

**N22 MD O'Shea Roundabout to Ballycasheen Road Upgrade and L3907
Ballycasheen Road Active Travel Project, Killarney, Co Kerry
Planning Authority Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment
Screening Determination Statement**

Stage I Appropriate Assessment Screening Statement

Kerry County Council as Competent Authority determines that the proposed works, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, are not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (Natura 2000 Site), and as such, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment / Natura Impact Statement is not required.

It is considered that the AA Screening Report prepared by the Environmental Assessment Unit contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the development on European sites. That assessment is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council.

Reasons for Determination

- The location of the proposed development within the existing public road boundaries;
- The nature of the works which are small in scale, short in duration and which involve limited excavation works;
- The weak and interrupted hydrological connection between the works area and the Killarney National Park, MacGillycuddy Reeks & Caragh River Catchment SAC, which includes discharge to the municipal drainage system. In addition, there is no possibility of discharge to the adjoining River Flesk or Woodford River which form part of the SAC;
- The lack of in-combination effects arising from other projects in the vicinity;
- That there would be no significant loss or degradation of Natura 2000 habitat or functionally linked habitat, including potential foraging habitat for Lesser Horseshoe Bat;
- That there would be no significant direct or indirect impact on qualifying habitat or species associated with Natura 2000 sites as a result of the proposal.

Signed:



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