



**Appropriate Assessment Determination under the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC as transposed into Irish Law by S.I. 477/2011 (as amended).**

For

**Concerning the proposed Kildare County Council Local Economic and Community Plan**

Kildare County Council has prepared a Local Economic and Community Plan (the Plan) for the Kildare County functional area.

A screening determination for the need for Appropriate Assessment (AA) has been made by the Council in respect of the Plan in accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the Directive 92/43/EEC (Habitats Directives) and Regulation 42(11) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended).

The Plan was examined and assessed for its potential to have likely significant effects on any European site in view of conservation objectives, either alone or in combination with other plans, programmes and projects. This assessment was documented in an AA Screening Report for the Plan.

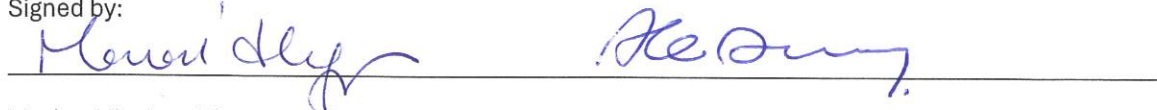
The AA Screening Report concluded that the Plan will not introduce any sources of environmental effect, and therefore will not result in any likely, significant effect on European sites, including the qualifying interests, special conservation interest or the conservation objectives of such sites.

The principal reason for this is as follows:

- The Plan does not set the framework for consent or land use change. The supports provided will work within existing land use operators and all plans/projects arising from the implementation of the plan will be subject to compliance with the Kildare County Development Plan (CDP) 2023 - 2029 and all other relevant plans. There are no sources for impacts that are not already considered within the CDP and other relevant plans and their associated environmental assessments.

Taking account of the above, it is determined that full AA is not required to be undertaken for the Plan.

Signed by:



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