

Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Abbeyfeale Local Area Plan 2023-2029

A Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination is being made by Limerick City and County Council regarding Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Abbeyfeale Local Area Plan 2023-2029.

Section 20 (3) 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.

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

- Screening for AA Report for Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Abbeyfeale LAP 2023-2029;
- Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Abbeyfeale LAP 2023-2029;
- AA Natura Impact Report for the Draft Abbeyfeale LAP 2023-2029; and
- Draft Local Area Plan 2023-2029.

The Screening for AA Report demonstrates that the implementation of the Proposed Material Alterations will not result in adverse effects to the ecological integrity of any European sites.

The risks to the safeguarding and integrity of the qualifying interests, special conservation interests and conservation objectives of the European sites have been addressed through measures integrated into the Draft Plan and through existing, already in force policies and objectives within the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 with which the Proposed Material Alterations and all lower tier plans/projects must comply.

The undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented above and in the Screening for AA Report. It is determined that the Proposed Material Alterations will not give rise to any effect on any European sites, alone or in combination with any other plans, programmes, and projects etc. and that, consequently, Stage 2 AA is not required for the Proposed Material Alterations.

Signed: 

Director of Service – Planning, Environment and Place –Making
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