



**Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination under the  
Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)**

for:

**Variation No. 2 to the  
Athy Town Development Plan 2012-2018**

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination [pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive as to whether or not a plan or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site and the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)] is being made by Kildare County Council.

In carrying out this Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination, the Council is taking into account the relevant matters specified under Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), including:

- Written submissions and observations made on the Variation and associated documents while they were placed on public display; and
- The Appropriate Assessment Screening Report, which considers other plans and projects.

The Variation must and does comply with the policies, objectives and mitigation measures contained with this existing Athy Town Development Plan 2012-2018. The Town Development Plan was subject to its own AA and SEA processes which determined there are no likely significant effects to the integrity of any European Site foreseen as a result of the implementation of the Plan.

The Appropriate Assessment screening process considered potential effects which may arise during implementation of the Variation. Through an assessment of the sources for effects and an evaluation of the Variation it was determined that the existing Town Development Plan accounts for development within Athy town. The existing mitigation measures within this Plan are seen to be robust, thus there are no additional sources for effects arising from the Variation. It has been evaluated that the Variation has no likely significant adverse effects on the qualifying interests, special conservation interests or the conservation objectives of any designated European Site.

In conclusion, it is determined that Variation No. 2 to the Athy Town Development Plan 2012-2018 is not foreseen to give rise to any significant adverse effects on designated European sites<sup>1</sup>, alone or in combination with other plans or projects. This determination is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated. Stage 2 AA is not required for Variation No. 2 as there are no effects identified.

Signatory (Approved Officer):

19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

<sup>1</sup> Except as provided for in Section 6(4) of the Habitats Directive, viz. There must be:  
a) no alternative solution available,  
b) imperative reasons of overriding public interest for the plan to proceed; and  
c) Adequate compensatory measures in place.