

**Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)  
Screening Determination under:**

**The Planning and Development Acts 2000-2015**

**for:**

**Proposed Material Alterations to the  
Draft Laois County Development Plan 2017-2023**

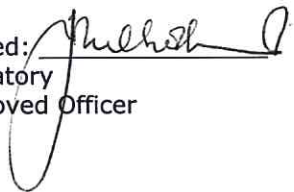
A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening determination has been made by Laois County Council regarding Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Laois County Development Plan 2017-2023.

Section 12 (7) (aa) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended (as amended), requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan warrant the undertaking of SEA.

Such a determination takes into account relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the SEA Regulations, as amended.

Taking into account the content of the Proposed Material Alterations and the measures that have already been integrated into the Draft Plan that contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, it is determined that potential effects arising from the Proposed Material Alterations are either present already (beneficial) and will be further contributed towards or will be mitigated so as not to be significant (adverse). Therefore it is determined that SEA is not required for the Proposed Material Alterations.

An SEA Screening Report on the Proposed Material Alterations has been prepared which accompanies and has informed this determination. The determination has also been informed by the SEA Environmental Report and the Draft Plan.

Signed:   
Signatory  
Approved Officer

**Appropriate Assessment (AA)  
Screening Determination under:**

**The Planning and Development Acts 2000-2015**

**for:**


**Proposed Material Alterations to the  
Draft Laois County Development Plan 2017-2023**

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening determination has been made by Laois County Council regarding Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Laois County Development Plan 2017-2023.

Section 12 (7) (aa) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan warrant the undertaking of AA.

It has been determined that the Proposed Material Alterations shall not give rise to effects on the integrity of any Natura 2000 site. Therefore, in accordance with the methodological guidance on the provision of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, it is concluded that the Proposed Material Alterations do not require any further assessment to demonstrate compliance with the Directive.

An AA Screening Report on the Proposed Material Alterations has been prepared which accompanies and has informed this determination. The determination has also been informed by the AA Natura Impact Report and Draft Plan.

Signed:   
Signatory  
Approved Officer