

# COMHAIRLE CHONDAE CHILL DARA KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL



## Chief Executive Order

I, Peter Carey, Chief Executive, am duly authorised to make the following Order.

**ORDER NO:** CE21850    **SECTION :** Planning

**SUBJECT:**                    **Coghlanstown Slope Remediation Part 8  
Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

**SUBMITTED:**                Report from Liam McGree Senior Planner outlining the  
principal reasons supporting this determination.

**ORDER :**                      That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority  
having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by  
Altamar Ltd., makes a determination that a Stage 2:  
Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the  
Coghlanstown Slope Remediation Project, either alone or in  
combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any  
Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

**Date:** 01/02/2019

  
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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Comhairle Contae Chill Dara  
Kildare County Council



Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Part XAB  
Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Part 8

**COGHLANSTOWN SLOPE REMEDIATION**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing to move a section of the River Liffey channel away from the bottom of pre-existing slope between the public road (L6047) and the river to allow the slope, which has failed necessitating a temporary closure of the public road, to be re-stabilised at a more natural angle at Coghlanstown, Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare. The realigned channel of the river would be similar to the alignment as identified on the 6 inch mapping from 1829-1841. Rock armour scour protection is also proposed at the base of the re-stabilised slope. The L6047 road would remain in its existing location and it is proposed that there would be a very minor horizontal change to the alignment as a result of introduction of kerbing on along its northern edge. 300m of the carriageway would be replaced (i.e. new capping, sub-base, base, binder and surface layers) with all works in relation to the existing services being carried out by the relevant utility companies.

Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the guidance contained in the document entitled "*Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities*" (published by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2009) and following an examination of the objective information provided in the "*Appropriate Assessment Screening for the on the Slope Failure Project at Coghlanstown, Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare*" (the Screening Report) prepared by Altemar Ltd., Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the Coghlanstown Slope Failure Remediation Project, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, does not have the potential to give rise to likely significant effects on European sites, their conservation objectives or integrity, and therefore does not require an Appropriate Assessment.

The principal reasons supporting this determination include:

- The assessment of the hydrological pathway has shown that no element of the project is likely to result in significant physical or ecological change to, or cause an impact or effect on, any features of interest or conservation objectives of any Natura 2000 site within 15km of the proposed project or with a direct hydrological connection to the proposed project.
- Given the isolated nature of the site with a 70km (by river) pathway to the nearest downstream Natura 2000 sites which are located in the marine environment, having passed through numerous towns including Dublin City, the reservoir and dam at Golden Falls (Leixlip), in addition to dilution from tributaries joining the River Liffey over that 70km no significant cumulative impact would be envisaged for the project alone or in combination with other projects. No significant cumulative impacts are foreseen that are likely to have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 site.

Therefore a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the project appraisal either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

  
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Peter Carey  
Chief Executive

Date: 1/2/19

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