



# APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT AND CONCLUSION STATEMENT

## (A) Project Details

<b>Planning File Ref</b>	P82025.01
<b>Applicant name</b>	Housing Department
<b>Development Location</b>	10 Woodstock Lodge, Athy, Co. Kildare. R14 P990.
<b>Site size</b>	0.0250ha (250sqm)
<b>Application accompanied by an EIS (Yes/NO)</b>	No
<b>Distance from Natura 2000 site in km</b>	0.230KM From the River Barrow and River Nore SAC Natura 2000 Site (code IE0002162)

### Description of the project/proposed development

The proposed works will consist of a new two storey extension to the side and rear of the existing end of terrace bungalow. The proposed development will alter the existing 3 bed, 5-person house to a 5 bed, 9-person dwelling.

## (B) Identification of Natura 2000 sites which may be impacted by the proposed development

		<b>Yes/No</b>
		<b>If answer is yes, identify list name of Natura 2000 site likely to be impacted.</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Impacts on sites designated for freshwater habitats or species.</b></p> <p><u>Sites to consider:</u> River Barrow and Nore, Rye Water/Carton Valley, Pollardstown Fen, Ballynafagh lake</p>	<p><i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include freshwater habitats and/or species, or in the catchment (upstream or downstream) of same?</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If Yes go to section 1 in table C</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Impacts on sites designated for wetland habitats - bogs, fens, marshes and heath.</b></p> <p><u>Sites to consider:</u> River Barrow and Nore, Rye Water/Carton Valley, Pollardstown Fen, Mouds Bog, Ballynafagh Bog, Red Bog, Ballynafagh Lake</p>	<p><i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include wetland habitats (bog, marsh, fen or heath), or within 1 km of same?</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If Yes go to section 2 in table C</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Impacts on designated terrestrial habitats.</b></p> <p><u>Sites to consider:</u> River Barrow and Nore, Rye Water/Carton Valley, Pollardstown Fen, Ballynafagh Lake</p>	<p><i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include woodlands, dunes or grasslands, or within 100m of same?</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If Yes go to section 3 in table C</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Impacts on birds in SPAs</b></p> <p><u>Sites to consider:</u> Poulaphouca Reservoir</p>	<p><i>Is the development within a Special Protection Area, or within 5 km of same?</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If Yes go to section 4 in table C</p>

### Conclusion:

If the answer to all of the above is **No**, significant impacts can be ruled out for habitats and bird species. No further assessment in relation to habitats or birds is required.

If the answer is **Yes** refer to the relevant sections of **C**.

<b>(C) Identification of Potential Impacts on Habitats and Birds.</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Impacts on designated rivers, streams, lakes and fresh water dependant habitats and species.</b>	
	<b>Answer the following if the answer to question 1 in table B was YES</b>	
	<i>Does the development involve any of the following:</i>	
1.1	Works within the boundary of a Special Area of Conservation excluding small extensions/alterations to existing buildings.	<b>No</b>
1.2	Discharge to surface water or groundwater within 5km of SAC.	<b>No</b>
1.3	Abstraction from surface water or groundwater within 5km of SAC.	<b>No</b>
1.4	Removal of topsoil within 500m of watercourses	<b>Yes</b>
1.5	Infilling or raising of ground levels within 100m of watercourses	<b>No</b>
1.6	Construction of drainage ditches within 1km of SAC.	<b>No</b>
1.7	Installation of wastewater treatment systems; percolation areas; septic tanks within 500 m of watercourses	<b>No</b>
1.8	Construction within a floodplain or within an area liable to flood	<b>No</b>
1.9	Crossing or culverting of rivers or streams within 5km of SAC	<b>No</b>
1.10	Storage of chemicals, hydrocarbons or organic wastes within 1km of a watercourse	<b>No</b>
1.11	Development of a large scale which involves the production of an EIS	<b>No</b>
1.12	Development of quarries/mines	<b>No</b>
1.13	Development of windfarms	<b>No</b>
1.14	Development of pumped hydro electric stations	<b>No</b>
1.15	Construction of roads or other infrastructure on peat habitats within 1km rivers, streams, lakes and fresh water dependant habitats	<b>No</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Impacts on designated wetlands - bogs, fens, marshes and heath.</b>	
	<b>Answer the following if the answer to question 2 in table B was YES</b>	
	<i>Does the development involve any of the following:</i>	
2.1	Works within the boundary of a Special Area of Conservation excluding small extensions/alterations to existing buildings.	<b>N/A</b>
2.2	Construction of roads or other infrastructure on peat habitats within 1km of bog, marsh, fen or heath habitat within a Natura 2000 site	<b>N/A</b>
2.3	Development of a large scale within 1km of bog, marsh, fen or heath habitat within a Natura 2000 site which involves the production of an EIS	<b>No</b>

<b>3</b>	<b>Impacts on other designated terrestrial habitats (woodland, grasslands)</b>	
	<b><i>Please answer the following if the answer to question 3 in table B YES</i></b>	
	<i>Does the development involve any of the following:</i>	
3.1	Works within the boundary of a Special Area of Conservation.	<b>N/A</b>
3.2	Development within 200m of Natura 2000 site with woodland, grassland or coastal habitats.	<b>N/A</b>
3.3	Development of a large scale within 1km of Natura 2000 site with woodland, grassland or coastal habitats which involves the production of an EIS.	<b>N/A</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Impacts on birds in SPAs</b>	
	<b><i>Answer the following if the answer to question 4 in table B was YES</i></b>	
	<i>Does the development involve any of the following:</i>	
4.1	Works within the boundary of a Special Protection Area excluding small extensions/alterations to existing buildings.	
4.2	Erection of wind turbines within 5km of an SPA.	<b>N/A</b>
4.3	Proposed discharges directly to SPA	<b>N/A</b>
4.4	Development of cycleways or walking routes within 100m of SPA	<b>N/A</b>

**Conclusion:**

If the answer to all of the above is **No**, significant impacts on habitats within Natura 2000 sites can be ruled out. No further assessment is required in relation to habitats.

If the answer is **Yes**, you will require further information, which should be provided in the form of a Natura Impact Statement which should address the particular issues of concern as identified through the above.

## Consideration of potential impacts on protected species within SACs

Many of our Special Areas of Conservation are designated for species as well as for habitats. These are listed below, alongside the sites for which they are designated. Included is a short list of the types of activities which could have an impact on these species. Please tick if you are concerned that the proposed development could have an impact on these species.

Species	Relevant Sites	Activities which could have impacts on species	Possible Impacts Identified Yes/No
Otter	River Barrow and Nore, Pollardstown Fen	Activities that interferes with river banks.	<b>No</b>
Atlantic Salmon	River Barrow and Nore, Rye Water /Carton Valley	Activities that interfere with water quality, levels or the river bed;	<b>No</b>
River Lamprey	River Barrow and Nore	Activities that interfere with water quality, levels or the river bed;	<b>No</b>
Brook Lamprey	River Barrow and Nore, Pollardstown Fen	Activities that interfere with water quality, levels or the river bed;	<b>No</b>
White-clawed Crayfish	River Barrow and Nore, Rye Water /Carton Valley	Activities that interfere with water quality or the river bed;	<b>No</b>
Freshwater Pearl Mussel	River Barrow and Nore	Activities that interfere with water quality, levels or the river bed ;	<b>No</b>
Whorled Snail	River Barrow and Nore, Rye Water /Carton Valley, Pollardstown Fen, Ballynafagh Lake	Activities that result in loss of fen, marsh or wet grassland habitat within or close to the SAC.	<b>No</b>
Marsh Fritillary	Ballynafagh Lake	Activities that result in loss of heath/grassland habitat within or close to the SAC.	<b>No</b>

### Conclusion:

If the answer to all of the above is **No**, significant impacts on species can be ruled out.

If the answer to any of the above is **Yes**, then further information is likely to be required in relation to potential for impact on that particular species.

<b>(D) SUMMARY OF IMPACTS</b>		
<b>Natura 2000 sites within impact zone</b> (from above)		
<b>Qualifying features of Natura 2000 site within impact zone</b> From spread sheet (Attach site synopsis)		
<b>(E) ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS (from tables above)</b>		
<b>Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) could affect the Natura 2000 site(s).</b>		
<b>If there are potential impacts, explain whether you consider if these are likely to be significant.</b>		
<b>(F) RELEVANT ADVICE RECEIVED</b>		
<b>Documentation reviewed for making of this statement. Attached</b>		
<b>Persons/Bodies consulted with for the making of this statement.</b>		
<b>(G) SCREENING CONCLUSION STATEMENT</b>		
<i>Selected relevant category for project assessed by ticking box.</i>		
<b>1</b>	AA is not required because the project is directly connected with/necessary to the conservation management of the site	
<b>2</b>	No potential significant affects/AA is not required	X
<b>3</b>	Significant effects are certain, likely or uncertain. Seek a Natura Impact Statement Reject proposal. (Reject if potentially damaging/inappropriate)	
<b>Justify why it falls into relevant category above (based on information in above tables)</b>		
<i>Having regard to the scale and nature of the proposed works, it is not considered that there will be any impact on the nearest SAC.</i>		
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<b>Date:</b>	26/11/2024	