Land to RI New Proposed Residential	to R1 New/Proposed Residential. These lands are geographically removed from any European Site and are outside of the lesser horseshoe bat 'core sustenance zone' identified in the Askive Wood SAC conservation objective report. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists.
		No significant or adverse effect likely.
	Sneem Proposed Americanent to extend the settlement boundary and to zone R1 New/Proposed Residential	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map to extend the settlement boundary and to zone R1 New/Proposed Residential.
41		These lands are geographically removed from any European Site and are outside of the lesser horseshoe bat 'core sustenance zone' identified in the Askive Wood SAC conservation objective report. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists.
		No significant or adverse effect likely.

Area Plar Number	(MDLAP) 2023-2029. Overview of the proposed	Assessment, in view of
	amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in
	Sneem Proposed Amorialment to change from G3 Londscape Protection to R2 Disting Residential	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from G3 Landscape Protection to R2 Existing Residential.
42		These lands are geographically removed from any European Site but are located marginally within the lesser horseshoe bat core sustenance zone identified in the Askive Wood SAC conservation objective report. Notwithstanding this, suitable foraging / commuting habitat for the species was not identified for the species at this location.
		The lands are elevated over adjoining lands and consist of a rocky outcrop. Any proposal for development of these lands is likely to require substantial excavation works and the breaking out of rock. This could present a risk to water quality downstream. However, the waters downstream are estuarine in nature which are less vulnerable to sedimentation. It is further noted that standard water quality protection measures are contained in the

-	S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.		
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects	
		plan and in the Kerry CDP 2022-2028. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists.	
		No significant or adverse effect likely.	
43	Waterville	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from R4 Strategic Residential Reserve to R2 Existing Residential and O1 Strategic Reserve. No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed alterations from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view.	
		No significant or adverse effect likely.	
	Waterville	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from R4 Strategic Residential Reserve to R1 New/Proposed Residential.	
44		These lands are geographically removed from any European Site. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists.	

	osed Amendments to the draft K (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	Cenmare Municipal District Local
Number		Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
		No significant or adverse effect likely.
45	Waterville Proposed Amendment to charge from R4 Strategic Reidentide Researce to R1 New/Proposed Reidential	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from R4 Strategic Residential Reserve to R1 New/Proposed Residential. These lands are geographically removed from any European Site. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists.
46	Ballinskelligs	Nosignificantoradverseeffect likely.Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from C2.1Industrial/Enterprise/Employme nt to M1 Mixed Use.It is noted that the plan and the Kerry CDP 2022-2028 require adequate water infrastructure to be provided or in place as part of a development proposal.Theselandsare
		geographically removed from any European Site. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact

=	osed Amendments to the draft k (MDLAP) 2023-2029.	Cenmare Municipal District Local
Number		Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
		exists, having regard to the water infrastructure requirements of the plan.
		No significant or adverse effect likely.
	Ballinskelligs	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from M2 Village Centre/R2 Existing Residential/R4 Strategic Residential Reserve and to extend the settlement boundary and zone as M1 Mixed Use.
47		It is noted that the plan and the Kerry CDP 2022-2028 require adequate water infrastructure to be provided or in place as part of a development proposal.
		These lands are geographically removed from any European Site. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists, having regard to the water infrastructure requirements of the plan.
		No significant or adverse effect likely.
48 and 49	These amendments relate to proposed amendments to	No effects or impacts are considered likely having

S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.		
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
	the text of the plan	regard to the benign nature of the proposed alterations from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view. No significant or adverse effect likely.
50	Beaufort Proposed Amendment to extend the settlement boundary and to zone R4 strategic Residential Reserve	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map to extend the settlement boundary and zone as R4 Strategic Residential Reserve. No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed alterations from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view. No significant or adverse
51	Chapeltown	effect likely.Proposal seeks to extend the settlement boundary and zone as R2 Existing Residential.Theselandsare geographically removed from any European Site. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists.Nosignificant or adverse effect likely.
52	Chapeltown	Proposal seeks to extend the

S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.		
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
	Proposed Amendment to extend the settlement boundary and to zone R4 strategic Residential Reserve	settlement boundary and zone as R4 Strategic Residential Reserve. These lands are
		geographically removed from any European Site. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists.
		No significant or adverse effect likely.
	Proposal seeks to include an additional objective for Dún Géagáin (General	Proposed support is subject to environmental assessment.
53	Objectives) as follows; Seek the improvement of pedestrian connectivity between the village & beach, subject to environmental assessments	No significant or adverse effect likely.
54	Kilgarvan Proposed Amendment to change from QL Strategic Reserve, Willie Land to R4 Strategic Residential Reserve	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from O1 Strategic Reserve, White Land to R4 Strategic Residential Reserve.
		These lands are geographically removed from any European Site. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists.

S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.		
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
		No significant or adverse effect likely.
55	It is proposed to include the following additional text in Section 3.2.7.1 as follows; Within Knightstown is the Altazimuth Stone, which played a significant role in the development of sea navigation techniques with the determination of longitude.	No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed alterations from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view. No significant or adverse effect likely .
56	Knightstown Proposed Amendment to extend settlement boundary dreineral Community Services/ Facilities	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map extend the settlement boundary and zone S5 Mixed/General Community Services/Facilities. These lands are geographically removed from any European Site. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists. No significant or adverse effect likely.
57	Knightstown	Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from amend the Knightstown zoning map from N1.6 Car Park to M1 Mixed Use & Indicative Car Park. These lands are located outside of but in close

S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.		
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
	Proposed. Amendment to choinge from NI. A Confront Ito MI. Molecule & Indicative Cor Port	proximity to Valencia Harbour/ Portmagee Channel SAC European Site. It is noted that a stream is located within these lands to the west and south and flows into the Valentia Harbour / Portmagee channel SAC which is designated for the presence of Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140], Large shallow inlets and bays [1160] and Reefs [1170]. It is noted that the plan and the Kerry CDP 2022-2028 support Inland Fisheries Ireland's guidelines on watercourses in urban development proposals and also contain requirements in relation to construction stage and operational stage water quality protection measures. It is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists. No significant or adverse
58	Knightstown	effect likely. Proposal seeks to amend the draft zoning map from M4 Built

S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.		
Number	Overview of the proposed amendment to the MDLAP. (For full details of proposed Amendments refer to the accompanying document titled 'Proposed Amendments to the Kenmare MDLAP 2023-2029).	Assessment, in view of European Sites Conservation Objectives and taking into account potential in combination and accumulative effects
	Proposed Amendment to charge from MA Built Up Area to: MI Model Use	Up Area to M1 Mixed Use. No impacts likely due to the benign nature of the proposed alterations from a Habitats Directive Assessment point of view.
		No significant or adverse effect likely
59	It is proposed to include a new objective for Portmagee (Overall Objectives) as follows; Support the sustainable development of water recreation facilities at an appropriate location in the village of Portmagee subject	•
60	to environmental assessment. Rural amendment	effect likely. Proposed to zone lands to the west of Killorglin as C2.1 Industrial/Enterprise/Employme nt. A stream adjoins these lands to the east. Smaller watercourses are located to the north, south and east. It appears from the information available on floodmaps.ie that the lands are at least in part at risk of flooding. The Kerry CDP 2022- 2028 requirements in relation to flood risk management are

S4.1 Proposed Amendments to the draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan (MDLAP) 2023-2029.		
Number		account potential in combination and
		noted. Given the separation of 2.3Km to the Castlemaine Harbour SAC and SPA which are the nearest European Sites, and to the estuarine nature of those sites, it is considered that no realistic viable pathway for impact exists. No significant or adverse effect likely .

4.1 Overview of AA Screening

The AA screening exercise undertaken in section 4.1 of this report considered the proposed amendments / material alterations within the context of the draft Kenmare MDLAP and the Kerry CDP 2022-2028. No potential for significant or adverse effects were considered likely having regard to the conservation objectives of European sites in the vicinity of the plan.

5. Summary

A Habitats Directive Assessment / Natura Impact Report was undertaken for the proposed Draft Kenmare Municipal District Local Area Plan in August 2023. Section 2 of this current report provides an overview of the Habitats Directive Assessment process to date, while section 3 addresses submissions and observations received of particular relevance to the Appropriate Assessment. Following on from this, Section 4 of this report considered the potential for effect / impact of the proposed amendments on European Sites.

Section 4 of the report concluded that there was no potential for significant effects on European Sites, likely to arise from the proposed amendments / material alterations.

6. Conclusion

It is concluded that a Stage II Appropriate Assessment of one or more of the proposed material alterations is not required.

Reasons for conclusion

- All recommendations contained in the Natura Impact Report prepared at draft plan stage have been incorporated into the draft plan as proposed to be amended / materially altered.
- No proposed land use zoning amendments / alterations relate to lands located within European Site boundaries.
- The draft Kenmare MDLAP and the Kerry CDP 2022-2028 contain policies and objectives in relation to waste water treatment requirements.
- In certain instances, policies / objectives have been formulated using a caveat or conditional approach requiring, where necessary, a case-by-case Environmental Assessment / Habitats Directive Assessment.
- It is considered beyond reasonable scientific doubt that the proposed amendments / material alterations, individually or in combination with other plans/projects are not likely to have a likely significant effect on a European site (Natura 2000 Site).

7. Appendix one – Conservation Objectives

European Site name and code	Conservation Objectives A full listing of the attributes and targets required to achieve the conservation objectives are available on the NPWS website (www.npws.ie). These have been taken into consideration as part of this assessment.	Activities requiring consent from the Minister / threats	Potential for adverse effects arising from the draft Kenmare plan, as proposed to be amended / materially altered, including by way of potential in- combination with other plans or projects.
Special Area	as of Conservations (SACs)		
Ballinskellig	To maintain the favourable	U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U	It is considered that
s Bay And	conservation condition of the	infilling.	there is no potential for
Inny	following habitats:		adverse effects beyond
Estuary,		ARC 03 Blasting, drilling, dredging or	those aspects identified
000335	• Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-	.	in Section 7.3 of the NIR
	Puccinellietalia maritimae) [1330]	fossils, rock, minerals, mud, sand,	prepared at draft plan
	• Juniperus Mediterranean salt	gravel or other sediment.	stage. It is determined
	meadows (Juncetalia maritimi)		that no further action is
	[1410]	ARC 05 Cutting, uprooting or otherwise removing plants. [Consent is	required.
	To restore the favourable	not required for harvesting of	
	conservation condition of the	cultivated crops, or for grazing or	
	following species:	mowing.]	
	 Petalwort Petalophyllum ralfsii 		

NPWS Conservation Objectives, Version 1, May 2014	ARC 06 Introduction, or re- introduction, of plants or animals not found in the area. [Consent is not required for the planting of crops on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land.]	
	ARC 09 Construction or alteration of tracks, paths, roads, bridges, culverts or access routes.	
	ARC 10 Construction, removal or alteration of fences, stone walls, hedgerows, banks or any field boundary other than temporary electric fencing. [Consent is not required for normal maintenance.]	
	ARC 11 Digging, ploughing, harrowing or otherwise disturbing soil or substrate. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 50m from a river, stream, floodplain, wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
	ARC 12 Applying inorganic or organic	

fertiliser, including slurry and farmyard manure. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 13 Applying lime. [Consent is not required for this activity on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 14 Storage, burial, disposal or recovery of any materials. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 15 Burning, topping, clearing scrub or rough vegetation or	

reseeding. [Consent is not required for	
these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a	
river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 18 Application of pesticides, including herbicides. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 19 Supplementary feeding of livestock. [Consent is not required for this activity on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 20 Significant changes in livestock density (including	

introduction of grazing), changes in livestock type or grazing season, other than on established reseeded grassland. [Consent is not required for changes of less than 20% in livestock density unless notice has been given that a lower percentage is applicable to a particular site.]	
ARC 24 Works on, or alterations to, the banks, bed or flow of a drain, watercourse or waterbody.	
ARC 25 Drainage works including digging, deepening, widening or blocking a drain, watercourse or waterbody.	
ARC 27 Water abstraction, sinking of boreholes and wells.	
ARC 28 Felling of trees or removing timber, including dead wood.	
ARC 29 Planting of trees or multi- annual bioenergy crops.	
ARC 31 Developing or consenting to	

		the development or operation of commercial recreational/visitor facilities or organised recreational activities.	
		ARC 33 Using or permitting the use of land for car parking where it may damage the vegetation, soil or substrate.	
		ARC 36 Harvesting marine invertebrate species in intertidal areas.	
		ARC 37 Driving mechanically propelled vehicles in intertidal areas, except over prescribed access routes.	
		Source: S.I. No. 287/2018 - European Union Habitats (Ballinskelligs Bay and Inny Estuary Special Area of Conservation 000335) Regulations 2018	
Castlemain e Harbour, 000343	To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the following habitats and species: • Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-	ARC 01 Reclamation, including infilling. ARC 02 Stocking or re-stocking with fish.	there is no potential for adverse effects beyond
	Puccinellietalia maritimae) [1330]		prepared at draft plan

Estuaries [1130]	ARC 03 Blasting, drilling, dredging or	stage It is determined
Mudflats and sandflats not		-
	fossils, rock, minerals, mud, sand,	
[1140]	gravel or other sediment.	
Annual vegetation of drift lines	•	
[1210]	ARC 05 Cutting, uprooting or	
Perennial vegetation of stony	• • •	
banks [1220]	not required for harvesting of	
Vegetated sea cliffs of the		
Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230]	mowing.]	
Salicornia and other annuals		
colonising mud and sand [1310]	ARC 06 Introduction, or re-	
 Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco- 	introduction, of plants or animals not	
Puccinellietalia maritimae) [1330]	found in the area. [Consent is not	
Mediterranean salt meadows	required for the planting of crops on	
(Juncetalia maritimi) [1410]	established reseeded grassland or	
Embryonic shifting dunes [2110]	cultivated land.]	
Shifting dunes along the		
shoreline with Ammophile	ARC 08 Undertaking scientific research	
arenaria (white dunes) [2120]		
	ARC 09 Construction or alteration of	
argentea (Salicion arenariae)		
[2170]	or access routes.	
Humid dune slacks [2190]		
Petromyzon marinus (Sec		
Lamprey) [1095]	alteration of fences, stone walls,	
Lampetra fluviatilis (River	o ,	
Lamprey) [1099]	boundary other than temporary	

Salmo salar (Salmon) [1106]	electric fencing. [Consent is not	
Petalophyllum ralfsii (Petalwort) [1395]	required for normal maintenance.]	
To restore the favourable conservation condition of the following habitats and species:	0	
 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130] Alluvial forests with Alnus 	6	
glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae) [91E0] • Lutra lutra (Otter) [1355]		
NPWS Conservation Objectives, Version 2, July 2011	provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
	ARC 13 Applying lime. [Consent is not required for this activity on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake,	

turlough or pond.]ARC 14 Storage, burial, disposal or recovery of any materials. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]ARC 15 Burning, topping, clearing scrub or rough vegetation or	
reseeding. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 18 Application of pesticides, including herbicides. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a	

wetland, lake, turlough or pond.] ARC 19 Supplementary feeding of livestock. [Consent is not required for this activity on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 20 Significant changes in livestock density (including introduction of grazing), changes in livestock type or grazing season, other than on established reseeded grassland. [Consent is not required for changes of less than 20% in livestock density unless notice has been given that a lower percentage is applicable to a particular site.]	
ARC 24 Works on, or alterations to, the banks, bed or flow of a drain, watercourse or waterbody. ARC 25 Drainage works including	
digging, deepening, widening or	

blocking a drain, watercourse or waterbody.	
ARC 27 Water abstraction, sinking of boreholes and wells.	
ARC 28 Felling of trees or removing timber, including dead wood.	
ARC 29 Planting of trees or multi- annual bioenergy crops.	
ARC 31 Developing or consenting to the development or operation of commercial recreational/visitor facilities or organised recreational activities.	
ARC 32 Recreational use of an off- road vehicle.	
ARC 33 Using or permitting the use of land for car parking where it may damage the vegetation, soil or substrate.	
ARC 36 Harvesting marine invertebrate species in intertidal areas.	

		ARC 37 Driving mechanically propelled vehicles in intertidal areas, except over prescribed access routes. Source: European Union Habitats (Castlemaine Harbour Special Area of Conservation 000343) Regulations 2022.	
Old Domestic Building, Dromore Wood, SAC 000353	To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the following species: • Rhinolophus hipposideros (Lesser Horseshoe Bat) [1303] NPWS Conservation Objectives, Version 1, September 2018	found in the area. [Consent is not	adverse effects beyond those aspects identified

	1
scrub or rough vegetation or reseeding. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 18 Application of pesticides, including herbicides. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 28 Felling of trees or removing timber, including dead wood.	
ARC 29 Planting of trees or multi- annual bioenergy crops.	
ARC 31 Developing or consenting to the development or operation of commercial recreational/visitor facilities or organised recreational	

T			1
		activities.	
		ARC 34 Alteration, renovation or removal of buildings, ruins or other structures.	
		ARC 38 Lighting up caves, buildings or other places used by bats for roosts.	
		Source: S.I. No. 94/2016 - European Union Habitats (Old Domestic Building, Dromore Wood Special Area of Conservation 000353) Regulations 2016	
Kilgarvan Ice House, 000364	To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the following species: • Rhinolophus hipposideros (Lesser Horseshoe Bat) [1303] NPWS Conservation Objectives, Version 1, November 2018	ARC 06 Introduction, or re- introduction, of plants or animals not found in the area. [Consent is not required for the planting of crops on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land.] ARC 09 Construction or alteration of tracks, paths, roads, bridges, culverts or access routes.	adverse effects beyond those aspects identified in Section 7.3 of the NIR prepared at draft plan stage. It is determined that no further action is
		ARC 10 Construction, removal or alteration of fences, stone walls, hedgerows, banks or any field	

boundary other than temporary electric fencing. [Consent is not required for normal maintenance.] ARC 15 Burning, topping, clearing scrub or rough vegetation or	
reseeding. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 18 Application of pesticides, including herbicides. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 28 Felling of trees or removing timber, including dead wood. ARC 29 Planting of trees or multi- annual bioenergy crops.	

		ARC 31 Developing or consenting to the development or operation of commercial recreational/visitor facilities or organised recreational activities.	
		ARC 34 Alteration, renovation or removal of buildings, ruins or other structures.	
		ARC 38 Lighting up caves, buildings or other places used by bats for roosts.	
		Source: European Union Habitats (Kilgarvan Ice House Special Area of Conservation 000364) Regulations 2016	
Killarney National Park,	To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the following habitats and species:	ARC 01 Reclamation, including infilling.	It is considered that there is no potential for adverse effects beyond
Macgillycu ddy's Reeks And	- · ·	ARC 02 Stocking or re-stocking with fish.	those aspects identified in Section 7.3 of the NIR
Caragh River	Callitricho Batrachion vegetation [3260]	ARC 03 Blasting, drilling, dredging or otherwise removing or disturbing	
Catchmen t 000365	•	fossils, rock, minerals, mud, sand, gravel or other sediment.	required.

		1
grasslands [5130]		
Calaminarian grasslands of the		
Violetalia calaminariae [6130]	otherwise removing plants. [Consent is	
Geomalacus maculosus (Kerry	not required for harvesting of	
Slug) [1024] • Petromyzon marinus	cultivated crops, or for grazing or	
(Sea Lamprey) [1095] • Lampetra	mowing.]	
planeri (Brook Lamprey) [1096]		
Lampetra fluviatilis (River	ARC 06 Introduction, or re-	
Lamprey) [1099] • Salmo salar	introduction, of plants or animals not	
(Salmon) [1106]	found in the area. [Consent is not	
Rhinolophus hipposideros (Lesser	required for the planting of crops on	
Horseshoe Bat) [1303]	established reseeded grassland or	
Lutra lutra (Otter) [1355]	cultivated land.]	
Trichomanes speciosum	-	
(Killarney Fern) [1421]	ARC 07 All activities relating to turf	
Najas flexilis (Slender Naiad)	cutting and/or peat extraction.	
[1833]	[Consent is not required to continue	
	domestic turf cutting from existing turf	
To restore the favourable	banks.]	
conservation condition of the	-	
following habitats and species:	ARC 09 Construction or alteration of	
Oligotrophic waters containing	tracks, paths, roads, bridges, culverts	
very few minerals of sandy plains		
(Littorelletalia uniflorae) [3110]		
	ARC 08 Undertaking scientific research	
standing waters with vegetation	Ç diret i	
.	ARC 09 Construction or alteration of	
	tracks, paths, roads, bridges, culverts	

[3]30]	• Northern Atlantic wet	or access routes.	
	with Erica tetralix [4010]		
	ean dry heaths [4030]	ARC 10 Construction, removal or	
-	e and Boreal heaths [4060]	alteration of fences, stone walls,	
	olinia meadows on	hedgerows, banks or any field	
	eous, peaty or clayey-silt-	C	
	soils (Molinion caeruleae)		
[6410]		required for normal maintenance.]	
	et bogs (* if active bog)	required for normal maintendince.j	
[7130]		ARC 11 Digging, ploughing, harrowing	
	essions on peat substrates		
•	hynchosporion [7150]	[Consent is not required for these	
		activities on established reseeded	
	echnum in the British Isles		
[91A0]		it is greater than 50m from a river,	
	vial forests with Alnus	÷	
	a and Fraxinus excelsior	•	
Ū.	adion, Alnion incanae,	Tonoogn of pond.]	
•	albae) [91E0]	ARC 12 Applying inorganic or organic	
	s baccata woods of the		
	les [91J0]	manure. [Consent is not required for	
	argaritifera margaritifera	-	
	ater Pearl Mussel) [1029]	reseeded grassland or cultivated land	
-	hydryas aurinia (Marsh	-	
	-	river, stream or floodplain; or greater	
	nsis (Killarney Shad) [5046]	than 50m from a wetland, lake,	
		turlough or pond.]	
NPWS	Conservation Objectives		

Version 1, October 2017	ARC 13 Applying lime. [Consent is not required for this activity on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
	ARC 14 Storage, burial, disposal or recovery of any materials. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
	ARC 15 Burning, topping, clearing scrub or rough vegetation or reseeding. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
	ARC 18 Application of pesticides,	

including herbicides. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 19 Supplementary feeding of livestock. [Consent is not required for this activity on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 20 Significant changes in livestock density (including introduction of grazing), changes in livestock type or grazing season, other than on established reseeded grassland. [Consent is not required for changes of less than 20% in livestock density unless notice has been given that a lower percentage is applicable to a particular site.]	

ARC 22 Changing of agricultural use from hay meadow to any other use.	
ARC 24 Works on, or alterations to, the banks, bed or flow of a drain, watercourse or waterbody.	
ARC 25 Drainage works including digging, deepening, widening or blocking a drain, watercourse or waterbody.	
ARC 26 Entry of livestock or machinery into stretches of river containing, or upstream from, freshwater pearl mussel.	
ARC 27 Water abstraction, sinking of boreholes and wells.	
ARC 28 Felling of trees or removing timber, including dead wood.	
ARC 29 Planting of trees or multi- annual bioenergy crops.	
ARC 31 Developing or consenting to the development or operation of	

		commercial recreational/visitor facilities or organised recreational activities.	
		ARC 34 Alteration, renovation or removal of buildings, ruins or other structures.	
		ARC 38 Lighting up caves, buildings or other places used by bats for roosts.	
		Source: European Union Habitats (Killarney National Park, Macgillycuddy's Reeks and Caragh River Catchment Special Area of Conservation 000365) Regulations 2023	
Mucksna Wood, 001371	To restore the favourable conservation condition of the following habitats: • Old sessile oak woods with llex and Blechnum in the British Isles [91A0]	 ARC 01 Reclamation, including infilling. ARC 03 Blasting, drilling, dredging or otherwise removing or disturbing fossils, rock, minerals, mud, sand, gravel or other sediment. 	there is no potential for adverse effects beyond those aspects identified in Section 7.3 of the NIR
	NPWS Conservation Objectives Version 1, March 2021	ARC 05 Cutting, uprooting or otherwise removing plants. [Consent is not required for harvesting of	that no further action is

cultivated crops, or for grazing or mowing.]	
ARC 06 Introduction, or re- introduction, of plants or animals not found in the area. [Consent is not required for the planting of crops on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land.]	
ARC 09 Construction or alteration of tracks, paths, roads, bridges, culverts or access routes.	
ARC 10 Construction, removal or alteration of fences, stone walls, hedgerows, banks or any field boundary other than temporary electric fencing. [Consent is not required for normal maintenance.]	
ARC 11 Digging, ploughing, harrowing or otherwise disturbing soil or substrate. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 50m from a river, stream, floodplain, wetland, lake,	

turlough or pond.]ARC 12 Applying inorganic or organicfertiliser, including slurry and farmyardmanure. [Consent is not required fortheseactivitiesonestablished	
reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 13 Applying lime. [Consent is not required for this activity on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 14 Storage, burial, disposal or recovery of any materials. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	

	ARC 15 Burning, topping, clearing scrub or rough vegetation or reseeding. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
	ARC 18 Application of pesticides, including herbicides. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
	ARC 19 Supplementary feeding of livestock. [Consent is not required for this activity on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	

ARC 20 Significant changes in livestock density (including introduction of grazing), changes in livestock type or grazing season, other than on established reseeded grassland. [Consent is not required for changes of less than 20% in livestock density unless notice has been given that a lower percentage is applicable to a particular site.]	
ARC 24 Works on, or alterations to, the banks, bed or flow of a drain, watercourse or waterbody.	
ARC 25 Drainage works including digging, deepening, widening or blocking a drain, watercourse or waterbody.	
ARC 28 Felling of trees or removing timber, including dead wood.	
ARC 29 Planting of trees or multi- annual bioenergy crops.	
ARC 31 Developing or consenting to	

		the development or operation of commercial recreational/visitor facilities or organised recreational activities. Source: European Union Habitats (Mucksna Wood Special Area of Conservation 001371) Regulations 2016.	
Old Domestic Building, Askive Wood, 002098	To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the following species: • Rhinolophus hipposideros (Lesser Horseshoe Bat) [1303] NPWS Conservation Objectives Version 1, September 2018	ARC 06 Introduction, or re- introduction, of plants or animals not found in the area. [Consent is not	adverse effects beyond those aspects identified in Section 7.3 of the NIR prepared at draft plan stage. It is determined

scrub or rough vegetation or reseeding. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 18 Application of pesticides, including herbicides. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 28 Felling of trees or removing timber, including dead wood.	
ARC 29 Planting of trees or multi- annual bioenergy crops.	
ARC 31 Developing or consenting to the development or operation of commercial recreational/visitor facilities or organised recreational	

		activities.	
		ARC 34 Alteration, renovation or removal of buildings, ruins or other structures.	
		ARC 38 Lighting up caves, buildings or other places used by bats for roosts.	
		Source: European Union Habitats (Old Domestic Building, Askive Wood Special Area of Conservation 002098) Regulations 2016	
Kenmare River, 002158	To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the following habitats and species: • Large shallow inlets and bays [1160] • Reefs [1170] • Perennial vegetation of stony banks [1220] • Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230] • Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco- Puccinellietalia maritimae) [1330] • Mediterranean salt meadows (Juncetalia maritimi) [1410] • Shifting dunes along the	Threats and pressures: • Marine and Freshwater Aquaculture • Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing • Paths, tracks, cycling tracks • Invasive non-native species • Non intensive grazing • Marine water pollution • Pollution to surface waters (limnic & terrestrial, marine & brackish) • Nautical sports • Fishing and harvesting aquatic resources	It is considered that there is no potential for adverse effects beyond those aspects identified in Section 7.3 of the NIR prepared at draft plan stage. It is determined that no further action is required.

	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1
shoreline with Ammophila		
arenaria (white dunes) [2120] •		
Fixed coastal dunes with	Burning down	
herbaceous vegetation (grey	• Walking, horseriding and non-	
dunes) [2130]	motorised vehicles	
European dry heaths [4030]		
Calaminarian grasslands of the	Ref: NPWS Natura 2000 Data Form	
Violetalia calaminariae [6130]	2018	
Submerged or partially		
submerged sea caves [8330]		
Vertigo angustior (Narrow-		
mouthed Whorl Snail) [1014]		
Rhinolophus hipposideros (Lesser		
Horseshoe Bat) [1303]		
Phoca vitulina (Common Seal)		
[1365]		
To restore the favourable		
conservation condition of the		
following species:		
Lutra lutra (Otter) [1355]		
NPWS Conservation Objectives		
Version 1, April 2013		
Valencia To maintain the favourable	ARC 01 Reclamation, including	It is considered that
Harbour/P conservation condition of the		there is no potential for
ortmagee following habitats:		adverse effects beyond
Channel,	ARC 03 Blasting, drilling, dredging or	

002262	otherwise removing or disturbing fossils, rock, minerals, mud, sand, gravel or other sediment. ARC 05 Cutting, uprooting or otherwise removing plants. [Consent is not required for harvesting of cultivated crops, or for grazing or mowing.]	prepared at draft plan stage. It is determined that no further action is
	ARC 06 Introduction, or re- introduction, of plants or animals not found in the area. [Consent is not required for the planting of crops on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land.]	
	ARC 08 Undertaking scientific research involving the collection and removal of biological material.	
	ARC 09 Construction or alteration of tracks, paths, roads, bridges, culverts or access routes.	
	ARC 11 Digging, ploughing, harrowing or otherwise disturbing soil or substrate. [Consent is not required for these	

activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 50m from a river, stream, floodplain, wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 14 Storage, burial, disposal or recovery of any materials. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 18 Application of pesticides, including herbicides. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or pond.]	
ARC 24 Works on, or alterations to, the banks, bed or flow of a drain, watercourse or waterbody.	

e Harbour 004029	conservation condition of bird species and wetlands listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA	2. Blasting, drilling, dredging or otherwise removing or disturbing rock, minerals, mud, sand, gravel or other	those aspects identified
Castlemain		1. Reclamation, including infilling.	It is considered that
Special Prote	ection Areas (SPAs)		
		Source: European Union Habitats (Valencia Harbour/Portmagee Channel Special Area of Conservation 002262) Regulations 2019.	
		ARC 37 Driving mechanically propelled vehicles in intertidal areas, except over prescribed access routes.	
		ARC 36 Harvesting marine invertebrate species in intertidal areas.	
		ARC 31 Developing or consenting to the development or operation of commercial recreational/visitor facilities or organised recreational activities.	
		ARC 25 Drainage works including digging, deepening, widening or blocking a drain, watercourse or waterbody.	

	sediment.	prepared at draft plan
• Red-throated Diver (Gavia		stage. It is determined
stellata) [A001]	3. Introduction, or re-introduction, of	C .
Cormorant (Phalacrocorax		
carbo) [A017]	area. [Consent is not required for the	
Light-bellied Brent Goose (Branta	planting of crops on established	
bernicla hrota) [A046]	reseeded grassland or cultivated	
• Wigeon (Anas penelope) [A050]	land.]	
• Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)		
[A053]	4. Construction or alteration of tracks,	
 Pintail (Anas acuta) [A054] 	paths, roads, bridges, culverts or	
• Scaup (Aythya marila) [A062]	access routes.	
Common Scoter (Melanitta		
nigra) [A065]	5. Construction, removal or alteration	
Oystercatcher (Haematopus	-	
ostralegus) [A130]	banks or any field boundary other	
Ringed Plover (Charadrius		
hiaticula) [A137]	[Consent is not required for normal	
• Sanderling (Calidris alba) [A144]	maintenance.]	
Bar-tailed Godwit (Limosa		
lapponica) [A157]	6. Burning, topping, clearing scrub or	
Redshank (Tringa totanus)	rough vegetation or reseeding.	
[A162]	[Consent is not required for these	
• Greenshank (Tringa nebularia)	activities on established reserved	
[A164]	grassland or cultivated land provided	
 Iomstone (Arendid Interpres) [A169] 	it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain; or greater than	
	50m from a wetland, lake, turlough or	

pyrrhocorax) [A346]	pond.]	
	7. Drainage works including digging, deepening, widening or blocking a drain, watercourse or waterbody.	
NPWS Conservation Objectives Version 2, July 2011	 bioenergy crops. 9. Any activity intended to disturb 	
	birds, including by mechanical, air, gas, wind powered or audible means. 10. Developing or consenting to the	
	development or operation of commercial recreational/visitor facilities or activities.	
	11. Off-road recreational use of mechanically propelled vehicles.	
	12. Using or permitting the use of land for car parking.	
	13. Harvesting marine invertebrate species in intertidal areas.14. Driving mechanically propelled	

		vehicles in intertidal areas, except over prescribed access routes. Source: European Communities (Conservation of Wild Birds (Castlemaine Harbour Special Protection Area 004029)) Regulations 2012	
Iveragh Peninsula 004154	To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA • Fulmar (Fulmarus glacialis) [A009] • Peregrine (Falco peregrinus) [A103] • Kittiwake (Rissa tridactyla) [A188] • Guillemot (Uria aalge) [A199] • Chough (Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax) [A346] NPWS Conservation Objectives (Site Specific) Version 1.0, April 2022	species of naturally occurring bird in the wild state, save where a specific derogation within the meaning of Article 9 of the Directive is in place. 2.The destruction, damage or removal of nests or eggs or any disturbance, particularly during periods of breeding or rearing, save where a specific derogation within the meaning of Article 9 of the Directive is in place. 3.The rearing or keeping of birds, the hunting and capture of which is	It is considered that there is no potential for adverse effects beyond those aspects identified in Section 7.3 of the NIR prepared at draft plan stage. It is determined that no further action is required.

4.Land reclamation or habitat destruction, except for routine maintenance.
5.Removal or alteration of earth/stone banks, including associated fences.
6.Fishing by any type of nets.
7.Any other activity of which notice may be given by the Minister from time to time.
European Communities (Conservation of Wild Birds (Iveragh Peninsula Special Protection Area 004154)) Regulations 2010.