# Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 

# Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report of the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 

In Line with the requirements of Article 6 (3) of the EU Habitats Directive


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## 1 Introduction

Donegal County Council is preparing a new County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 (hereinafter referred to as the Draft CDP). This will replace the existing County Donegal Development Plan 2012 - 2018 (as varied). The Draft CDP is being prepared under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to provide for sustainable development and improvement of the environmental, social, economic and cultural assets of the county.

It is the responsibility of the competent authority, Donegal County Council, to complete an Appropriate Assessment (AA) in respect of the Draft CDP to assess the likelihood of the Plan having significant affects on the integrity of the Natura 2000 network of European sites. This document is the Natura Impact Report (NIR) in support of stage 2 Appropriate Assessment of the Draft CDP to fulfil the requirements of Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, hereinafter referred to as the Habitats Directive.
$A A$ is an iterative process and helps to inform the policies and objectives of the Draft CDP. The AA process therefore requires integration of planning and requisite ecological and other expertise. This is being achieved in the preparation of the Draft CDP through the use of in-house planning, environmental and engineering teams supported by external ecological expertise at key stages in the process. Such an approach ensures efficient and early feedback in the formulation and drafting/re-drafting of objectives and policies to achieve optimal environmental protection and sustainability outcomes. It allows alternatives to be appraised early in the planning process, particularly in relation to the Natura 2000 network of sites.

## 2 Appropriate Assessment

### 2.1 Habitats Directive and Appropriate Assessment

The aim of the EU Habitats Directive ( $92 / 443 / \mathrm{EEC}$ ) is to promote the maintenance of biodiversity, taking account of economic, social, cultural and regional requirements. The Directive recognizes that in the European territory of the Member States, natural habitats are continuing to deteriorate and an increasing number of wild species are seriously threatened. In order to ensure the restoration or maintenance of natural habitats and species of Community interest at a favourable conservation status, it is necessary for Member States to designate special areas of conservation in order to create a coherent European ecological network. Criteria for site designation are set out in the Directive. The network of sites is referred to as Natura 2000 and includes Special Areas of Conservation (SACs including candidate SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs including proposed SPAs).

The Natura 2000 network of European sites is comprised of sites of highest biodiversity importance for rare and threatened habitats and species across the EU. SACs are selected for the conservation of habitats listed in Annex I of the Habitats Directive, and for species of animals (other than birds) and plants listed in Annex II. SPAs are selected for the conservation of birds listed in Annex I of the Birds Directive (Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (codified version of Council Directive 79/409/EEC as amended)) and other regularly occurring migratory birds and their habitats. The annexed habitats and species for which each site has been selected are the qualifying interests of the sites, and the conservation objectives of the site are based on these qualifying interests.

Crucially, the Habitats Directive requires that an AA must be made of any plan or programme that is likely to have a significant effect on the conservation objectives of designated sites i.e. on SACs or SPAs, before any decision can be made to allow that plan or project to proceed. Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive states that:
"Any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the [Natura 2000] site but likely to have a significant effect thereon, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, shall be subjected to an appropriate assessment of its implications for the site in view of the site's conservation objectives. In light of the conclusions of the assessment of the implications for the site and subject to the provisions of paragraph 4, the competent national authorities shall agree to the plan or project only after having ascertained that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site concerned and, if appropriate, after having obtained the opinion of the general public."

In the event that an assessment determines that there is a likelihood of an adverse affect, Article 6(4) makes provision for a plan or project to proceed under certain restricted circumstances. Article 6(4) states that:
> "If, in spite of a negative assessment of the implications for the site and in the absence of alternative solutions, a plan or project must nevertheless be carried out for imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature, Member States shall take all compensatory measures necessary to ensure that the overall coherence of the Natura 2000 is protected. It shall inform the Commission of the compensatory measures adopted.

Where the site concerned hosts a priority natural habitat type and/or a priority species the only considerations which may be raised are those relating to human health or public safety, to the beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment or, further to an opinion from the Commission, to other imperative reasons of overriding public interest."

The application of AA in Ireland, as required by the Habitats Directive, is primarily governed by the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011 as amended by S.I. No. 355 of 2015), and the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 (Part XAB), as amended by the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011. A range of guidance on carrying out appropriate assessment, and interpretation of relevant legislation is available including inter alia

- Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland - Guidance for Planning Authorities. Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, 2009.
- Managing Natura 2000 Sites: The Provision of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC. European Commission, 2000.
- Assessment of Plans and Projects Significantly Affecting Natura 2000 Sites: Methodological Guidance on the Provisions of Article 6 (3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC. European Commission, 2002.
- Guidance Document on Article 6 (4) of the 'Habitats Directive' 92/43/EEC. Clarification of the Concepts of Alternative Solutions, Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest, Compensatory Measures, Overall Coherence. Opinion of the European Commission. European Commission, 2007 / 2012.
- Nature and biodiversity cases: Ruling of the European Court of Justice. European Commission. 2006.
- Habitats Directive and environmental assessment of plans and projects. García Ureta, A. Journal for European Environmental and Planning Law 2, 84-96, 2007.
- Appropriate Assessment under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive: Guidance for Planning Authorities. Circular NPW 1/10 \& PSSP 2/10.
- Compliance Conditions in respect of Developments requiring (1) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA); or (2) having potential impacts on Natura 2000 sites. Circular letter PD 2/07, NPWS 1/07
- Compliance of Existing Land Use Plans with the EU Habitats Directive. Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (2011) Circular Letter PSSP 5/2011.

This Natura Impact Report (NIR) and the Appropriate Assessment process in general has been guided by, and has taken account of the documentation outlined above.

### 2.2 The Process of Appropriate Assessment

While there is no prescribed method for undertaking Appropriate Assessment (AA), or form or content for reporting, methodological guidance promotes a four-stage process to complete the AA. The requirements for individual stages are summarized in Table 1. An important aspect of the AA process is that the outcome at each successive stage determines whether a further stage in the process is required. Stages 1 and 2 relate to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and are concerned with the strict protection of sites; stages 3 and 4 relate to Article $6(4)$ which is the procedure for allowing derogation from this strict protection in certain restricted circumstances. Ultimately the Plan may only be made if the AA process reaches completion and has ascertained beyond reasonable scientific doubt that it shall not adversely affect the integrity of a European site, or in the absence of alternative solutions, imperative reasons of overriding public interest (IROPI) can be established as required under Section $177 W$, Part XAB, Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. In the latter scenario compensatory measures are required to offset any damage to the Natura 2000 network.

Table 1: $\quad$ Stages in the Process of Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment

| Stage | Task |
| :---: | :--- |
| 1 | Screening <br> Screening is the process that addresses and records the reasoning and conclusions <br> in relation to the first two tests of Article 6(3): i) whether a plan or project is <br> directly connected to or necessary for the management of the site, and ii) whether <br> a plan or project, alone or in combination with other plans and projects, is likely to <br> have significant effects on a Natura 2000 site in view of its conservation <br> objectives. If the effects are deemed to be significant, potentially significant, or <br> uncertain, or if the screening process becomes overly complicated, then the <br> process must proceed to Stage 2 (AA). Screening should be undertaken without <br> the inclusion of mitigation, unless potential impacts clearly can be avoided through <br> the modification or redesign of the plan or project, in which case the screening |
| process is repeated on the altered plan. The greatest level of evidence and |  |
| justification will be needed in circumstances when the process ends at screening |  |
| stage on grounds of no impact. |  |\(\left|\begin{array}{l}Appropriate Assessment <br>

This stage considers whether the plan or project, alone or in combination with <br>
other projects or plans, will have adverse effects on the integrity of a Natura 2000 <br>
site, and includes any mitigation measures necessary to avoid, reduce or offset <br>
negative effects. The proponent of the plan or project will be required to submit a <br>
Natura Impact Report/Natura Impact Statement, i.e. the report of a targeted <br>
professional scientific examination of the plan or project and the relevant Natura <br>
2000 sites, to identify and characterize any possible implications for the site in <br>
view of the site's conservation objectives, taking account of in combination effects. <br>
This should provide information to enable the competent authority to carry out the <br>
appropriate assessment. If the assessment is negative, i.e. adverse effects on the <br>
integrity of a site cannot be excluded, then the process must proceed to Stage 4, <br>
or the plan or project should be abandoned.\end{array}\right|\)

## Stage 1 AA Screening of Draft CDP

Stage 1 Screening of the Draft CDP has been completed and the 'Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 Final Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA)' report issued in August 2016. The screening report was circulated to relevant statutory authorities as part of regional, national and transboundary consultations. These included

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
- Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Department of Communications, Climate Change and Natural Resources
- Development Applications Unit, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs
- National Parks and Wildlife Service, Glenveagh National Park
- National Parks \& Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and the Gaeltacht Affairs
- Leitrim and Sligo County Councils
- Strategic Planning Division, Department of the Environment, Northern Ireland
- Northern Ireland Environment Agency
- Fermanagh \& Omagh District Council
- Derry City \& Strabane District Council
- Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Screening of the Draft CDP has highlighted the significant number of protected species and habitats within County Donegal, with Natura 2000 sites comprising approximately $18.5 \%$ of all land cover of the County. Potentially significant affects of the Plan on Natura 2000 sites, either alone or in combination with other projects or plans, have been assessed in the context of the European sites' qualifying interests and possible effects on the integrity of the Natura network. In light of the information collated above, and exercising the precautionary principle, it cannot be concluded beyond reasonable scientific doubt on the basis of the screening assessment that there will be no significant affects on Natura 2000 sites within the zone of influence of the Plan.

It has therefore been concluded that the Draft CDP should proceed to Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, including the preparation of this NIR.

## Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment of Draft CDP

Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment will run concurrently with Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Draft CDP in order that potential impacts can be re-examined throughout the plan making process as and when policies and objectives are drafted. The scope of the stage 2 assessment has been informed by consultations with relevant statutory authorities and submissions received as documented in the 'Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 Final Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) ' report. This NIR has taken account of all submissions received.

The following sections of the NIR set out the information required to support an appropriate assessment of the policies and objectives proposed in the Draft CDP, and determine potential significant affects on the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. Such information is based on the best available scientific data. However, due to the strategic nature of the Draft CDP, the potential for impact on Natura 2000 sites may be uncertain, and therefore throughout the assessment the precautionary principle is applied. The precautionary principle means, in essence, that action may be taken to protect against risks to human health and/or the environment, even in the absence of conclusive scientific evidence as to the existence, or extent, of those risks. Thus the onus is on the planning authority, as the proponent of the plan, to demonstrate beyond reasonable doubt that it will not give rise to significant adverse affects, and that any avoidance/mitigation measures will work.

The information presented below is set out in a structured fashion as suggested in Guidance for Planning Authorities. In summary, the sections that follow present:

- County Profile - a description of the geographic area to which the plan applies.
- Draft CDP 2018-2024 - Outline of the Draft CDP including scale, nature and location of development and environmental implications.
- Natura 2000 Sites - Identification of relevant Natura sites, their conservation objectives and threats to site integrity.
- Appropriate Assessment - A summary of impact assessment methodology and its application to the Draft CDP.
- Cumulative and in Combination Effects - Assessment of effects in the context of other regional or national plans or strategies.
- Mitigation Measures - An outline of the mitigation incorporated into the Draft CDP to prevent impacts on the Natura 2000 Network.


## 3 County Profile

County Donegal, covering an area of c.484,559.33ha, is the largest county in Ulster, and the fourth largest county in Ireland. It is located on the north western seaboard and is bounded on the southwest, west and north by the Atlantic Ocean, with an extensive indented coastline (approximately $1,132 \mathrm{~km}$ ). Located in the Border Region, County Donegal shares $93 \%$ of its entire land boundary with Northern Ireland (counties Derry, Tyrone, Fermanagh) and the remaining $7 \%$ (or 9 km stretch) is with County Leitrim at its most southerly point. The County is therefore a key interface between the two jurisdictions and plays an important physical and cultural role in cross-border communications.

The Census of Population 2016 preliminary results was published in July 2016. The town and country figures are due to be published in May 2017. Donegal's population is estimated at 158,755 in the 2016 census (CSO), a $1.5 \%$ decrease since 2011. The current figures for the 2011 census show that the county has a predominantly weak urban structure with a large number of small towns, with just 9 settlements falling into the aggregate urban area category of over 1,500 inhabitants. Letterkenny is the largest urban centre in Donegal with a population of 19,588 . The county is thus predominantly rural in character with 33.8 persons per sq km compared to a State average of 67 persons per sq km . This is also reflected in the high numbers of households that are not connected to public sewers and that rely on on-site wastewater treatment. Approximately $38 \%$ of the land is in agricultural use, predominantly in the east of the county. Grass production and rough grazing for cattle and sheep are the main activities. Commercial forestry is also a significant land use in the county, and fishing is a significant employment sector. However with a peripheral location and a decline in traditional industries and services, Donegal is presented with many challenges as it looks to the future.

Donegal is nationally recognized for the beauty of its landscape and coastline. The county is dominated by a mountainous spine with a complex geology consisting predominantly of granite and quartzite peaks running northeast to southwest. These are comprised of the Derryveagh range to the north, within which Glenveagh National Park is situated, and the Blue Stacks, extending from Ballybofey west to Gleann Cholm Cille (Glencolmcille) in the south. This has resulted in spectacular scenery in coastal locations such as Slieve League with sea cliffs rising to over 600 m .

The County also has a rich and distinctive cultural heritage. Eleven of Donegal's coastal Islands were inhabited according to the 2011 census, and Donegal contains the second largest Gaeltacht in the country, with Gaeltacht areas distributed from Fanad Head on the north coast to Gleann Cholm Cille (Glencolmcille) in the south of the county. The Gaeltacht with its unique cultural, traditional and linguistic heritage occupies almost a third of the County.

In addition to their cultural heritage, the islands also constitute a major natural resource, home to many protected bird and plant species. Oileán Thoraí (Tory Island), Inishbofin and Inishmeane are strongholds of the corncrake and Árainn Mhór (Aranmore) is home to Hart's saxifrage, a subspecies unique to Ireland.

The western seaboard also supports a diversity of other habitats including extensive dune systems, machair, dune scrub, salt marshes and wetlands. Lough Swilly is of major ornithological importance for wintering waterbirds with 18 species regularly occurring in nationally important numbers and three species in internationally important numbers.

The county has many pristine rivers and lakes. These oligotrophic surface waters are home to rare and threatened animals including the freshwater pearl mussel, arctic charr, red throated diver and otter, and to rare aquatic plants such as the slender naiad.

Blanket bog is dominant over much of the higher land in the county. In addition to its distinctive flora, it provides habitat for red deer, Irish hare, red grouse, golden plover, merlin, peregrine falcon and more recently the golden eagle.

Table 2 lists the number of sites in Donegal with various environmental designations. While the total number of designations indicates the resource value and high quality of the environment in Donegal, this AA is concerned with the Natura 2000 designations i.e. SACs and SPAs.

Table 2: Environmental Designations in Donegal

| DESIGNATION | NUMBER OF <br> SITES |
| :--- | :---: |
| Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs) | 14 |
| Proposed NHAs | 78 |
| National Park | 1 |
| Ramsar Sites | 4 |
| Nature Reserves (officially designated) | 7 |
| Nature Reserves (un-designated) | 3 |
| Wildfowl Sanctuaries | 6 |
| Biogenetic Reserves | 1 |
| Refuges for Fauna | 1 |
| Irish Geological Heritage Sites | 135 |
| Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) | 47 |
| Special Protection Areas (SPAs) | 26 |

## 4 Draft County Development Plan

### 4.1 Background to the Draft CDP

The proposed Draft CDP is being developed through a process of review of the current County Development Plan which commenced formally on 3rd June 2016 as required by the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 will set out policies and objectives that provide a framework for the future physical, social, economic, cultural and environmental growth and sustainable development of County Donegal over the 6 year period of the plan and beyond.

The Draft CDP is a spatial land use plan and is being prepared under the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2015. It is framed within a hierarchy of strategic planning policy across International, National, Regional and County level guidelines (Figure 1) and is the principal instrument used to manage change in land use in County Donegal. It provides a framework within which other local operational plans are developed.

Figure 1: Planning Hierarchy


The National Spatial Strategy 2002-2020 (NSS) will be superseded by the National Planning Framework (NPF) in due course which will include a focus on economic development and investment in housing, water services, transport, communications, energy, health and education infrastructure. The Draft CDP is, in so far as is practicable aligned with the key issues that are emerging to date through preliminary commentary around the NPF.

The Draft CDP sits immediately below the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Border Region in the planning hierarchy. The Regional Planning Guidelines are prescriptive in setting out a planning framework for the proper planning and development of the Region up to 2022, and ensuring the provision of sustainable communities for citizens in the coming years. The Border Regional Guidelines have been closely aligned with the National Spatial Strategy in

Ireland and the Regional Development Strategy in Northern Ireland. This integrated model for the growth and development of the Region closely aligns spatial planning with the economy and proposed infrastructure within all relevant sectoral areas and is complemented by more detailed consideration given to areas such as climate change, environmental management and flood risk management, all of which pose significant challenges for policy makers.

The Regional Planning Guidelines inform and provide direction to County Development Plans of constituent Councils within the Border Region including Donegal County Council. They provide a Core Settlement Strategy for the Region which each Local Authority must incorporate into their Development Plan. In particular, they emphasize the importance of environment and amenities at the regional strategic scale, highlighting areas where stricter control will be required to ensure protection of the natural environment.

The Regional Planning Guidleines will be superseded in due course through the preparation of a Regional Spaital \& Economic Strategy (RSES) to be prepared by the Northern and Western Regional Assembly. The RSES will be consistent with the finalised NPF and will coordinate across local authority and wider public policy levels in support of the NPF.

The County Development Plan in turn provides a framework within which other local operational plans are developed. A Local Area Plan in respect of 7 strategically located towns (An Clochán Liath [Dungloe], Ballybofey- Stranorlar, Ballyshannon, Bridgend, Carndonagh, Donegal Town, Killybegs), is being prepared and is anticipated for adoption in early 2018. The Local Area Plan will be consistent with the Core Strategy of this County Development Plan as regards land supply for the purposes of housing and it will build upon their strategic designation as key service centres in the County, also described as Development Centres in the Donegal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). Therefore, the Local Area Plan will aim to support and promote their economic and community development with a particular alignment to the spatial relationship with elements of the County Donegal LECP.

In addition, Local Area Plans will be prepared in respect of the towns of Letterkenny, Buncrana and Bundoran and will ensure consistency with the Core Strategy of the County Development Plan.

Other plans that influence the area may also interact with the Draft CDP. Such plans have the potential to cause significant effects on Natura 2000 sites when considered in combination with the Draft CDP. They include:

- Regional Planning Guidelines and Local Area Plans
- Donegal Local Economic and Community Plan
- Water Services Strategic Plan
- Regional Waste Plan
- Foodwise 2025
- National Peatlands Strategy
- Ireland's Forestry Programme 2014-2020
- Donegal Heritage Plan
- Water Framework Directive
- Freshwater Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Management Plans
- The Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- Sligo CDP 2011-2017, Draft Sligo CDP 2017-2023 and Leitrim CDP 2015-2021
- The Regional Development Strategy for Northern Ireland 2035
- National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture 2015

The potential in combination effects of such plans on the Natura 2000 network are considered subsequently in this NIR.

### 4.2 Structure of the Draft CDP

The Draft CDP has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2015 and the Development Plan Guidelines 2007, and other Government guidance in the form of guidelines and circulars. The proposed structure of the Draft CDP sets out strategic objectives and policies for the overall development of the County up to 2024 and beyond. The Plan relates to the functional area of Donegal County Council, and for the first time, includes the towns of Letterkenny, Buncrana and Bundoran. It provides a framework for the future physical, social, economic, cultural and environmental growth and sustainable development of County Donegal over the 6 year period of the plan and beyond.

The Draft CDP is set out in four parts:

1) Part A sets out a strategic plan for the entire County including a strategic vision, a Core Strategy and an associated Settlement Structure based on 3 layers namely: Layer 1: Letterkenny, Layer 2: Strategic Towns, and Layer 3: Rural Town and Open Countryside.
2) Part B supports this strategic plan by setting out strategies, objectives and policies on such issues as the Economy, Retailing, Infrastructure, Energy, Housing, Heritage, Tourism, and Community Development which will help to guide future investment in infrastructure and services and manage development across these sectors in a progressive and sustainable manner.
3) Part C also gives effect to the strategic plan in Part A by setting out detailed policy frameworks and land use zoning for Letterkenny, Buncrana and Bundoran. It also provides a spatial planning framework and land use zoning for 59 settlements within Layer 2 and Layer 3 of the settlement structure. These objectives complement and should be read in conjunction with the strategies, objectives and policies of Part B.
4) Part D comprises the Environmental Report which sets out the out the current state of the environment, crossing a range of environmental indicators including biodiversity, protected sites such as Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Catchments, land cover, water (in relation to the North Western International River Basin Management Plan), waste water, water, landscape and material assets. The Environmental Report forms part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the review of the County Donegal Development Plan 2012-2018 and shall be published alongside the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024.

In outline the Draft CDP comprises chapters dealing with:

## PART A The Strategic Contents

- Introduction and Vision
- Core Strategy
- Towns and Villages


## PART B Objectives and Policies of the Plan

- Economic Development
- Infrastructure
- Housing
- Natural and Built Heritage
- Natural Resource Development
- Tourism
- The Marine Resource and Coastal Management
- Community, Culture and the Gaeltacht


## PART C Objectives and Policies of the Towns

- Letterkenny
- Buncrana
- Bundoran
- Settlement Frameworks


## PART D Environmental Report

- Current State of the Environment
- Significant Environmental Pressures
- Likely Evolution of the Environment
- Mitgation Measures
- Incorporating Environmental Issues into the Draft Development Plan

The policies and objectives proposed in these chapters have significant implications for the physical environment, and the potential for impacts on Natura sites due to their implementation at County level must be assessed.

If other additional content or amendments are suggested during the review process they will be subjected to screening as part of the iterative appropriate assessment process as required.

## 5 Relevant Natura 2000 Sites

### 5.1 Zone of Influence of the Plan

For the purposes of AA, any Natura 2000 site within or adjacent to the plan or project area, and any Natura 2000 site within the likely zone of impact of the plan or project are to be included in the assessment. A distance of 15 km is currently recommended as a minimum for inclusion in the case of plans, but Natura 2000 sites that are more than 15 km from the plan must also be considered depending on the likely impacts of the plan or project, the sensitivities of the ecological receptors, and the potential for in combination effects. In considering relevant sites the precautionary principle must apply.

All relevant Natura 2000 sites in County Donegal and within a surrounding 15 km buffer, or a wider zone of influence where potential impact is considered possible, are tabulated in Appendix 1. Datasets available on the National Parks and Wildlife Service website (http://www.npws.ie) and on the Joint Nature Conservation Committee/Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs website (http://jncc.defra.gov.uk) have been used to identify sites, and to collate site specific information. The following information is included for each Natura 2000 site:

- Site code
- Site name
- Qualifying interests
- Conservation objectives
- Threats to site integrity

At present there are 47 SAC's and 26 SPA's within, or partly within the County. A further 41 SACs and 12 SPAs within the zone of influence of the plan have been included. These Natura 2000 sites are shown in Map 1 below. More distant Natura sites are assessed on a case by case basis and using the Source-Pathway-Receptor model to determine the potential for any significant impact.

MAP 1: $\quad$ Natura 2000 sites within County Donegal and a 15km Buffer zone


Source: Figure 5.1 of the Environmental Report, Part D of the Draft Plan

### 5.2 Assessment of Likely Significant Affect

The objectives and policies of the Draft CDP are individually screened to assess for likely significant affects on the Natura 2000 network. The assessment considers the implications of policies and objectives for relevant Natura 2000 sites, particularly in respect of their qualifying interests and conservation objectives, and the integrity of the wider Natura network. Information on current conservation status and threats to site integrity also form part of the assessment, and possible in combination effects with other plans. When considering likely significant affects, in situ and ex situ effects are assessed. The overall aim of the assessment is to predict consequences that can reasonably be foreseen due to implementation of a policy or objective of the CDP. It should be noted however that the Draft CDP is highly strategic in nature and the impact assessment therefore reflects this in its generalised approach.

The overall aim of the Habitats Directive is to maintain or restore the favourable conservation status of habitats and species of community interest in the Natura 2000 network. Favourable conservation status is defined in generic terms as follows.

Favourable conservation status of a habitat is achieved when:

- its natural range, and area it covers within that range, are stable or increasing, and
- the specific structure and functions which are necessary for its long-term maintenance exist and are likely to continue to exist for the foreseeable future, and
- the conservation status of its typical species is favourable.

The favourable conservation status of a species is achieved when:

- population dynamics data on the species concerned indicate that it is maintaining itself on a long-term basis as a viable component of its natural habitats, and
- the natural range of the species is neither being reduced nor is likely to be reduced for the foreseeable future, and
- there is, and will probably continue to be, a sufficiently large habitat to maintain its populations on a long-term basis.

For many sites in the Natura network, site-specific conservation objectives have been set and these are available on www.npws.ie. In the absence of site-specific objectives and targets the generic objectives above apply. Since targets for attributes may change as more information becomes available, it is essential that the date and version of conservation objectives are cited. An appropriate assessment based on conservation objectives will remain valid even if the targets are subsequently updated, providing they were the most recent objectives available when the assessment was carried out.

Guidance sets out direct and indirect types of impacts that are to be considered in the assessment process. These impacts include loss of habitat area, fragmentation of habitats, disturbance of species, changes to population structure or density, and changes in quantity or quality of the water resource. The potential for such impacts arises from many policy areas including economic and settlement strategies, rural development and infrastructural development. These activities can give rise to land take through development of natural sites; loss of staging sites important to species migration or recruitment; habitat degradation through pollution or resource depletion; species disturbance or disruption of food chains. Guidance documents also provide indicators for assessing the significance of any impact.

Environmental pressures may arise from various elements of the plan. They include settlement strategies and population growth; increased demand for water and wastewater services; increased pressures from tourism, in particular eco-tourism; infrastructural and industrial developments; expansion of sustainable or alternative energy sources and transmission networks; increased demand for mineral extraction; flood risk abatement. All of these pressures could potentially give rise to significant effects on the Natura network and require careful management and mitigation if necessary.

Where likely significant affects are identified, alternatives to the relevant policy or objective (including rejection) are considered that would avoid any impact, or mitigation measures are formulated to offset the likely impact. Such mitigation may be in the form of amendments to the policy or objective, or additional mitigating CDP policies or objectives.

The screening assessment is set out in a matrix in Appendix 2. It sets out each policy and objective of the Draft CDP along with the Natura 2000 sites that could be affected; the nature of potential impacts, including in combination affects; an assessment of the significance of any effect; and where appropriate the mitigation required to avoid impact. The findings of this assessment process are outlined in Summary Findings of Stage 2 Assessment below.

## 6 Appropriate Assessment of the Draft CDP 2018-2024

In order to assess any potential impact of the implementation of the County Development Plan on the relevant Natura 2000 sites identified above, an impact screening matrix was developed to assess each individual policy and objective to determine the likelihood of potential significant impact, both in-situ and ex-situ. This screening matrix is presented in Appendix 2.

The scope of this assessment is to consider implications at the strategic level of the Draft CDP policies and objectives, the main goal of which is to implement the provisions of the Regional Planning Guidelines, the National Spatial Strategy and other National and EU Legislation. The detailed screening for potential significant impact set out in Appendix 2 identifies that many of the Plan's policies and objectives explicitly define strategies and measures to ensure that no significant adverse effects on the Natura 2000 network and the environment generally will occur as a result of its implementation.

### 6.1 Impact Assessment Methodology

NPWS and Development Applications Unit of Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and the Gaeltacht Affairs, along with other relevant Statutroy Authorities were consulted during preparation of the initial AA Screening Report as described in 'Stage 1 AA Screening of Draft CDP' above. All comments and amendments received have been incorporated into this document.

All Policies and objectives of the Draft CDP were included in the impact screening matrix for detailed assessment under the following key headings:-

- CDP Policy/Objective
- Natura 2000 site that may be affected
- Potential Impact of policy/objective
- Risk of Significant Impact
- Potential for 'In Combination Impacts'
- Risk of Significant Combination Impacts
- Mitigation

Where further actions have been identified these are listed in 'Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion or Amendment'. These further actions feed directly into the drafting and amending of the policies and objectives of the Draft CDP.

### 6.2 Summary Findings of Stage 2 Assessment

The County Development Plan is the key delivery vehicle at County level for the implementation of the Regional Planning Guidelines, National Spatial Strategy, National and EU Legislation. The Draft CDP, having been produced in an iterative context of Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment, identifies that there is significant capacity throughout the entire County to participate in and contribute to growth and development. The plan provides for population growth at a rate of $1.1 \%$ annual increase leading to a population of 173,000 by 2024 (population increase of 13,968). In so doing it sets out objectives and policies to protect, enhance and appropriately harness the unique
quality and diversity of the environment in the County, through a wide range of measures, supported by proper planning and sustainable development.

Settlement Plan zonings have been chosen in the context of avoiding significant adverse impacts on Natura Sites in particular, and the wider environment. The Settlement Structure has 3 component layers: Letterkenny; Strategic Towns; Rural Towns and Open Countryside. Projected population uplift is apportioned almost equally between layers ( $30 \%, 34 \%$ and $36 \%$ respectively). This reflects evidence-based information on the availability of infrastructural capacity to accommodate reasonable levels of future housing development in these locations. Conversely, a limited level of new housing is proposed in towns and villages where there are significant infrastructural constraints. An objective of the Core Strategy of the CDP is to align investment in infrastructure with the priorities for growth established in the settlement structure. Draft CDP policies reflect this commitment to ensuring timely provision of infrastructure and adequate capacity to mitigate potential environmental impact, as set out in Regional Planning Guideline's to prevent negative impact on downstream European sites.

As part of the Economic Development Strategy the CDP seeks to facilitate sustainable tourism and creation of a renewable energy market. The plan recognises the environmental and infrastructural constraints that must be considered, and issues relating to Natura 2000 and other protected sites such as Freshwater Pearl Mussel Sub-basins, have been assessed in determining appropriate development throughout the county. Protecting the natural environment including Natura 2000 sites and fragile coastal and upland environments is identified as a key challenge in this process. In general development involving industrial buildings or processes will not be permitted outside the boundary of settlements in the open countryside unless related directly to a site specific product resource. The Draft CDP includes policies to protect the Natura 2000 network through compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive as part of the assessment of development proposals.

The need for alignment of water and wastewater infrastructure with the Council's strategy for growth as set out in the Core Strategy is clear. This alignment should ensure that the anticipated growth does not compromise the environmental assets of the County. The Draft CDP includes many objectives and policy commitments to maintaining and restoring water quality in line with implementation of the Water Framework Directive through the relevant River Basin Management Plan and Programme of Measures. Assessment of development proposals will include consideration of cumulative impacts of existing and previously approved development. In particular, individual environmental vulnerabilities have been mapped so that they can be considered on a cumulative basis. This information will guide the determination of applications for rural housing in relation to their potential individual and cumulative impacts on the environment. These objectives and policies will benefit the integrity of Natura 2000 sites by promoting compliance with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

The CDP espouses to facilitate the development of a high quality and sustainable telecommunications network for the County as a critical element to support growth in all areas of the economy and increase the quality of life for the people of Donegal. It recognises that this network, including masts, antennae, support structures and access roads, must be developed with due regard to natural and built heritage and to environmental considerations, and must comply with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

The Council considers that the planning process can play a significant positive role in managing flood risk by such actions as ensuring that; vulnerable developments are not built in identified flood prone locations, developments do not reduce the natural storage capacity provided by flood plains, and developments do not increase surface water runoff over and above natural rates. All development proposals will be assessed in accordance with 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management - Guidelines for Planning Authorities', (DoEHLG, 2009), and a sequential approach to flood risk mitigation will be adopted. All stages of flood
risk management are required to comply with Articles 6 of the Habitats Directive and have regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interest and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 site.

The aim of the Natural Heritage strategy of the Draft CDP is to conserve, protect and manage the County's natural heritage for future generations and encourage appreciation and enjoyment of these resources. The plan recognizes the European and National value of the Natura 2000 network, and also the need to protect the habitats of important species in the wider countryside outside designated areas. It sets out the role of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) in requiring the protection of the designated species and habitats of Natura 2000 sites, and explicitly states that any plan or project with the potential to impact on the conservation objectives of designated sites is required to take appropriate steps to avoid the deterioration of natural habitats and the habitats of species as well as significant disturbance of species for which areas have been designated and will be subject to Appropriate Assessment. The requirement to comply with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive is an explicit objective of the Natural Heritage strategy.

In relation to Natural Resource Development, including extractive industry, while recognising its economic importance to the county, the Draft CDP sets clear objectives in relation to environmental protection. Policies make it clear that proposals for extractive industries will not normally be permitted where they could potentially adversely impact upon any Natura 2000 site (including Freshwater Pearl Mussel catchments) unless it can be clearly demonstrated that they comply with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. This applies also to associated road upgrades and any restoration plan which must comply with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and have regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of a Natura 2000 site.

The Council highlight that Donegal has one of Ireland's richest marine resources including c. $1,2 \mathrm{~km}$ of coastline (c. $17 \%$ of the state's total), 13 Blue Flag beaches, deep natural harbours, rich coastal seas, coastal communities and inhabited islands. This marine resource is of major importance to tourism and leisure activities, and is a fundamental part of Donegal's natural and cultural heritage. It is an objective of the plan to safeguard and improve the health of Donegal's Marine ecosystem by protecting the qualifying habitat and species of Natura 2000 sites through Appropriate Assessment of development proposals; maintaining and improving water quality in estuaries and seas by implementing River Basin Management Plan and any future programmes under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive; ensuring sufficient sewage treatment capacity to serve development in urban areas, adequate on-site effluent treatment to EPA standards for developments in rural/unserviced areas, and adequate pollution control measures for commercial/industrial development. It is a policy of the Council to ensure that development proposals do not adversely compromise the environmental quality of coastal areas including Flag Beaches, Natura 2000 sites and areas of Especially High Scenic Amenity.

Those policies that were found to have potential significant adverse affects were amended, or additional mitigation measures were included in the Draft CDP to eliminate potential impacts. Given the strategic nature of the CDP, it was difficult in some instances to make a robust assessment of potential impact of a policy or objective on the Natura network. In such cases, the Plan stipulates that any projects arising from the policy or objective in question will be subject to a rigorous detailed Appropriate Assessment in subsidiary plans or at project level.

## Specific Objectives and Policies with Positive Environmental Affects

The Draft CDP has incorporated significant environmental mitigation measures in the form of proactive objectives and policies. These reflect the consideration given to potential environmental impacts throughout the iterative process of plan development which has guided the formulation and environmental assessment of all policies and objectives.

A suite of objectives and policies dealing with natural heritage ( $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-1$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-11$ and $\mathrm{NH}-$ $\mathrm{P}-1$ to NH-P-5, NH-P-10 and NH-P-18) provide explicit and strong protection for terrestrial, aquatic, water-dependent, and marine habitats and ecosystems. In particular they provide for protection of the Natura network of sites through compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, but also for conservation of a wider spectrum of habitats and species of significance in order to maintain biodiversity in general. Implementation of these objectives and policies will be critical for protection of SACs, SPAs, NHAs, pNHAs and RAMSAR sites, WFD Protected Areas, sites of high environmental status and for protection of species identified in the Wildlife Acts and Flora Protection Order.

Objectives WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, and WES-O-7, and policies WES-P-4, WES-P-5, and WES-P-8 also provide for environmental protection. In particular they ensure that surface and groundwaters will be protected through implementation of the relevant River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) and Programme of Measures, and that water quality will be maintained, protected and enhanced.

Objectives WES-O-7 and WES-O-8, and policies WES-P-5, WES-P-6 and WES-P-7 have been included in the Draft CDP to ensure that waste is prevented and minimised in line with targets and objectives of the Regional Waste Management Plan, and that waste generated is managed and treated without causing environmental pollution.

Other objectives and policies (WES-O-1 to WES-O-3, WES-O-9, WES-P-1 to WES-P-3, WES-P9, and WES-P-11) provide for the timely and coordinated delivery of infrastructure in tandem with proposed development so that potential environmental impacts are mitigated appropriately in line with prioritized programmes.

Some 27 of the objectives and policies set out in the Draft CDP specifically include compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive as a condition of implementation. A further 10 objectives or policies impose a constraint of no impact on Natura 2000 sites. In addition to this wider environmental constraints are referenced throughout many of the objectives and policies of the Draft CDP, including compliance with RBMPs and Programmes of Measures, Freshwater Pearl Mussel Sub-Basin Plans, Shellfish Pollution Reduction Programmes, and EU Biodiversity Strategy .

### 6.3 In Combination Effects

Where a plan or project is likely to have a significant effect on a European site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects it is subject to AA. The in combination test should include completed, approved but uncompleted, or proposed (but not yet approved) plans or projects if sufficient detail is available for assessment. The consideration of cumulative effects includes the sum total of influences affecting the condition of Natura sites.

Cumulative effects are perhaps most obvious in the case of space crowding of activities that taken in isolation would be sub-threshold in terms of significance in affecting Natura sites. However, long delays between cause and effect can result in time lags for in combination effects to materialise in some instances (e.g. changes in flow regimes due to forestry or drainage). Some in combination effects may be synergistic (e.g. lower flows combined with increased pollutant loads). Other effects can be secondary in nature (e.g. windfarm road access resulting in recreational disturbance of previously inaccessible areas). In all cases a precautionary approach is taken in the assessment. In combination effects are considered and set out in Appendix 2 for each Draft CDP policy and objective.

Relevant plans that could contribute to in combination effects in conjunction with the Draft CDP are outlined next with summary comment on the nature of possible interactions.

## Regional Planning Guidelines And Local Area Plans

The Draft CDP is closely aligned with the Regional Planning Guidelines 2010-2022 for the Border Region in a structured hierarchy for integrated control of spatial development as discussed above. These Regional Planning Guidelines have undergone AA and provide a prescriptive context for much of the CDP strategy approach. The CDP in turn provides a framework within which the Local Area Plans (LAPs) are drafted, and with which they must be consistent, and they too undergo AA. Taken together with the CDP, the RPGs and LAPs provide a cohesive and integrated model of sustainable development with environmental protection at its core and whose concerted proposed activities are assessed to ensure they do not impact on European sites. The suite of spatial plans are highly integrated and hierarchical in their implementation in order to optimise sustainable environmental outcomes. Each is subjected to AA and therefore no significant adverse in combination impacts on conservation status or integrity of Natura 2000 sites are likely.

## Donegal Local Economic and Community Plan

The Donegal Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2022 (LECP) is a 6 year Plan and sets out the objectives and actions needed to promote and support both the economic development and the local community development of the County. Although it is not a land use plan, it guides relevant funding streams within Donegal at a European, National, Regional and Cross Border Level, and thus provides a framework within which many operational and other plans are placed.

Screening of the LECP for Strategic Environmental Assessment and for AA concluded that the plan is not likely to have significant affects on the environment in general or on the Natura 2000 network in particular. Values underpinning the LECP include sustainability, and collaborative planning. It recognizes natural resources, landscape, and environment as key assets within the County, and the threat posed by overdevelopment. The large network of conservation sites is recognized as integral to Donegal as an environmental exemplar, and for learning, and tourism. One of the plan goals is to protect, enhance and promote the natural environment of County Donegal.

The goals of the LECP align closely with the core strategy of the Draft CDP. Actions arising from these goals are supportive of the CDP and its policies and objectives. The LECP sets out high level 'soft' objectives in terms of the physical environment. It seeks to implement these objectives through support and promotion of implementation of other plans, including the CDP, LAPs, Regional Waste Management Plan and River Basin Management Plan. In relation to spatial planning the LECP's express goal is to utilise existing resources to facilitate effective spatial planning in the region.

Therefore, given the nature of its goals and objectives, their close alignment with and supportive approach to other plans, in particular the CDP, it is unlikely that the LECP will result in any in combination effects on the Natura 2000 network.

## Water Services Strategic Plan

Water Services Strategic Plan 2015 (WSSP) provides a national plan prepared by Irish Water for the delivery of water services over the next 25 years up to 2040. WSSP sets out strategic objectives and details current and future challenges which affect the provision of water services and identifies the priorities to be tackled in the short and medium term. In developing the plan, Irish Water have considered its interaction with other national and regional strategic plans such as the National Spatial Strategy and River Basin Management Plans. The WSSP aims to protect and enhance the environment by ensuring that Irish Water services are delivered in a sustainable manner which contributes to the protection of the environment; operating infrastructure to support the achievement of objectives under the Birds, Habitats and Water Framework Directives; managing all water services residual waste in a sustainable manner.

Appropriate assessment of the WSSP found that the development of the WSSP, and the strategic management of water resources and wastewater provision by a national body, will help improve the condition of many European sites and support the achievement and maintenance of favourable conservation status across the Natura 2000 network, and concluded that the WSSP will have no adverse effect on any European site.

It is an express objective of the Draft CDP to support Irish Water in the implementation of the WSSP, to identify and facilitate the timely delivery of the water services required to realise the development objectives of CDP in accordance with the Core Strategy and Settlement Structure of CDP.

Therefore, given the nature of the WSSP objectives, their close alignment with and supportive approach to other plans, in particular the CDP, it is unlikely that the WSSP will result in any in combination effects on the Natura 2000 network.

## Regional Waste Plan

The Connacht-Ulster Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021 is a statutory plan prepared by regional local authorities in line with the requirements of the Waste Management Act, and the Waste Management (Planning) Regulations 1997 (as amended). It sets out a sustainable framework for the prevention and management of wastes for the region, and is one of three regional waste plans as recommended by Ireland's most recent waste policy statement. The scope of the Waste Plan is broad, providing policy direction and a roadmap of actions to achieve goals. Its strategic vision is to rethink approaches to managing wastes, viewing our waste streams as valuable material resources to support a healthier environment and sustainable commercial opportunities for our economy.

It is a strategic objective of the Regional Waste Plan to apply the relevant environmental and planning legislation to protect the environment, in particular Natura 2000 sites, and human health from the adverse impact of waste generated. The plan sets mandatory targets for reuse, recycling, recovery of many waste streams. In addition it sets performance targets for reduction of household waste, reuse and recycling of municipal waste, and eliminating disposal of residual municipal waste to landfill.

The plan's affects are patently beneficial for the environment. Waste management infrastructure is assessed independently and controlled through a permitting system. The Regional Waste Plan in combination with sustainable planning as set out in the Draft CDP is not likely to have any adverse cumulative effects on Natura 2000 sites.

## Foodwise 2025

Food Wise 2025, the Report of the 2025 Agri Food Strategy Committee, sets out a cohesive, strategic plan for the development of agri-food sector over the next decade. It sets a course for the industry of smarter greener growth where efficient and environmentally-friendly production delivers sustainable export growth.

Food Wise 2025 lists the following growth projections:

- $85 \%$ increase in the value of agri-food exports
- $70 \%$ increase in value added in the agri-food, fisheries and wood products sector
- $65 \%$ increase in the value of Primary Production
- the creation of an additional 23,000 direct jobs in the agri-food sector

To achieve the ambitious projections set out above, Food Wise 2025 identifies over 400 recommendations to achieve sustainable growth requiring a concerted and coordinated approach by primary producers, industry, Departments and State agencies.

The Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM) has prepared a Food Wise Implementation Plan which includes a supplementary list of sustainability actions in response
to an Environmental Analysis. It sets out a robust implementation process, to be driven by a High Level Implementation Committee involving all relevant Government Departments and State Agencies, and chaired by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Sustainability and environmental protection are core tenets of the Plan. The implementation process will seek to enhance the regulatory and administrative environment in which the sector operates. Projected outcomes are to be achieved through innovative processes and within the parameters of the Phosphorus Regulations, the Nitrates Directive, Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition (GAEC) and Statutory Management Requirements (SMRs), including those relating to the Birds and Habitats Directives.

Support for agri-environment and climate measures is also available through the Glas Scheme and on farm capital investment under the Rural Development Programme. In addition, agricultural projects may only progress when it has been demonstrated that they will not result in a Water Framework Directive target not being achieved. Environmental compliance will be ensured with the aid of an expanded programme of farm inspections by both DAFM and Local Authorities. Enhanced governance structures, including the establishment of Local Authorities Water and Communities Office (LAWCO) will ensure close liaison between Donegal County Council and other environmental regulatory authorities.

The conclusion of the AA of Food Wise 2025 was that after the consideration of the mitigation measures and safeguards currently in place, there would be no adverse impacts on the integrity of European sites. Therefore, considering the measures above, it is not likely that Foodwise 2025 will result in any in combination effects with the Draft DCP.

## National Peatlands Strategy

The National Peatlands Strategy aims to address peatlands conservation and management to deal with long-term issues such as land management and development, restoration, conservation, tourism potential in managing this resource. It aims to ensure that specific actions necessary for the achievement of its objectives are clearly identified and delivered by those involved in or responsible for peatlands management or for decisions affecting their management. The Strategy applies to all peatlands, including peat soils. This amounts to 1.47 million hectares in Ireland.

Blanket bogs (Atlantic and Montane blanket bogs) are particularly well developed in County Donegal. Peatlands have been used for afforestation, domestic and industrial turf-extraction, grazing and agricultural reclamation and have been used for various types of infrastructural development. A proportion of Ireland's bogs are protected within Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and this Strategy provides for more effective protection and regulation of potentially damaging activities.

Many stakeholders, including local authorities, have an influence on peatland management through their roles as policy makers, regulators, providers of financial supports or grants, consent bodies, commercial enterprises or providers of public services. In particular wind energy projects are often sited in blanket bog areas. This strategy aims to ensure that stakeholders are equipped with the necessary information and understanding of the implications of its decisions to ensure that its policies and actions contribute to the responsible management of peatlands.

The Strategy therefore is intended to inform and equip regulators and others to allow formulation of plans that will contribute to the conservation objectives for peatlands. It is not likely that this Strategy will have adverse in combination effects with the Draft CDP.

## Ireland's Forestry Programme 2014-2020

The objective of the programme is to meet the needs of Ireland's forestry sector and it sets down a series of measures that are the basis of the programme. Measures address issues
including afforestation, forest infrastructure such as roads, management, and native woodland conservation.

The Forest Service is Ireland's national forest authority with responsibility for overseeing the development of public and private forestry in Ireland in a manner that is compatible with the protection of the environment. Through a licensing and consent system, the Forest Service regulates the main forestry activities and adherence to a range of standards, guidelines and requirements is mandatory. Individual forestry proposals are assessed for potential impact before consent or licence. The Forestry Standards Manual November 2015, and the Environmental Requirements for Afforestation December 2016, require that in relation to Natura sites, the Forest Service will undertake screening and where necessary, appropriate assessment, and can only approve the project if it is satisfied that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the Natura site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

The Forestry Programme has undergone a full Appropriate Assessment. This included an assessment conclusion that in combination impacts with the Border Regional Planning Guidelines were not likely. The tight regulation of the forestry sector and the mitigation put in place mean that it is unlikely that the programme will give rise to in combination effects with the Draft CDP.

## Donegal Heritage Plan

The Country Donegal Heritage Plan is a strategic action plan covering the period 2014-2019. The County Donegal Heritage Forum and the County Donegal Heritage Office oversee implementation of the Heritage Plan. The aim of the plan is to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation of the rich and diverse heritage of County Donegal; to promote its conservation (including natural heritage), enhancement and enjoyment; and to sustainably harness the economic, social and cultural benefits of heritage for current and future generations. The plan will facilitate the appropriate development of heritage in support of tourism activity and harness opportunities presented through initiatives such as the Wild Atlantic Way.

The Heritage Plan is strategic in nature and individual projects it promotes will be subject to AA. The Appropriate Assessment screening exercise of the draft County Donegal Heritage Plan concluded that the uses, development and effects arising from the Plan (either individually or in combination with other plans or projects) shall not give rise to significant impacts on the integrity of any Natura 2000 sites. Therefore the County Donegal Heritage Plan is not likely to give rise to in combination effects with the Draft CDP.

## Water Framework Directive

The primary objective of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) is to achieve good status for all waters by specified deadlines as set out in River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs). First Cycle RBMPs were prepared for eight River Basin Districts in Ireland and Northern Ireland including a programme of measures to achieve WFD objectives. These plans covered the period 2009-2015.

A draft Second Cycle RBMP has been prepared covering the period 2018-2021 and setting out objectives to be achieved by 2021. This draft RBMP now takes a single river basin district approach for Ireland and is the subject of a public consultation process until the end of August 2017, with the intent to publish the final RBMP by December 2017. A key objective for the planning system is to ensure the aims of river basin management are reflected in relevant policies and implementation actions at the various levels of plans. In a reciprocal sense, the river basin management planning process will also identify implementation objectives which the planning system can help address. Therefore both the river basin management and spatial planning processes will work together in identifying and progressing common aspirations regarding the achievement of environmental objectives and targets.

The Draft CDP considers and promotes the objectives of the draft RBMP. It is an explicit objective of the CDP to implement the EU Water Framework Directive through the implementation of the appropriate River Basin Management Plan and Programme of Measures, and in so doing it will protect and enhance the status of aquatic ecosystems and, with regard to their water needs, terrestrial ecosystems and wetlands directly depending on the aquatic ecosystems, in accordance with the draft RBMP.

The RBMP informs the policies and objectives of the Draft CDP; therefore it is not likely that the Draft CDP will have any adverse in combination affects with the RBMP prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive.

## Freshwater Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Management Plans

The European Communities Environmental Objectives (Freshwater Pearl Mussel) Regulations 2009 sets environmental quality objectives for freshwater pearl mussel (FPM) habitats, and requires the production of sub-basin plans with programmes of measures to achieve these objectives. It sets out responsibilities of public authorities in terms of sub-basin plan implementation.

FPM Sub-Basin Management Plans have been prepared for the six Natura designated freshwater pearl mussel catchments in the County. These Sub-Basin Management Plans sit alongside the RBMPs to provide a detailed programme of measures to improve the habitat of the freshwater pearl mussel so that it can attain favourable conservation status.

The policies and objectives of the Draft CDP are informed by the FPM Sub-basin Management Plans; therefore it is not likely that the Draft CDP will have any adverse in combination effects with the FPM Sub-basin Management Plans.

## The Marine Strategy Framework Directive

The Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) requires EU Member States to achieve 'Good Environmental Status' for their marine waters by 2020, as judged against a range of 11 biodiversity and pressure related descriptors. Thus, national aquaculture strategies must ensure that aquaculture does not have negative impacts in terms of non-indigenous species, eutrophication, seafloor integrity, concentrations of contaminants (both in the water generally and in seafood specifically), populations of commercial fish or marine litter.

The MSFD Programme of Measures (PoMs), was submitted to the European Commission in July 2016, and the main purpose of the PoMs is to put in place actions and measures which will support the meeting of the environmental targets set out under Article 10, leading to the achievement (or maintenance) of 'Good Environmental Status' (GES).

The Habitats Directive, Birds Directive, and the MSFD are inter-related in that they share a common overall goal of conserving biodiversity, and their objectives are complementary. Management measures taken to achieve the conservation objectives within Natura 2000 sites, and conversely targets set to achieve GES under the MSFD are mutually supportive; therefore it is not likely that any adverse in combination effects on Natura 2000 sites will arise from the Draft CDP and the MSFD.

## Sligo CDP 2011-2017, Draft Sligo CDP 2017-2023 and Leitrim CDP 2015-2021

Specific policies and objectives are contained within the Draft CDP for the protection of Natura 2000 sites including certain sites within counties Sligo and Leitrim and Northern Ireland. Conversely the Sligo and Leitrim CDP's, and the Draft Sligo CDP also consider Natura sites within Donegal. AA for all these plans considers in combination effects and if necessary has put mitigation in place to ensure that impact will not occur. Therefore it is not likely that any impacts on Natura sites will occur due to in combination effects of these CDP's and the Draft CDP.

## The Regional Development Strategy for Northern Ireland 2035

The Regional Development Strategy for Northern Ireland 2035 - , Building a Better Future is designed to reinforce and strengthen the hubs, corridors and gateways making best use of regional assets to accommodate growth. It seeks to increase links with neighbouring regions and capitalise on trans-regional development opportunities. The RDS 2035 defines the North West as Londonderry, Strabane and Limavady, along with the greater part of County Donegal. It describes Derry City as the core settlement and as a key cross-border and international gateway providing access by road, rail and sea to the North West.

The National Spatial Strategy has identified a number of key areas for consideration in a spatial context, including the potential for co-operation on key strategic planning issues with Northern Ireland. Spatial planning in the border region of Ireland and Northern Ireland reflect this integrated cohesive approach. Donegal in particular has an extensive boundary with Northern Ireland with significant implications in the context of the Draft CDP.

The Regional Development Strategy recognises the relevance of co-ordinating spatial planning in Cross Border areas. Specific policies and objectives are also contained within the Draft CDP for the protection of Natura 2000 sites within Northern Ireland.

The North West Strategic Growth Partnership is a cooperative cross border initiative, jointly led by Donegal County Council and Derry City \& Strabane District Council to realise the full potential of the North West City Region and is an approach that is consistent with the objectives for the region set out in the National Spatial Strategy and the Regional Development Strategy as well as the Regional Planning Guidelines.

It is not likely that the Regional Development Strategy for Northern Ireland 2035 will have adverse in combination effects on the Natura 2000 network with the Draft CDP.

## National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture 2015

The National Strategic Plan for Sustainable Aquaculture (NSPSA) is intended to inform investment priorities for aquaculture under Member States' operational programmes under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, although the scope of the national plan is broader than investment needs. The primary aim of the NSPSA is to sustainably grow the production of the aquaculture industry by 45,000 tonnes across all species.

In terms of sustainability the plan's vision is "An aquaculture industry that develops in harmony with nature, and with the confidence of stakeholders". It espouses principles of responsible planning, ecosystem protection, and legislative compliance (specifically in relation to the Habitats Directive, Water Framework Directive and Marine Strategy Framework Directive). It includes actions to develop opportunities and constraints mapping for aquaculture that take specific account of environmental issues, specifically Natura 2000 sites. It is consistent with Ireland's integrated marine plan, Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth (HOOW), promotes ecosystem-based, marine spatial planning and ensures integration with coastal and inland areas.

The AA of the NSPSA notes that "The existing licensing structure in Ireland includes Appropriate Assessment Screening (followed as necessary by full assessment), and EIA Screening of all applications also followed by a full EIA if necessary or mandatory as for marine cage salmon farming over 100 tonnes. Therefore, the site level environmental assessment process is already well established and should ensure that aquaculture developments over the period of the plan will not adversely affect the integrity of the Natura 2000 network in Ireland."

Therefore it is not likely that the NSPSA will result in any in combination effects on the Natura network at this strategic level, and project level assessments will ensure that in combination affects are avoided.

All documents outlined above are generally strategic in nature with far-reaching influence and overlapping objectives. Many of these plans make positive environmental statements and set a policy framework that will ensure the co-ordinated development of the state. In light of the scale and nature of the plans and projects listed above, the possible extent and character of in-combination effects is somewhat uncertain and may be difficult to assess at this County scale. However, it is clear from a review of the policies and objectives of the Draft CDP that there are sufficient safeguards (additional policies and mitigation) in place to ensure that there will not be any significant in combination effects on the Natura 2000 network.

### 6.4 Mitigation Measures

Sustainable development while protecting and enhancing the environment are core tenets of the Draft CDP and these aims have informed the formulation of policies and objectives in all policy areas from the outset of plan preparation. In line with coordinated national and regional strategies, proposed development is directed to robust receiving environments with sufficient capacity to absorb it. This is in keeping with the principle of avoidance of negative effects in the first instance. The drafting and redrafting of policies and objectives in an iterative process that considers the environment and Natura 2000 sites at each stage is the primary method of mitigating adverse effects on European sites. Where potential significant adverse effects are deemed possible, alternative or revised policies and objectives are considered. Where necessary, additional policies or objectives have been drafted as mitigating measures to prevent possible impact on Natura sites and to ensure compliance with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

Many objectives and policies in the Draft CDP specifically require compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, or impose constraints of no impact on Natura 2000 sites. Mitigating policies clearly indicate that where any physical development, such as housing, commercial development, roads, ports, service infrastructure or any other form of development, has the potential to significantly impact on a Natura 2000 site, it will be subject to an individual AA process, as defined by Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive. Where it is found that the plan or project has the potential to directly or indirectly impact on the integrity of a Natura 2000 site, the appropriate mitigation will be through avoidance. If avoidance is not possible, mitigation in the form of alternatives to the proposed plan or project must be sought. In considering alternative solutions the plan recognizes that the conservation objectives and status of the Natura 2000 site will outweigh any considerations of cost, delays or other aspects of an alternative solution. The planning authority shall not, therefore, limit its consideration of alternative solutions to those suggested by the project or plan proponents. It is the member state's responsibility to consider alternative solutions, which could be located within different areas.

Constraints to prevent environmental impact are referenced throughout many of the objectives and policies of the Draft CDP. They include requirements to comply with relevant national and European environmental legislation, strategies and plans including RBMPs, Freshwater Pearl Mussel Sub-Basin Plans, Shellfish Pollution Reduction Programmes, and EU Biodiversity Strategy.

The Draft CDP therefore contains substantial environmental mitigation measures in proactive objectives and policies. Account has been taken of the potential for environmental impact throughout the iterative process of plan development and this has guided the drafting of policies and objectives.

Mitigation arising from Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is incorporated into the following policies and objectives of the Draft CDP, to ensure there are no significant in situ or ex situ effects on the Natura 2000 network as a result of the implementation of the proposed plan:

Table 3: Policies and Objectives of the Draft CDP which have been added or amended to ensure adequate mitigation of any potential impacts on the Natura network

| Chapter | Objective, Policy or reference in the Plan | Additional Policy <br> Objective or Reference Added to the Draft County Development Plan |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Economic Development | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ED-P-8 } \\ & \text { ED-P-10 } \\ & \text { ED-P-14 } \\ & \text { ED-P-14 } \end{aligned}$ | Natura 2000 network added to policy statement: 'and the protection of areas designated as being of Especially High Scenic Amenity (EHSA) and the Natura 2000 network' <br> Text added '(except ED-P-14 (i) which is a statutory requirement)' <br> Compliance with Article 6 added to statement: 'and complies with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. <br> Paragraph ( n ) amended to read: 'it does not compromise water quality nor conflict with the objectives and programme of measures contained within the relevant River Basin Management Plan'. |
| Transportation | New Policy Added: T-P-36 | 'It is a policy of the Council that all developments relating to transportation will comply with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in relation to protection of Natura 2000 sites and the integrity of the Natura network.' |
| Water and Environmental Services | WES-O-5 <br> WES-O-6 <br> WES-O-6 <br> WES-O-6 <br> WES-O-11 <br> WES-P-3 <br> WES-P-11 | Text added to objective: <br> 'and to protect Natura 2000 sites in accordance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. <br> Text added to first bullet of objective: <br> 'Freshwater Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Management Plans, Shellfish Pollution Reduction Programmes', <br> Text added to second bullet of objective: 'against soil contamination and loss'. <br> Text added to third bullet of objective: 'and light pollution'. <br> Text added to objective: <br> 'while ensuring compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. <br> Text added to policy: <br> 'and to manage development so that it is permitted only where adequate wastewater treatment capacity exists, or will become available, within the life of a planning permission'. <br> Minor text addition to specify EPA Code of Practice. |
| Telecommunications | TC-O-1 | Text added: 'and compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. |
| Urban Housing | $\begin{aligned} & \text { UB-P-14 } \\ & \text { UB-P-15 } \end{aligned}$ | Text added: 'including compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. <br> Text added: 'including compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. |


| Rural Housing | $\begin{aligned} & \text { RH-O-6 } \\ & \text { RH-P-1 } \end{aligned}$ | Bullet 3 text amended to read: 'the relevant River Basin Management Plan'. <br> Text amended to read: 'the relevant River Basin Management Plan'. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Natural and Built Heritage | 7.1.1 <br> Background - <br> Appropriate <br> Assessment NH-O-6 | Text amended to confirm that AA is required where there is potential for impact on Natura sites. <br> 'Therefore any plan or project with the potential to impact on the conservation objectives of designated sites is required to take appropriate steps to avoid the deterioration of natural habitats and the habitats species as well as significant disturbance of species for which areas have been designated and is subject to Appropriate Assessment.' <br> Minor text change to 'Shellfish Pollution Reduction Programme'. |
| Extractive Industry | EX-P-2 | Policy amended to read: 'proposals will not normally be permitted where they could adversely impact upon any Natura 2000 site' |
| Wind Energy | E-P-18 <br> New Policy Added: E-P-20 <br> New Policy Added: E-P-21 | Text amended to include hydrology assessment: 'impacts on archaeological monuments, hydrology and watercourses'. <br> ' It is the policy of the Council that all proposals for renewable energy development will have regard to the cumulative effect of the development on the environment when considered in conjunction with other existing and permitted developments in the area.' <br> 'It is the policy of the Council that all applications for renewable energy projects will ensure that details of the proposed grid connection and all associated infrastructure are considered in the Environmnetal Impact Statement (EIS) and Natura Impact Statement as may be required.' |
| Tourism | $\begin{aligned} & \text { T-P-1 } \\ & \text { T-P-20 } \end{aligned}$ | Text amended from 'environmental habitats' to 'environmental heritage'. <br> Text of paragraph (o) amended to read: 'The development will not compromise the objectives of the relevant River Basin Management Plan prepared in accordance with the Water Framework Directive'. |
| Marine Resource and Coastal Management | MRCM-O-2 | Text of first bullet amended to read: 'Protecting the ecological integrity, qualifying habitats and species of Natura 2000 sites through Appropriate Assessment of development proposals'. |
| Community, Culture and the Gaeltacht | CCG-P-4 | Text in Paragraph (k) amended to read: <br> 'It does not compromise the objectives of the relevant River Basin Management Plan prepared in accordance with the Water Framework Directive'. |
| Letterkenny Economic Development | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LK-ED-P-1 } \\ & \text { LK-ED-P-5 } \end{aligned}$ | Text of policy amended to include: 'and comply with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. <br> Text of policy amended to reflect riverside location and possible proximity of developments to SPA by addition of: 'and comply with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. |
| Letterkenny Opportunity Sites | LK-OPP-P-4 | Text in policy amended to read: 'Subject to the environmental and amenity considerations related to the above, including compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. |


|  | LK-OPP-P-5 | Text in paragraph (c) amended by addition of: 'and complies with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Buncrana Economic Development | BC-ED-P-8 | Text in policy amended by addition of: 'and must comply with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. |
| Buncrana Housing | $\mathrm{BC}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{P}-1$ $\mathrm{BC}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{P}-4$ | Text amended by addition of: 'and must comply with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. <br> Text amended by addition of: 'and must comply with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. |
| Buncrana Natural Heritage | 14.5 Natural and Built Heritage paragraph 2 | Text amended to include SPAs: <br> 'The area of the Bundoran and Environs consists of many resources in terms of the natural and built heritage, in the form of special designations (SPAs, SACs, NHAs),'. |
| Bundoran Housing | BD-H-P-1 BD-H-P-3 | Text of policy amended by addition of: 'and must comply with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. <br> Text of policy amended by addition of: 'including compliance with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. |
| Bundoran Natural Heritage | BD-SO-BH-1 | Text of the policy is amended by addition of: 'and shall have regard to policy NH-P-1 of this Plan'. |
| Bundoran Tourism | BD-TO-P-1 | Text of the policy is amended by addition of: 'in particular policy NH-P-1 of this Plan'. |
| Bundoran Marine Resource and Coastal Management | 14.8 Marine Resource and Coastal Management Background | Text added to highlight that foreshore works have potential to impact on the Donegal Bay SPA and are subject to AA: ' Works affecting the Coastal Management Zone will be required to obtain a Foreshore License, and will require screening for Appropriate Assessment to determine if they have potential to adversely impact on the conservation status of the Donegal Bay SPA, and the Local Authority shall be notified of any proposed works in this area'. |
| Bundoran School Facilities | BDSCC-P-2 | Policy amended by addition of text: 'subject to compliance with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive'. |

## 7 Conclusion of Stage 2 - Appropriate Assessment \& Natura Impact Report


#### Abstract

This Appropriate Assessment has been carried out on the Draft County Donegal Development Plan for 2018-2024. The assessment involved stages 1 and 2 of the AA process. Preparation of the assessment was undertaken using experienced ecological expertise to identify any risks of significant adverse effects on the Natura network of sites and general issues of concern for conservation in the County. A review of conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to site integrity for relevant Natura 2000 sites in the County and within the zone of influence of the CDP was undertaken to identify sites that might be impacted by policies/objectives in the Draft Plan.


The settlement strategy was found to be robust and evidence based in relation to environmental considerations and capacity to absorb proposed development. The analysis of provision and availability of infrastructure has allowed development to be directed to appropriate areas within the county and to avoid the most vulnerable and sensitive areas. The strategy of sequential outward development within the settlement layers and policies focussing development in town centres first before less central sites are considered also avoids pressures on receiving environments, in particular on Natura 2000 sites.

Given the highly strategic nature of the Draft CDP it is not always possible to accurately determine likely potential impact on the Natura 2000 network. However, throughout the Draft CDP policies and objectives state that compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive is required, and in all instances where there is potential for development to have significant adverse effects on any Natura site it will be subject to Appropriate Assessment. There are also many objectives and policies within the Draft CDP that are proactive in promoting protection of European sites and of annexed species in the wider environment.

Cumulative and in combination effects were considered in relation to other plans and programmes of relevance. Many of these latter are used to guide the formulation of objectives and policy in the Draft CDP. Many are themselves mutually complementary and supportive having been prepared as part of coordinated and structured planning systems and individually assessed in respect of Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment.

Therefore considering the policies and objectives of the Draft CDP and the specific mitigation measures included to prevent impact, it was found that no direct, indirect or cumulative significant effects on Natura 2000 sites were likely.

### 7.1 Appropriate Assessment Conclusion Statement

This Draft Donegal Appropriate Assessment Report and Natura Impact Report concludes a Finding of No Significant Effects following the completion of stage 2 of the process. Any potential impact on the Natura 2000 network has been mitigated against through amendments of existing policies and objectives, and the addition of a number of additional policies as identified above. As a result, there is no requirement to proceed to stage 3 of the AA Process. This assessment should be read in conjunction with the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 and the accompanying SEA Environmental Report (Part D of the Development Plan) prepared in compliance with the requirements of the SEA Directive.

Comments on the environmental assessments (AA and Environmental Report) are invited during a period of public consultation from $19^{\text {th }}$ May 2017 to $31^{\text {st }}$ July 2017.

## Appendix 1: Natura 2000 Sites Relevant to this Appropriate Assessment

## County Donegal: Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)

| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 111 | Aran Island (Donegal) Cliffs | 1230 Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts <br> 4030 European dry heaths <br> 4060 Alpine and Boreal heaths <br> 8210 Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation <br> 8220 Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation <br> 8330 Submerged or partially submerged sea caves | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: Aran Island (Donegal) Cliffs SAC 000111. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs), and in relevant supporting documentation. <br> To maintain the extent, species richness and biodiversity of the entire site. To establish effective liaison and cooperation with landowners, legal users and relevant authorities. | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. Introduction of alien invasive species. Illegal Dumping. Quarrying/removal of sand. Aquaculture.; leisure fishing. <br> Outdoor sports and leisure activities, recreational activities; urbanised areas, human habitation; utility and service lines |
| 115 | Ballintra | 4030 European dry heaths <br> 8240 Limestone pavements* | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Ballintra SAC [000115]. Generic Version | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation; |


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|  |  |  | 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). <br> To maintain the extent, species richness and biodiversity of the entire site. To establish effective liaison and cooperation with landowners, legal users and relevant authorities. | agricultural improvements; agricultural abandonment; under grazing; quarrying on esker ridges and limestone pavement; bracken \& scrub encroachment. Introduction of alien invasive species. Illegal Dumping. |
| 116 | Ballyarr Wood | 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Ballyarr Wood SAC [000116]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). <br> To maintain the extent, species richness and biodiversity of the site. To provide facilities on site for the visiting public so as to improve its recreational use and potential educational value. To establish effective liaison and co-operation with neighbouring landowners, legal users and relevant authorities. | Direct loss of habitat to development; amenity/recreation use; invasive species; lack of/inappropriate woodland development; overgrazing (deer). Introduction of alien invasive species. Illegal Dumping. Felling/Removal of Trees. |
| 129 | Croaghonagh Bog | 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water |

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| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
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|  |  |  | (2016) Conservation objectives for Croaghonagh Bog SAC [000129]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. Introduction of alien invasive species. Illegal Dumping. |
| 133 | Donegal Bay Murvagh | 1140 Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide <br> 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes)* <br> 2190 Humid dune slacks <br> 1365 Harbour Seal (Phoca vitulina) | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2012) Conservation Objectives: Donegal Bay (Murvagh) SAC 000133. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology; water quality/pollution (including groundwater); agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; turf/peat extraction in fens; impacts to local geology/geomorphology (e.g. quarrying/rock blasting) for turloughs \& groundwater fed fens. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Burning <br> Quarrying/removal of sand <br> Aquaculture |
| 138 | Durnesh Lough | 1150 Coastal lagoons* <br> 6410 Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: Durnesh Lough | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion (natural and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; |

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|  |  |  | SAC 000138. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs), and in relevant supporting documentation. <br> To maintain the extent, species richness and biodiversity of the entire site. To establish effective liaison and cooperation with landowners, legal users and relevant authorities. | bracken \& scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development; peat extraction; forestry; burning; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Aquaculture |
| 140 | Fawnboy Bog/Lough Nacung | 1029 Freshwater Pearl Mussel Margaritifera margaritifera <br> 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix <br> 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) <br> 7150 Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: Fawnboy Bog/Lough Nacung SAC 000140. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; water quality/pollution; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |
| 142 | Gannivegil Bog | 3110 Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae) <br> 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Gannivegil Bog SAC [000142]. Generic | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. |


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|  |  | 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) | Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping Increased pollution/reduction in water quality |
| 147 | Horn Head \& Rinclevan | 1013 Geyer's Whorl Snail Vertigo geyeri <br> 1364 Grey seal Halichoerus grypus <br> 1395 Petalwort Petalophyllum ralfsii <br> 1833 Slender Naiad Najas flexilis <br> 2110 Embryonic shifting dunes <br> 2120 Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammophila arenaria (white dunes) <br> 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes)* <br> 2170 Dunes with Salix repens ssp.argentea (Salicion arenariae) <br> 2190 Humid dune slacks <br> 21A0 Machairs (* in Ireland) | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2014) Conservation Objectives: Horn Head and Rinclevan SAC 000147. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion (natural and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Burning <br> Quarrying/removal of sand <br> Aquaculture |
| 154 | Inishtrahull | 1230 Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts. | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: Inishtrahull SAC 000154. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; agricultural reclamation. Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Quarrying/removal of sand Aquaculture |


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|  |  |  | Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs), and in relevant supporting documentation. |  |
| 163 |  <br> Ardnamona Wood | 3110 Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae); <br> 7220 Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion)*; <br> 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in British Isles; <br> 1029 Freshwater Pearl Mussel (Margaritifera margaritifera); 1106 Atlantic Salmon (Salmon salar); 1421 Killarney Fern (Trichomanes speciosum). | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Lough Eske and Ardnamona Wood SAC [000163]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct loss of habitat to development; amenity/recreation use; invasive species; lack of/inappropriate woodland development; overgrazing (deer). <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Increased pollution/reduction in water quality <br> Potential threats to Freshwater Pearl Mussel |
| 164 | Lough <br> Nagreany Dunes | 2110 Embryonic shifting dunes <br> 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes)* 2140 Decalcified fixed dunes with Empetrum nigrum* <br> 2150 Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (Calluno-Ulicetea)* <br> 2170 Dunes with Salix repens ssp. argentea (Salicion arenariae) 3130 Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or Isoeto- | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Lough Nagreany Dunes SAC [000164]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Recreational pressures and coastal defences; ecologically unsuitable grazing / undergrazing; agricultural intensification; , forestry and agricultural intensification; eutrophication and other activities linked to water pollution and hydrological change; Peat-cutting and forestry on peatland; drainage; acidification and peatland damage. |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
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|  |  | Nanojuncetea 1833 Slender Naiad Najas flexilis |  |  |
| 165 | Lough Nillan Bog (Carrickatieve) | 3110 Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae) 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: Lough Nillan Bog (Carrickatlieve) SAC 000165. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Increased pollution/reduction in water quality |
| 168 | Magheradrum man Bog | 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix <br> 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Magheradrumman Bog SAC [000168]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |
| 172 | Meenaguse / <br> Ardbane Bog | 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Meenaguse/Ardbane Bog SAC [000172]. | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. |


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|  |  |  | Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |
| 173 | Meentygrann agh Bog | 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) <br> 7140 Transition mires and quaking bogs 7230 Alkaline fens <br> 1393 Slender Green Feather-moss Drepanocladus vernicosus | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Meentygrannagh Bog SAC [000173]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation; agricultural improvements; water quality/pollution (including groundwater); agricultural abandonment; undergrazing; bracken \& scrub encroachment; turf/peat extraction in fens; impacts to local geology/geomorphology (e.g. quarrying/rock blasting) for turloughs \& groundwater fed fens. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |
| 181 | Raithlin O'Birne Island | 1170 Reefs | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (201火) Conservation Objectives: Rathlin O'Birne Island SAC 000181. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Aquaculture |
| 185 | Sessiagh Lough | 3130 Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or IsoetoNanojuncetea <br> 1833 Slender Naiad Najas flexilis | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Sessiagh Lough SAC [000185]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Increased pollution/reduction in water quality |
| 189 | Slieve <br> League | 1170 Reefs <br> 1230 Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts <br> 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix <br> 4060 Alpine and Boreal heaths 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) <br> 8210 Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation <br> 8220 Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: Slieve League SAC 000189. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Aquaculture |
| 190 | Slieve <br> Tooey/ Tromore Island/ | 1014 Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail Vertigo angustior 1230 Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion (natural and anthropogenic); water |


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|  | Loughros Beg Bay | and Baltic coasts <br> 1355 Otter Lutra /utra <br> 1364 Grey Seal Halichoerus grypus <br> 2110 Embryonic shifting dunes <br> 2120 Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammophila arenaria (white dunes) <br> 2140 Decalcified fixed dunes with <br> Empetrum nigrum* <br> 2150 Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (Calluno-Ulicetea) <br> 4060 Alpine and Boreal heaths <br> 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) | attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: Slieve Tooey/Tormore Island/Loughros Beg Bay SAC 000190. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | quality/pollution; agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development; peat extraction; forestry; burning; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Burning <br> Quarrying/removal of sand <br> Aquaculture |
| 191 | St. John's Point | 1160 Large shallow inlets and bays <br> 1170 Reefs <br> 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important orchid sites) <br> 6410 Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) <br> 7230 Alkaline fens <br> 8240 Limestone pavements <br> 8330 Submerged or partially submerged sea caves | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: St. John's Point SAC 000191. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. |  |


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|  |  |  |  | groundwater fed fens. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species |
| 194 |  <br> Melmore <br> Lough | Illegal Dumping <br> by seawater at low tide <br> 1210 Annual vegetation of drift lines <br> 1220 Perennial vegetation of stony <br> banks <br> 1230 Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic <br> and Baltic coasts <br> 1395 Petalwort Petalophyllum ralfsii <br> 210 Embryonic shifting dunes <br> 2120 Shifting dunes along the shoreline <br> with Ammophila arenaria (white dunes) | Aquaculture |  |


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|  |  | 4060 Alpine and Boreal heaths |  |  |
| 197 | West of Ardara/Maas Road | 1013 Geyer's Whorl Snail Vertigo geyeri <br> 1029 Freshwater Pearl Mussel <br> Margaritifera margaritifera <br> 1065 Marsh Fritillary Euphydryas aurinia <br> 1106 Salmon Salmo salar <br> 1130 Estuaries <br> 1140 Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide <br> 1160 Large shallow inlets and bays <br> 1330 Atlantic salt meadows (GlaucoPuccinellietalia maritimae) <br> 1355 Otter Lutra lutra <br> 1365 Harbour Seal Phoca vitulina <br> 1395 Petalwort Petalophyllum ralfsii <br> 1410 Mediterranean salt meadows (Juncetalia maritimi) <br> 1833 Slender Naiad Najas flexilis <br> 2120 Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammophila arenaria (white dunes) <br> 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) <br> 2140 Decalcified fixed dunes with Empetrum nigrum <br> 2150 Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (Calluno-Ulicetea) | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: West of Ardara/Maas Road SAC 000197. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage /changes in local hydrology; water quality/pollution (including groundwater); agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; turf/peat extraction in fens; impacts to local geology/geomorphology Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Burning <br> Increased pollution/reduction in water quality <br> Persecution (Poisoning) <br> Quarrying/removal of sand <br> Aquaculture <br> Potential threats to Freshwater Pearl Mussel |


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|  |  | 2170 Dunes with Salix repens ssp. <br> argentea (Salicion arenariae) <br> 2190 Humid dune slacks <br> 21A0 Machairs (* in Ireland) <br> 3110 Oligotrophic waters containing <br> very few minerals of sandy plains <br> (Littorelletalia uniflorae) <br> 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix <br> 4030 European dry heaths 4060 Alpine and Boreal heaths <br> 5130 -Juniperus communis formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands <br> 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important orchid sites) <br> 6410 Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) <br> 6510 Lowland hay meadows <br> (Alopecures pratensis, Sanguisorba officinalis) <br> 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) <br> 7150 Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion <br> 7230 Alkaline fens |  |  |

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|  |  |  |  | scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Burning <br> Quarrying/removal of sand <br> Aquaculture |
| 1107 | Coolvoy Bog | 7130 Blanket bogs (*if active bog) | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Coolvoy Bog SAC [001107]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |
| 1125 | Dunragh <br> Loughs/ <br> Pettigo <br> Plateau | 7130 Blanket bogs (*if active bog) <br> 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Dunragh Loughs/Pettigo Plateau SAC [001125]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |


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| 1141 | Gweedore <br>  <br> Islands | 1150 Coastal lagoons <br> 1170 Reefs <br> 1220 Perennial vegetation of stony banks <br> 1355 Otter Lutra lutra <br> 1395 Petalwort Petalophyllum ralfsii <br> 1410 Mediterranean salt meadows <br> (Juncetalia maritimi) <br> 1833 Slender Naiad Najas flexilis <br> 2110 Embryonic shifting dunes <br> 2120 Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammophila arenaria (white dunes) <br> 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes)* <br> 2140 Decalcified fixed dunes with Empetrum nigrum* <br> 2150 Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (Calluno-Ulicetea)* <br> 2170 Dunes with Salix repens ssp. argentea (Salicion arenariae) <br> 2190 Humid dune slacks <br> 21A0 Machairs (* in Ireland) <br> 3110 Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae) <br> 4030 European dry heaths | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: Gweedore Bay and Islands SAC 001141. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion (natural and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development; peat extraction; forestry; burning; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Increased pollution/reduction in water quality <br> Felling/Removal of Trees <br> Quarrying/removal of sand <br> Aquaculture |


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| 1151 | Kindrum <br> Lough | 4060 Alpine and Boreal heaths <br> 5130 Juniperus communis formations on <br> heaths or calcareous grasslands | 3130 Oligotrophic to mesotrophic <br> standing waters with vegetation of the <br> Littorelletea uniflorae and/or Isoeto- <br> Nanojuncetea <br> 1833 Slender Naiad Najas flexilis | To maintain or restore the favourable <br> conservation condition of the Annex I <br> habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species <br> for which the SAC has been selected <br> (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives <br> for Kindrum Lough SAC [001151]. <br> Generic Version 5.0. Department of <br> Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and <br> Gaeltacht Affairs). |


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| 1190 | Sheephaven |  | 1140 Mudflats and sandflats not covered <br> by seawater at low tide <br> 1330 Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco- <br> Puccinellietalia maritimae) <br> 1395 Petalwort Petalophyllum ralfsii <br> 1410 Mediterranean salt meadows <br> (Juncetalia maritimi) <br> 2120 Shifting dunes along the shoreline <br> with Ammophila arenaria (white dunes) <br> 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with <br> herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes)* <br> 21A0 Machairs (* in Ireland) <br> 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with Ilex <br> and Blechnum in the British Isles | To maintain or restore the favourable <br> conservation condition of the Qualifying <br> Interests for which the SAC has been <br> selected which are defined by the list of <br> attributes and targets in the site-specific <br> conservation objectives (NPWS (2014) <br> Conservation Objectives: Sheephaven <br> SAC 001190. Version 1. National Parks <br> and Wildlife Service, Department of <br> Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and <br> in relevant supporting documentation. |


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|  |  |  | Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs), and in relevant supporting documentation. | scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development; peat extraction; forestry; burning; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Quarrying/removal of sand <br> Aquaculture |
| 1880 | Meenaguse Scragh | 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix. | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Meenaguse Scragh SAC [001880]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion (natural and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development; peat extraction; forestry; burning; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |
| 1975 | Ballyhoorisky Point to Fanad | 1220 Perennial vegetation of stony banks 1230 Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for | Recreation and coastal defences; invasive species; erosion caused by sea defences and pathways; eutrophication and other |


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|  | Head | 3130 Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or Isoeto-Nanojuncetea 3140 Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of Chara spp. <br> 1014 Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail Vertigo angustior <br> 1833 Slender Naiad Najas flexilis | which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Ballyhoorisky Point to Fanad Head SAC [001975]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | activities linked to water pollution; hydrological change; peat-cutting and forestry on peatland; peatland drainage and general degradation; changes in grazing and wetland drainage; acidification and peatland damage. |
| 1992 | Tamur Bog | 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix <br> 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) <br> 7150 Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Tamur Bog SAC [001992]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |
| 2012 | North Inishowen Coast | 1014 Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail Vertigo angustior <br> 1140 Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide <br> 1220 Perennial vegetation of stony banks <br> 1230 Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts <br> 1355 Otter Lutra lutra <br> 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) <br> 21A0 Machairs (* in Ireland) 4030 | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2014) Conservation Objectives: North Inishowen Coast SAC 002012. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion (natural and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |


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|  |  | European dry heaths |  | Burning <br> Quarrying/removal of sand Aquaculture |
| 2047 | Cloghernagore <br>  <br> Glenveagh <br> National Park | 3110 Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae) <br> 3260 Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation <br> 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix <br> 4030 European dry heaths <br> 4060 Alpine and Boreal heaths <br> 6410 Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) <br> 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) <br> 7150 Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion <br> 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles * <br> 1029 Freshwater Pearl Mussel Margaritifera margaritifera <br> 1106 Salmon Salmo salar <br> 1355 Otter Lutra /utra <br> 1421 Killarney Fern Trichomanes speciosum | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Cloghernagore Bog and Glenveagh National Park SAC [002047]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Increased pollution/reduction in water quality <br> Felling/Removal of Trees <br> Persecution (Poisoning) <br> Potential threats to Freshwater Pearl Mussel |


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| 2135 | Lough Nageage | 1092 Freshwater White-clawed Crayfish Autropotamobius pallipes | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Lough Nageage SAC [002135]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Disease introduction; Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion (natural and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Increased pollution/reduction in water quality <br> Crayfish Fishing |
| 2159 | Mulroy Bay | 1160 Large shallow inlets and bays 1170 Reefs <br> 1355 Otter Lutra lutra | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2012) Conservation Objectives: Mulroy Bay SAC 002159. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; aquaculture, drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion (natural and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Crayfish Fishing <br> Quarrying/removal of sand |

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|  |  |  |  | Aquaculture |
| 2164 | Lough Golagh \& Breesy Hill | 7130 Blanket bog (* if active bog). | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Lough Golagh and Breesy Hill SAC [002164]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion (natural and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |
| 2176 | Leannan River | 3110 Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae) <br> 3130 Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or Isoeto-Nanojuncetea <br> 1029 Freshwater Pearl Mussel Margaritifera margaritifera <br> 1106 Salmon Salmo salar <br> 1355 Otter Lutra /utra <br> 1833 Slender Naiad Najas flexilis | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Leannan River SAC [002176]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Changes in local hydrology including drainage; peat extraction; overgrazing; forestry; burning; direct loss of habitat to development; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation, siltation. Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Increased pollution/reduction in water quality <br> Potential Threats to Freshwater Pearl Mussel |
| 2259 | Tory Island Coast | 1150 Coastal lagoons 1170 Reefs | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion |

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|  |  | 1220 Perennial vegetation of stony banks 1230 Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts | selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: Tory Island Coast SAC 002259. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | (natural and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Quarrying/removal of sand Aquaculture |
| 2283 | Rutland Island \& Sound | 1150 Coastal lagoons* <br> 1160 Large shallow inlets and bays <br> 1170 Reefs <br> 1210 Annual vegetation of drift lines <br> 1365 Harbour seal Phoca vitulina <br> 2110 Embryonic shifting dunes <br> 2120 Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammophila arenaria (white dunes) <br> 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes)* <br> 2190 Humid dune slacks | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Rutland Island and Sound SAC 002283. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion (natural and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species; Illegal Dumping <br> Burning; Quarrying/removal of sand Aquaculture |
| 2287 | Lough Swilly | 1130 Estuaries <br> 1150 * Coastal lagoons | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion |

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|  |  | 1330 Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae) <br> 1355 Otter Lutra lutra <br> 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles | selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2011) Conservation Objectives: Lough Swilly SAC 002287 and Lough Swilly SPA 004075. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | (natural and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping; Burning; Felling/Removal of Trees; Quarrying/removal of sand; Aquaculture |
| 2301 | River Finn | 3110 Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae) <br> 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix <br> 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) <br> 7140 Transition mires and quaking bogs <br> 1106 Salmon Salmo salar <br> 1355 Otter Lutra /utra | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for River Finn SAC [002301]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Water quality/ pollution (including groundwater), direct loss of habitat to development, invasive species, lack of woodland management. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Increased pollution/reduction in water quality <br> Persecution (Poisoning) |
| 2303 | Dunmuckrum Turloughs | 3180 Turloughs* | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Dunmuckrum Turloughs SAC [002303]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion (natural and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; |


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|  |  |  | Affairs). | bracken \& scrub encroachment; <br> amenity/recreation use; tourism-related <br> development. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping |
| 2999 | Hemptons <br> Turbot Bank | 1110 Sandbanks which are slightly covered <br> by sea water all the time | To maintain or restore the favourable <br> conservation condition of the Qualifying <br> Interests for which the SAC has been <br> selected which are defined by the list of <br> attributes and targets in the site-specific <br> conservation objectives (NPWS (2015) <br> Conservation Objectives: Hempton's <br> Turbot Bank SAC 002999. Version 1. <br> National Parks and Wildlife Service, <br> Department of Arts, Heritage and the <br> Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting <br> documentation. | Erosion; <br> pelagic trawling. |

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| 4034 | Trawbreaga Bay | A045 Barnacle Goose Branta leucopsis <br> A046 Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota <br> A346 Chough Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax A999 Wetlands | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2014) Conservation Objectives: Trawbreaga Bay SPA 004034. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |
| 4039 | Glenveagh <br> National Park <br>  <br> Glendowan Mountains) | A001 Red-throated Diver Gavia stellata <br> A098 Merlin Falco columbarius <br> A103 Peregrine Falco peregrinus <br> A140 Golden Plover Pluvialis apricaria <br> A466 Dunlin Calidris alpina schinzii | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Derryveagh and Glendowan Mountains SPA [004039]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Persecution (Poisoning) <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |

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\hline 4057 & \text { Lough Derg (Donegal) } & \begin{array}{l}\text { A183 Lesser Black-backed Gull } \\
\text { Larus fuscus } \\
\text { A184 Herring Gull Larus } \\
\text { argentatus }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { To maintain or restore the favourable } \\
\text { conservation condition of the bird } \\
\text { species listed as Special Conservation } \\
\text { Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) } \\
\text { Conservation objectives for Lough } \\
\text { Derg (Donegal) SPA [004057]. Generic } \\
\text { Version 5.0. Department of Arts, } \\
\text { Heritage, Regional, Rural and } \\
\text { Gaeltacht Affairs). }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of } \\
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| 4073 | Tory Island | A009 Fulmar Fulmarus glacialis <br> A122 Corncrake Crex crex <br> A200 Razorbill A/ca torda <br> A204 Puffin Fratercula arctica | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Tory Island SPA [004073]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |
| 4075 | Lough Swilly | A005 Great Crested Grebe Podiceps cristatus A028 Grey Heron Ardea cinerea A038 Whooper Swan Cygnus cygnus <br> A043 Greylag Goose Anser anser A048 Shelduck Tadorna tadorna A050 Wigeon Anas penelope A052 Teal Anas crecca A053 Mallard Anas platyrhynchos A056 Shoveler Anas clypeata A062 Scaup Aythya marila A067 Goldeneye Bucephala clangula A069 Red-breasted | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2011) Conservation Objectives: Lough Swilly SAC 002287 and Lough Swilly SPA 004075. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Inappropriate land management <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use |


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|  |  | Merganser Mergus serrator <br> A125 Coot Fulica atra <br> A130 Oystercatcher Haematopus ostralegus <br> A143 Knot Calidris canutus <br> A149 Dunlin Calidris alpina <br> A160 Curlew Numenius arquata <br> A162 Redshank Tringa totanus <br> A164 Greenshank Tringa nebularia <br> A179 Black-headed Gull Chroicocephalus ridibundus <br> A182 Common Gull Larus canus <br> A191 Sandwich Tern Sterna sandvicensis <br> A193 Common Tern Sterna hirundo <br> A395 Greenland White-fronted goose Anser albifrons flavirostris wintering <br> A999 Wetlands \& Waterbirds |  |  |

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\hline 4082 & \text { Greers Isle } & \begin{array}{ll}\text { A179 Black-headed Gull } \\
\text { Chroicocephalus ridibundus } \\
\text { A182 Common Gull Larus canus } \\
\text { A191 Sandwich Tern Sterna } \\
\text { sandvicensis }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { To maintain or restore the favourable } \\
\text { conservation condition of the bird } \\
\text { species listed as Special Conservation } \\
\text { Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) } \\
\text { Conservation objectives for Greers Isle } \\
\text { SPA [004082]. Generic Version 5.0. } \\
\text { Department of Arts, Heritage, } \\
\text { Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of } \\
\text { the bird species of conservation interests } \\
\text { (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to } \\
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|  |  | columbianus bewickii <br> A038 Whooper Swan Cygnus cygnus <br> A043 Greylag Goose Anser anser <br> A046 Light-bellied Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota <br> A048 Shelduck Tadorna tadorna <br> A050 Wigeon Anas penelope <br> A052 Teal Anas crecca <br> A053 Mallard Anas platyrhynchos <br> A063 Eider Somateria mollissima <br> A069 Red-breasted Merganser Mergus serrator <br> A130 Oystercatcher Haematopus ostralegus <br> A140 Golden Plover Pluvialis apricaria <br> A142 Lapwing Vanellus vanellus <br> A143 Knot Calidris canutus <br> A149 Dunlin Calidris alpina alpina <br> A157 Bar-tailed Godwit Limosa lapponica <br> A160 Curlew Numenius arquata <br> A162 Redshank Tringa totanus <br> A179 Black-headed Gull <br> Chroicocephalus ridibundus | targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2014) Conservation Objectives: Lough Foyle SPA 004087. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |


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|  |  | A182 Common Gull Larus canus A184 Herring Gull Larus argentatus A999 Wetland and Waterbirds |  |  |
| 4090 | Sheskinmore Lough | A395 Greenland White-fronted Goose Anser albifrons flavirostris | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Sheskinmore Lough SPA [004090]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |
| 4099 | Pettigo Plateau Nature Reserve | A395 Greenland White-fronted Goose Anser albifrons flavirostris | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Pettigo Plateau Nature Reserve SPA [004099]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |


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| 4100 | Inishtrahull | A018 Shag Phalacrocorax aristotelis <br> A045 Barnacle Goose Branta leucopsis <br> A182 Common Gull Larus canus | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Inishtrahull SPA [004100]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |
| 4110 | Lough Nillan Bog | A098 Merlin Falco columbarius A140 Golden Plover Pluvialis apricaria <br> A395 Greenland White-fronted Goose Anser albifrons flavirostris A466 Dunlin Calidris alpina schinzii | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Lough Nillan Bog SPA [004110]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |

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| 4115 | Inishduff | A018 Shag Phalacrocorax aristotelis | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Inishduff SPA [004115]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |
| 4116 | Inishkeel | A045 Barnacle Goose Branta leucopsis | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Inishkeel SPA [004116]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |

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| 4120 | Rathlin O'Birne Island | A045 Barnacle Goose Branta leucopsis | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Rathlin O'Birne Island SPA [004120]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/ amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |
| 4121 | Roaninish | A045 Barnacle Goose Branta leucopsis <br> A184 Herring Gull Larus argentatus | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Roaninish SPA [004121]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |

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\hline 4132 & \begin{array}{l}\text { Illancrone \& } \\
\text { Inishkeeragh }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { A045 Barnacle Goose Branta } \\
\text { leucopsis } \\
\text { A193 Common Tern Sterna } \\
\text { hirundo } \\
\text { A194 Arctic Tern Sterna } \\
\text { paradisaea } \\
\text { A195 Little Tern Sterna albifrons }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { To maintain or restore the favourable } \\
\text { conservation condition of the bird } \\
\text { species listed as Special Conservation } \\
\text { Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) } \\
\text { Conservation objectives for Illancrone } \\
\text { and Inishkeeragh SPA [004132]. } \\
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\text { Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and } \\
\text { Gaeltacht Affairs). }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of } \\
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| 4148 | Fanad Head | A122 Corncrake Crex crex | To maintain or restore the favourable <br> conservation condition of the bird <br> species listed as Special Conservation <br> Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) <br> Conservation objectives for Fanad <br> Head SPA [004148]. Generic Version <br> 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, <br> Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Mowing/cutting grassland; grazing <br> Discontinuous urbanisation. |
| 4149 | Falcarragh to Meenlaragh | A122 Corncrake Crex crex | To maintain or restore the favourable <br> conservation condition of the bird <br> species listed as Special Conservation <br> Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) <br> Conservation objectives for Falcarragh <br> to Meenlaragh SPA [004149]. Generic <br> Version 5.0. Department of Arts, <br> Heritage, Regional, Rural and <br> Gaeltacht Affairs). | Cultivation; mowing/cutting grassland; <br> grazing <br> Discontinuous urbanisation. |


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| 4150 | West Donegal Coast | A009 Fulmar Fulmarus glacialis <br> A017 Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo <br> A018 Shag Phalacrocorax aristotelis <br> A103 Peregrine Falco peregrinus <br> A184 Herring Gull Larus argentatus <br> A188 Kittiwake Rissa tridactyla <br> A200 Razorbill A/ca torda <br> A346 Chough Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for West Donegal Coast SPA [004150]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |
| 4151 | Donegal Bay | A003 Great Northern Diver Gavia immer wintering <br> A046 Light-bellied Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota wintering <br> A065 Common Scoter Melanitta nigra wintering <br> A144 Sanderling Calidris alba wintering <br> A999 Wetland and Waterbirds | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2012) Conservation Objectives: Donegal Bay SPA 004151. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to development; water quality/pollution; disturbance including recreation/amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |


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| 4194 | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Horn Head to } \\ \text { Fanad Head }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { A009 Fulmar Fulmarus glacialis } \\ \text { A017 Cormorant Phalacrocorax } \\ \text { carbo } \\ \text { A018 Shag Phalacrocorax } \\ \text { aristotelis } \\ \text { A045 Barnacle Goose Branta } \\ \text { leucopsis } \\ \text { A103 Peregrine Falco peregrinus } \\ \text { A188 Kittiwake Rissa tridactyla } \\ \text { A199 Guillemot Uria aalge } \\ \text { A200 Razorbill A/ca torda }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { To maintain or restore the favourable } \\ \text { conservation condition of the bird } \\ \text { species listed as Special Conservation } \\ \text { Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) } \\ \text { Conservation objectives for Horn Head } \\ \text { to Fanad Head SPA [004194]. Generic } \\ \text { Version 5.0. Department of Arts, } \\ \text { Heritage, Regional, Rural and } \\ \text { Gaeltacht Affairs). }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Direct \& indirect impacts to the habitats of } \\ \text { the bird species of conservation interests } \\ \text { (loss of habitat); direct loss of habitat to } \\ \text { development; water quality/pollution; } \\ \text { disturbance including recreation/amenity } \\ \text { use. } \\ \text { Introduction of alien invasive species }\end{array}$ |
| Illegal Dumping |  |  |  |  |\(\left.] \begin{array}{l}Disturbance from Recreational/amenity <br>

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Inappropriate land management\end{array}\right\}\)

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| UK0030089 | Binevenagh | 8210 Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation 6230 Species-rich Nardus grassland, on siliceous substrates in <br> mountain areas (and submountain areas in continental Europe) <br> 8120 Calcareous and calcshist screes of the montane to alpine levels (Thlaspietea rotundifolii) | To maintain the Annex I habitats for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status | Changes in local hydrology, peat extraction, overgrazing, forestry, burning, direct loss of habitat to development, arterial drainage/ water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table, agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Persecution (Poisoning) |
| UK0030084 | Bann Estuary | 1330 Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae) <br> 2110 Embryonic shifting dunes <br> 2120 "Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammophila arenaria (""white dunes"")" | To maintain the Annex I habitats for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status | Grazing <br> Outdoor sports and leisure activities, recreational activities <br> Air pollution, air-borne pollutants Invasive non-native species, Problematic native species <br> Fire and fire suppression Human induced changes in hydraulic conditions <br> Biocenotic evolution, succession Changes in abiotic conditions |
| UK0016613 | Magilligan | 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (` grey dunes`) <br> 2170 Dunes with Salix repens | To maintain the Annex I habitats for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; grey dunes, dunes with Salix repens ssp. | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction; erosion (natural and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; |


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|  |  | ssp. argentea (Salicion arenariae) <br> 2190 Humid dune slacks <br> 2110 Embryonic shifting dunes <br> 2120 Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammophila arenaria (` white dunes`) <br> 1065 Marsh fritillary butterfly Euphydryas aurinia <br> 1395 Petalwort Petalophyllum ralfsii | argentea, humid dune slacks, embryonic shifting dunes, shifting dunes; <br> To maintain the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Marsh fritillary butterfly, Petalwort. | agricultural abandonment; overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of habitat to development; bracken \& scrub encroachment; amenity/recreation use; tourism-related development; peat extraction; forestry; burning; arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table; agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping, Burning Quarrying/removal of sand, Aquaculture |
| UK0030360 | River Roe and Tributaries | 3260 Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles <br> 1106 Atlantic salmon Salmo salar 1355 Otter Lutra /utra | To maintain the Annex I habitats for which the cSAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Water courses of plain to montane levels, Old sessile oak woods; <br> To maintain the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Atlantic salmon, Otter | Loss of fringe vegetation <br> Changes in seasonal water levels/fluctuations <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Loading from effluents (WWTP) <br> Recreation/Amenity Use Developments - <br> marinas, fishing <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Water quality/pollution <br> Changes in flow rates <br> Arterial drainage/water abstraction/ <br> lowering of the <br> regional water table <br> Siltation |


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| UK0030361 | River Faughan and Tributaries | 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles <br> 1106 Atlantic salmon Salmo salar 1355 Otter Lutra lutra | To maintain the Annex I habitats for which the cSAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Old sessile oak woods; <br> To maintain the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Atlantic salmon, Otter | Water quality/pollution <br> Changes in flow rates <br> Arterial drainage/water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table <br> Siltation <br> Loss of fringe vegetation <br> Changes in seasonal water levels/fluctuations <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Loading from effluents (WWTP) <br> Recreation/Amenity Use Developments marinas, fishing <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Felling/Removal of Trees |


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| UK0030320 | River Foyle and Tributaries | 3260 Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation 1106 Atlantic salmon Salmo salar 1355 Otter Lutra lutra | To maintain the Annex I habitats for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Water courses of plain to montane levels; To maintain the Annex II species for which the CSAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Atlantic salmon, Otter | Water quality/pollution <br> Changes in flow rates <br> Arterial drainage/water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table <br> Siltation <br> Loss of fringe vegetation <br> Changes in seasonal water levels/fluctuations <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Loading from effluents (WWTP) <br> Recreation/Amenity Use Developments marinas, fishing <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |
| UK0030383 | Skerries and Causeway | 1110 Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time <br> 1170 Reefs <br> 8330 Submerged or partially submerged sea caves 1351 Harbour Porpoise Phocoena phocoena | To maintain the Annex I habitats for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Sandbanks which are covered by sea water all the time; Reefs; Submerged or partially submerged sea caves. <br> To maintain the Annex II species for which the CSAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Harbour Porpoise | Pollution to surface waters / marine water pollution <br> Exploitation and extraction of oil or gas <br> Renewable abiotic energy use <br> Outdoor sports and leisure activities <br> Shipping lanes, ports and marine constructions <br> Fishing and harvesting aquatic resources <br> Changes in abiotic conditions <br> Invasive non-native species |


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| UK0030211 | Moneygal Bog | 7110 Active raised bogs | To maintain the Annex I habitats for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Active raised bogs | Changes in local hydrology, peat extraction, overgrazing, forestry, burning, direct loss of habitat to development, arterial drainage/ water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table, agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |
| UK0030325 | Tonnagh Beg Bog | 7110 Active raised bogs | To maintain the Annex I habitats for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Active raised bogs | Changes in local hydrology, peat extraction, overgrazing, forestry, burning, direct loss of habitat to development, arterial drainage/ water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table, agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |
| UK0030321 | Cranny Bogs | 7110 Active raised bogs | To maintain the Annex I habitats for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Active raised bogs | Changes in local hydrology, peat extraction, overgrazing, forestry, burning, direct loss of habitat to development, arterial drainage/ water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table, agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |
| UK0030326 | Tully Bog | 7110 Active raised bogs <br> 7120 Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration | To maintain the Annex I habitats for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Active raised bogs; Degraded raised bogs capable of natural regeneration | Biocenotic evolution, succession <br> Fire and fire suppression <br> Human induced changes in hydraulic conditions <br> Air pollution, air-borne pollutants |

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\hline \text { UK0030047 } & \text { Lough Melvin } & \begin{array}{l}3130 \text { Oligotrophic to mesotrophic } \\
\text { standing waters with vegetation } \\
\text { of the Littorelletea uniflorae } \\
\text { and/or of the Isoëto- } \\
\text { Nanojuncetea } \\
6410 \text { Molinia meadows on } \\
\text { calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt- } \\
\text { laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) } \\
\text { 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with } \\
\text { Ilex and Blechnum in the British } \\
\text { Isles } \\
1106 \text { Atlantic salmon Salmo salar }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { To maintain the Annex I habitats for } \\
\text { which the SAC has been selected at } \\
\text { favourable conservation status; } \\
\text { oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing } \\
\text { waters, Molinia meadows, old sessile } \\
\text { oak woods. } \\
\text { To maintain the Annex II species for } \\
\text { which the cSAC has been selected at } \\
\text { favourable conservation status; Atlantic } \\
\text { Salmon. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Agricultural improvements/reclamation; } \\
\text { drainage/changes in local hydrology } \\
\text { including water abstraction; erosion (natural } \\
\text { and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; } \\
\text { agricultural abandonment; } \\
\text { overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of } \\
\text { habitat to development; bracken \& scrub } \\
\text { encroachment; amenity/recreation use; } \\
\text { tourism-related development. }\end{array}
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Introduction of alien invasive species\end{array}\right]\)| Illegal Dumping |
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| Increased pollution/reduction in water |
| quality |

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| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
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| UK0016607 | Pettigoe Plateau | 3160 Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds <br> 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bogs) <br> 3130 Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or of the IsoëtoNanojuncetea <br> 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix <br> 4030 European dry heaths | To maintain the Annex I habitats for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status; Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds, Blanket bogs, Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters, Northern Atlantic wet heaths, European dry heaths | Water quality/pollution <br> Changes in flow rates <br> Arterial drainage/water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table <br> Siltation <br> Loss of fringe vegetation <br> Changes in seasonal water levels/fluctuations <br> Direct loss of habitat to development Loading from effluents (WWTP) <br> Recreation/Amenity Use Developments marinas, fishing <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Increased pollution/reduction in water quality |
| UK0016619 | Monawilkin | 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies: on calcareous substrates (FestucoBrometalia) <br> 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles | To maintain the Annex I habitats for which the SAC has been selected at favourable <br> conservation status; Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies, Old sessile oak woods | Changes in local hydrology, peat extraction, overgrazing, forestry, burning, direct loss of habitat to development, arterial drainage/ water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table, agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Felling/Removal of Trees |


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| UK0030116 | Cladagh <br> (Swanlinbar) <br> River | 3260 Water courses of plain to <br> montane levels with the <br> Ranunculion fluitantis and <br> Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation <br> 1029 Freshwater pearl mussel <br> Margaritifera margaritifera | To maintain the Annex I habitats for <br> which the SAC has been selected at <br> favourable conservation status; Water <br> courses of plain to montane levels; <br> To maintain the Annex II species for <br> which the cSAC has been selected at <br> favourable conservation status; <br> Freshwater pearl mussel | Water quality/pollution <br> Changes in flow rates <br> Arterial drainage/water abstraction/ <br> lowering of the regional water table <br> Siltation <br> Loss of fringe vegetation <br> Changes in seasonal water <br> levels/fluctuations <br> Direct loss of habitat to development |
| Loading from effluents (WWTP) |  |  |  |  |
| Recreation/Amenity Use Developments - |  |  |  |  |
| marinas, fishing |  |  |  |  |
| Introduction of alien invasive species |  |  |  |  |
| Illegal Dumping |  |  |  |  |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| UK0016603 | Cuilcagh Mountain | 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bogs) <br> 3160 Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds <br> 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix <br> 4030 European dry heaths <br> 4060 Alpine and Boreal heaths <br> 8110 Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels <br> (Androsacetalia alpinae and Galeopsietalia Iadani) <br> 8220 Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation | To maintain the Annex I habitat for which the SAC has been selected at favourable conservation status: Blanket bog, Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds, Northern Atlantic wet heaths, European dry heaths, Alpine and Boreal heaths, Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels, Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation | Changes in local hydrology including drainage <br> Climate change (increased/reduced rainfall) <br> Erosion, landslips <br> Peat Extraction <br> Overgrazing/undergrazing <br> Forestry <br> Burning <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Arterial drainage/water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table <br> Agricultural reclamation/improvement <br> Recreational/Amenity Use (walking, horse riding, cycling, quads and motorbikes) <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Increased pollution/reduction in water quality |


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| UK0030068 | Fardrum and <br> Roosky <br> Turloughs | 3180 Turloughs | To maintain the Annex I habitats for <br> which the SAC has been selected at <br> favourable conservation status; <br> turloughs | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; <br> drainage/changes in local hydrology <br> including water abstraction; erosion (natural <br> and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; <br> agricultural abandonment; <br> overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of <br> habitat to development; bracken \& scrub <br> encroachment; amenity/recreation use; <br> tourism-related development. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species |
| UK0030045 | Largalinny | 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with <br> Ilex and Blechnum in the <br> British Isles | To maintain the Annex I habitats for <br> which the SAC has been selected at <br> favourable conservation status; Old <br> sessile oak woods | Changes in local hydrology, peat extraction, <br> overgrazing, forestry, burning, direct loss of <br> habitat to development, arterial drainage/ <br> water abstraction/ lowering of the regional <br> water table, agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species |

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\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|}\hline \text { Site code } & \text { Site name } & \text { Qualifying interests } & \text { Conservation objectives } & \text { Threats to site integrity } \\
\hline \text { UK0030212 } & \text { Moninea Bog } & \text { 7110 Active raised bogs } & \begin{array}{l}\text { To maintain the Annex I habitat for } \\
\text { which the SAC has been selected at } \\
\text { favourable conservation status: Active } \\
\text { raised bog }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Changes in local hydrology including } \\
\text { drainage } \\
\text { Climate change (increased/reduced rainfall) } \\
\text { Erosion, landslips } \\
\text { Peat Extraction } \\
\text { Overgrazing/undergrazing } \\
\text { Forestry; Burning }\end{array}
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nirect loss of habitat to development <br>

Arterial drainage/water abstraction/\end{array}\right]\)| lowering of the regional water table; |
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| Agricultural reclamation/improvement |
| Recreational/Amenity Use (walking, horse |
| riding, cycling, quads and motorbikes); |
| Introduction of alien invasive species |
| Illegal Dumping |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| UK0016621 | Magheraveely <br> Marl Loughs | 3140 Hard oligo-mesotrophic <br> waters with benthic vegetation of <br> Chara spp. <br> 7230 Alkaline fens <br> 7210 Calcareous fens with <br> Cladium mariscus and species of <br> the <br> Caricion davallianae <br> 1092 Austropotamobius pallipes <br> Freshwater White-clawed <br> Crayfish | To maintain the Annex I habitats for <br> which the SAC has been selected at <br> favourable conservation status; Oligo- <br> mesotrophic waters with Chara spp., <br> alkaline fens, calcareous fens with <br> Cladium mariscus. | Agricultural improvements/reclamation; <br> drainage/changes in local hydrology <br> including water abstraction; erosion (natural <br> and anthropogenic); water quality/pollution; <br> agricultural abandonment; <br> overgrazing/undergrazing; direct loss of <br> habitat to development; bracken \& scrub <br> encroachment; amenity/recreation use; <br> tourism-related development; peat <br> extraction; forestry; burning; arterial <br> drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the the SAC has been selected at <br> favourable conservation status; White- <br> clawed Crayfish |
| regional water table; agricultural |  |  |  |  |
| reclamation. |  |  |  |  |


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## Northern Ireland SPAs within 15km of County Donegal

| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
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| UK9020031 | Lough Foyle | $\begin{array}{l}\text { A674 Branta bernicla hrota } \\ \text { Light-bellied Brent Goose } \\ \text { A038 Cygnus cygnus } \\ \text { Whooper Swan } \\ \text { A157 Limosa lapponica Bar- } \\ \text { tailed Godwit } \\ \text { WATR Waterfowl } \\ \text { Assemblage }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { To maintain the Annexed } \\ \text { species for which the SPA has } \\ \text { been selected at favourable } \\ \text { conservation status: Whooper } \\ \text { Swan, light-bellied Brent goose, } \\ \text { bar-tailed godwit and other } \\ \text { important species }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Modification of cultivation practices; } \\ \text { Airports, flightpaths; } \\ \text { Marine water pollution; } \\ \text { Invasive non-native species; } \\ \text { Hunting and collection, and taking/removal, } \\ \text { trapping, poisoning, poaching, predator control, } \\ \text { accidental capture; } \\ \text { Changes in biotic conditions; }\end{array}$ |
| Utility and service lines; |  |  |  |  |
| Marine and Freshwater Aquaculture; |  |  |  |  |
| Other ecosystem modifications; |  |  |  |  |
| Pollution to surface waters (limnic \& terrestrial, |  |  |  |  |
| marine \& brackish); |  |  |  |  |
| Outdoor sports and leisure activities, recreational |  |  |  |  |
| activities. |  |  |  |  |$]$


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| UK9020071 | Upper Lough Erne | A038 Cygnus cygnus Whooper Swan | To maintain the Annexed species for which the SPA has been selected at favourable conservation status: Whooper Swan | Outdoor sports and leisure activities, recreational activities; <br> Pollution to surface waters (limnic \& terrestrial, marine \& brackish); <br> Grazing; <br> Modification of cultivation practices; <br> Changes in abiotic conditions; <br> Changes in biotic conditions; <br> Utility and service lines. |
| UK9020302 | Slieve Beagh/ <br> Mullaghfad/Lisnaskea | A082 Circus cyaneus Hen Harrier | To maintain the Annexed species for which the SPA has been selected at favourable conservation status: Hen Harrier | Changes in abiotic conditions; <br> Changes in biotic conditions; <br> Hunting and collection, and taking/removal; <br> Trapping, poisoning, poaching, predator control, accidental capture; <br> Grazing; <br> Outdoor sports and leisure activities, recreational activities; <br> Fire and fire suppression; <br> Mining and quarrying; <br> Renewable abiotic energy use; <br> Forest and Plantation management \& use; Other ecosystem modifications. |

## County Sligo SACs within 15km of County Donegal

| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 000622 | Ballysadare Bay | 1014 Narrow-mouthed whorl snail Vertigo angustior <br> 1130 Estuaries <br> 1140 Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide <br> 1365 Harbour seal Phoca vitulina <br> 2110 Embryonic shifting dunes <br> 2120 Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <br> Ammophila arenaria (white dunes) <br> 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) <br> 2190 Humid dune slacks | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Ballysadare Bay SAC 000622. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Decrease in water quality/Increased pollution Development of marinas and ports <br> Disturbance to marine mammals; Dumping at sea <br> Direct loss of habitat to development; <br> Recreational/amenity use <br> Agricultural improvements/Reclamation <br> Drainage/Changes in local hydrology including water abstraction <br> Erosion (natural and anthropogenic) <br> Agricultural abandonment; Overgrazing/under grazing <br> Bracken and scrub encroachment; Tourism related development <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping; Burning <br> Quarrying/removal of sand <br> Aquaculture |
| 000623 | Ben Bulben, Gleniff and Glenade Complex | 3260 Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation <br> 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix 4030 European dry heaths | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Ben Bulben, Gleniff and Glenade | Changes in local hydrology including drainage <br> Peat Extraction <br> Overgrazing <br> Forestry <br> Burning <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
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|  |  | 4060 Alpine and Boreal heaths <br> 5130 Juniperus communis formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands <br> 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco Brometalia) (* important orchid sites)* <br> 6230 Species-rich Nardus grasslands, on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas, in Continental Europe)* <br> 6430 Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels <br> 7140 Transition mires and quaking bogs <br> 7220 Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion)* <br> 7230 Alkaline fens <br> 8110 Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (Androsacetalia alpinae and | Complex SAC [000623]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | the regional water table <br> Agricultural reclamation <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Burning |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
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|  |  | Galeopsietalia Iadani) <br> 8120 Calcareous and calcshist screes of the montane to alpine levels (Thlaspietea rotundifolii) 8210 Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation <br> 1013 Geyer's Whorl Snail Vertigo geyeri <br> 1355 Otter Lutra /utra |  |  |
| 000625 | Bunduff Lough and Machair/ Trawalua/ Mullaghmore | 1140 Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide <br> 1160 Large shallow inlets and bays <br> 1170 Reefs <br> 1395 Petalwort <br> Petalophyllum ralfsii <br> 2120 Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammopila arenaria (white dunes) <br> 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) <br> 21A0 Machairs (* in Ireland) <br> 5130 Juniperus communis formations on heaths or | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: Bunduff Lough and Machair / Trawalua / Mullaghmore SAC 000625. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Decrease in water quality/Increased pollution <br> Development of marinas and ports <br> Disturbance to marine mammals <br> Dumping at sea <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Recreational/amenity use <br> Agricultural improvements/Reclamation <br> Drainage/Changes in local hydrology including water abstraction <br> Erosion (natural and anthropogenic) <br> Agricultural abandonment <br> Overgrazing/undergrazing <br> Bracken and scrub encroachment <br> Tourism related development <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping |


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|  |  | calcareous grasslands 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (FestucoBrometalia) (* important orchid sites) <br> 7230 Alkaline fens |  | Burning <br> Quarrying/removal of sand Aquaculture |
| 000627 | Cummeen Strand/ Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay) | 1014 Marsh Snail Vertigo angustior <br> 1095 Sea Lamprey <br> Petromyzon marinus <br> 1099 River Lamprey <br> Lampetra fluviatilis <br> 1130 Estuaries <br> 1140 Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide <br> 1365 Harbour seal Phoca vitulina <br> 2110 Embryonic shifting dunes <br> 2120 Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <br> Ammophila arenaria (white dunes) <br> 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay) SAC 000627. <br> Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Decrease in water quality/Increased pollution <br> Development of marinas and ports <br> Disturbance to marine mammals <br> Dumping at sea <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Recreational/amenity use <br> Agricultural improvements/Reclamation <br> Drainage/Changes in local hydrology including water abstraction <br> Erosion (natural and anthropogenic) <br> Agricultural abandonment <br> Overgrazing/undergrazing <br> Bracken and scrub encroachment <br> Tourism related development <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Burning <br> Quarrying/removal of sand |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 5130 Juniperus communis formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands 7220 Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion) |  | Aquaculture |
| 001976 | Lough Gill | 3150 Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition - type vegetation <br> 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco Brometalia) (* important orchid sites)* <br> 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles <br> 91E0 Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus exce/sior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae)* <br> 1092 White-clawed Crayfish Austropotamobius pallipes 1095 Sea Lamprey Petromyzon marinus 1096 Brook Lamprey | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Lough Gill SAC [001976]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Decrease in water quality/Increased pollution Changes in water flow rates <br> Arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table <br> Siltation <br> Loss of fringe vegetation <br> Changes in seasonal water levels/fluctuations <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Loading from effluents (WWTP) <br> Recreation/amenity use <br> Developments - marinas <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Crayfish Fishing |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Lampetra planeri 1099 River Lamprey Lampetra fluviatilis 1106 Salmon Salmo salar 1355 Otter Lutra /utra |  |  |
| 001680 | Streedagh Point Dunes | 1014 Narrow-mouthed <br> Whorl Snail Vertigo <br> angustior <br> 1140 Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide <br> 1220 Perennial vegetation of stony banks <br> 1330 Atlantic salt meadows (Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae) <br> 1410 Mediterranean salt meadows (Juncetalia maritimi) <br> 2120 Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <br> Ammophila arenaria (white dunes) <br> 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: Streedagh Point Dunes SAC 001680. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Agricultural improvements/Reclamation <br> Drainage/Changes in local hydrology including water abstraction <br> Erosion (natural and anthropogenic) <br> Agricultural abandonment <br> Overgrazing/undergrazing <br> Bracken and scrub encroachment <br> Tourism related development <br> Decrease in water quality/increased pollution <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Tourism related development <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Burning <br> Quarrying/removal of sand <br> Aquaculture |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 000638 | Union Wood | 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in British Isles | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Union Wood SAC [000638]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Amenity/recreational use <br> Invasive species <br> Lack of/inappropriate woodland management <br> Overgrazing (deer) <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Felling/Removal of Trees |
| 001898 | Unshin River | 3260 Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation <br> 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco Brometalia) (* important orchid sites)* 6410 Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) <br> 91E0 Alluvial forests with A/nus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Unshin River SAC [001898]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Decrease in water quality/Increased pollution Changes in water flow rates <br> Arterial drainage/water abstraction/lowering of the regional water table <br> Siltation <br> Loss of fringe vegetation <br> Changes in seasonal water levels/fluctuations <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Loading from effluents (WWTP) <br> Recreation/amenity use <br> Developments - marinas <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
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|  |  | Alnion incanae, Salicion <br> albae)* <br>  |   <br>   <br>   <br>   <br>   <br>   <br>   <br>   |  |

## County Sligo SPAs within 15km of County Donegal

| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 004013 | Drumcliff Bay | A144 Sanderling Calidris alba <br> A157 Bar-tailed Godwit Limosa lapponica A999 Wetland and Waterbirds | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Drumcliff Bay SPA 004013. <br> Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Direct and indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat) <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Water quality/pollution <br> Disturbance including recreation/amenity use <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |
| 004035 | Cummeen Strand | A046 Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota <br> A130 Oystercatcher Haematopus ostralegus <br> A162 Redshank Tringa totanus <br> A999 Wetland and Waterbird s | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Cummeen Strand SPA 004035. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant | Direct and indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat) <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Water quality/pollution <br> Disturbance including recreation/amenity use <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Persecution (Poisoning) <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
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|  |  |  | supporting documentation. |  |
| 004068 | Inishmurray | A018 Shag Phalacrocorax aristotelis <br> A045 Barnacle Goose Branta leucopsis A184 Herring Gull Larus argentatus A194 Arctic Tern Sterna paradisaea | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Inishmurray SPA [004068]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct and indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat) <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Water quality/pollution <br> Disturbance including recreation/amenity use <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |
| 004129 | Ballysadare Bay | A046 Light-bellied Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota <br> A141 Grey Plover Pluvialis squatarola <br> A149 Dunlin Calidris alpina alpina <br> A157 Bar-tailed Godwit Limosa lapponica <br> A162 Redshank Tringa totanus <br> A999 Wetland and Waterbirds | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Ballysadare Bay SPA 004129. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Direct and indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of habitat) <br> Direct loss of habitat to development Water quality/pollution Disturbance including recreation/amenity use Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use Inappropriate land management |
| 004135 | Ardboline Island and Horse Island | A017 Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation | Direct and indirect impacts to the habitats of the bird species of conservation interests (loss of |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
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|  |  | A045 Barnacle Goose Branta leucopsis | condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Ardboline Island and Horse Island SPA [004135]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | habitat) <br> Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Water quality/pollution <br> Disturbance including recreation/amenity use <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use <br> Inappropriate land management |
| 004187 | Sligo/Leitrim Uplands | A103 Peregrine Falco peregrinus A346 Chough Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Sligo/Leitrim Uplands SPA [004187]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Direct loss of habitat to development <br> Water quality/pollution <br> Disturbance including recreation/amenity use <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Disturbance from Recreational/amenity use Inappropriate land management |
| 004234 | Ballintemple and Ballygilgan | A045 Barnacle Goose Branta leucopsis | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Ballintemple and Ballygilgan SPA [004234]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and | Urbanised areas, human habitation Airport |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
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|  |  |  | Gaeltacht Affairs). |  |

## County Leitrim SACs within 15km of County Donegal

| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 000623 | Ben Bulben, Gleniff and Glenade Complex | 3260 Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation <br> 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix 4030 European dry heaths 4060 Alpine and Boreal heaths <br> 5130 Juniperus communis formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands <br> 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco Brometalia) (* important orchid sites)* <br> 6230 Species-rich Nardus grasslands, on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas, in Continental Europe)* <br> 6430 Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Ben Bulben, Gleniff and Glenade Complex SAC [000623]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Forestry, burning, direct loss of habitat to development, arterial drainage/ water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table, agricultural reclamation <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | alpine levels <br> 7140 Transition mires and quaking bogs <br> 7220 Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion)* <br> 7230 Alkaline fens <br> 8110 Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (Androsacetalia alpinae and Galeopsietalia Iadani) <br> 8120 Calcareous and calcshist screes of the montane to alpine levels (Thlaspietea rotundifolii) 8210 Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation <br> 1013 Geyer's Whorl Snail Vertigo geyeri <br> 1355 Otter Lutra /utra |  |  |
| 000625 | Bunduff Lough and Machair/ Trawalua/ Mullaghmore | 1140 Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide 1160 Large shallow inlets and bays <br> 1170 Reefs <br> 1395 Petalwort | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS | Water quality/ pollution (including groundwater), agricultural improvements/ reclamation, drainage/changes in local hydrology including water abstraction, water quality/pollution, agricultural abandonment, over grazing/ undergrazing, direct loss of habitat to development, bracken \& scrub encroachment, amenity/ recreational use, tourism related development. |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Petalophyllum ralfsii <br> 2120 Shifting dunes along the shoreline with Ammopila arenaria (white dunes) <br> 2130 Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) <br> 21A0 Machairs (* in Ireland) <br> 5130 Juniperus communis formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (FestucoBrometalia) (* important orchid sites) <br> 7230 Alkaline fens | (2015) Conservation Objectives: Bunduff Lough and Machair / Trawalua / Mullaghmore SAC 000625. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping <br> Burning <br> Quarrying/removal of sand Aquaculture |
| 001919 | Glenade Lough | 3150 Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition - type vegetation <br> 1092 White-clawed Crayfish Austropotamobius pallipes 1833 Slender Naiad Najas flexilis | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Glenade Lough SAC [001919]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, | Water quality/ pollution, changes in flow rates, arterial drainage/ water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table, direct loss of habitat to development, loading from effluents (WWTP), recreation/ amenity use, developments- marinas. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
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|  |  |  | Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). |  |
| 001403 | Arroo Mountain | 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix <br> 4030 European dry heaths 4060 Alpine and Boreal heaths <br> 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) <br> 7220 Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion) <br> 8120 Calcareous and calcshist screes of the montane to alpine levels (Thlaspietea rotundifolii) 8210 Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: Arroo Mountain SAC 001403. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Changes in local hydrology including drainage, peat extraction, overgrazing, forestry, burning, direct loss of habitat to development, arterial drainage/ water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table, agricultural reclamation. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species Illegal Dumping |
| 000428 | Lough Melvin | 3130 Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or Isoeto-Nanojuncetea 6410 Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Lough Melvin SAC [000428]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, | Water quality/ pollution, changes in flow rates, arterial drainage/ water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table, loss of fringe vegetation, changes in seasonal water levels/ fluctuations, direct loss of habitat to development, loading from effluents <br> (WWTP), recreation/ amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1106 Salmon Salmo salar 1355 Otter Lutra lutra | Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Illegal Dumping <br> Increased pollution/reduction in water quality |
| 001976 | Lough Gill | 3150 Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition - type vegetation <br> 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco Brometalia) (* important orchid sites)* <br> 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles <br> 91E0 Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (AlnoPadion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae)* 1092 White-clawed Crayfish Austropotamobius pallipes 1095 Sea Lamprey Petromyzon marinus 1096 Brook Lamprey Lampetra planeri 1099 River Lamprey Lampetra fluviatilis 1106 Salmon Salmo salar | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for Lough Gill SAC [001976]. <br> Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs). | Water quality/ pollution, changes in flow rates, arterial drainage/ water abstraction/ lowering of the regional water table, siltation, loss of fringe vegetation, changes in seasonal water levels/ fluctuations, direct loss of habitat to development, loading of effluents (WWTP), recreation/ amenity use, direct loss to developments, lack of inappropriate woodland management, overgrazing. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Increased pollution/reduction in water quality Felling/Removal of Trees |


| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1355 Otter Lutra /utra |  |  |
| 002032 | Boleybrack Mountain | 3160 Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds <br> 4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix 4030 European dry heaths 6410 Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) <br> 7130 Blanket bogs (* if active bog) <br> A140 Golden Plover Pluvialis apricaria | To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Qualifying Interests for which the SAC has been selected which are defined by the list of attributes and targets in the site-specific conservation objectives (NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: Boleybrack Mountain SAC 002032. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs), and in relevant supporting documentation. | Parasitism (fauna) <br> Burning down <br> Mechanical removal of peat <br> Sylviculture, forestry <br> Forest and Plantation management \& use <br> Forest planting on open ground <br> Roads, paths and railroads <br> Abandonment of pastoral systems, lack of grazing <br> Non intensive cattle grazing <br> Restructuring agricultural land holding <br> Pipe lines <br> Problematic native species <br> Intensive sheep grazing <br> Sand and gravel quarries <br> Taking from nest (e.g. falcons) <br> Surface water abstractions for public water supply <br> Use of biocides, hormones and chemicals <br> Walking, horse riding and non-motorised vehicles <br> Wind energy production |

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| Site code | Site name | Qualifying interests | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 004187 | Sligo/ Leitrim Uplands | A103 Peregrine Falco <br> peregrinus <br> A346 Chough Pyrrhocorax <br> pyrrhocorax | To maintain or restore the <br> favourable conservation <br> condition of the bird species <br> listed as Special Conservation <br> Interests for this SPA (NPWS <br> (2016) Conservation objectives <br> for Sligo/Leitrim Uplands SPA <br> [004187]. Generic Version 5.0. | Direct and indirect impacts to the habitats of the <br> bird species of conservation interests (loss of <br> habitat), direct loss of habitat to development, <br> water quality/ pollution, disturbance including <br> recreation/ amenity use. <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht |
|  |  |  | Illegal Dumping <br> Affairs). |  |

EC Environmental Objectives (FPM) Regulations 2009 sites within the Donegal Area
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\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|}\hline \text { Site code } & \text { Site name } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Freshwater Pearl Mussel } \\
\text { Population name }\end{array} & \text { Conservation objectives } & \text { Threats to site integrity } \\
\hline 000140 & \begin{array}{l}\text { Fawnboy Bog / } \\
\text { Lough Nacung } \\
\text { SAC }\end{array} & \text { Clady } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Maintain Clady population at a } \\
\text { favourable conservation status, } \\
\text { as prescribed by third schedule } \\
\text { of the regulations. } \\
\text { Achieve the Ecological Quality } \\
\text { Objectives for the freshwater } \\
\text { mussel habitat as prescribed by } \\
\text { fourth schedule of the } \\
\text { regulations. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Siltation } \\
\text { Peat extraction } \\
\text { Afforestation } \\
\text { Direct loss of habitat } \\
\text { Discharges to water bodies in catchment } \\
\text { Introduction of alien invasive species } \\
\text { Illegal Dumping } \\
\text { Water Pollution }\end{array} \\
\hline 000163 & \text { Lough Eske and } \\
\text { Ardnamona Wood } & \text { Eske } & & \begin{array}{l}\text { Maintain Eske population at a } \\
\text { favourable conservation status, } \\
\text { as prescribed by third schedule } \\
\text { of the regulations. } \\
\text { Achieve the Ecological Quality } \\
\text { Objectives for the freshwater } \\
\text { mussel habitat as prescribed by } \\
\text { fourth schedule of the } \\
\text { regulations. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Siltation } \\
\text { Peat extraction } \\
\text { Afforestation }\end{array}
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Direct loss of habitat\end{array}\right\}\)| Discharges to water bodies in catchment |
| :--- |
| Introduction of alien invasive species |
| Illegal Dumping |
| Water Pollution |

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\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|}\hline \text { Site code } & \text { Site name } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Freshwater Pearl Mussel } \\
\text { Population name }\end{array} & \text { Conservation objectives } & \text { Threats to site integrity } \\
\hline 002047 & \begin{array}{l}\text { Cloghernagore Bog and } \\
\text { Glenveagh } \\
\text { National Park }\end{array} & \text { Glaskeelan } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Maintain Glaskeelan population } \\
\text { at a favourable conservation } \\
\text { status, as prescribed by third } \\
\text { schedule of the regulations. } \\
\text { Achieve the Ecological Quality } \\
\text { Objectives for the freshwater } \\
\text { mussel habitat as prescribed by } \\
\text { fourth schedule of the } \\
\text { regulations. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Siltation } \\
\text { Peat extraction } \\
\text { Afforestation } \\
\text { Direct loss of habitat } \\
\text { Discharges to water bodies in catchment } \\
\text { Introduction of alien invasive species } \\
\text { Illegal Dumping } \\
\text { Water Pollution }\end{array} \\
\hline 002176 & \text { Leannan River } & \text { Leannan } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Maintain Leannan population at } \\
\text { a favourable conservation } \\
\text { status, as prescribed by third } \\
\text { schedule of the regulations. } \\
\text { Achieve the Ecological Quality } \\
\text { Objectives for the freshwater } \\
\text { mussel habitat as prescribed by } \\
\text { fourth schedule of the } \\
\text { regulations. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Siltation } \\
\text { Peat extraction } \\
\text { Afforestation } \\
\text { Direct loss of habitat } \\
\text { Discharges to water bodies in catchment }\end{array}
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Introduction of alien invasive species\end{array}\right\}\)| Illegal Dumping |
| :--- |
| Water Pollution |


| Site code | Site name | Freshwater Pearl Mussel Population name | Conservation objectives | Threats to site integrity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 002047 | Cloghernagor Bog and Glenveagh National Park | Owencarrow | Maintain Owencarrow population at a favourable conservation status, as prescribed by third schedule of the regulations. <br> Achieve the Ecological Quality Objectives for the freshwater mussel habitat as prescribed by fourth schedule of the regulations. | Siltation <br> Peat extraction <br> Afforestation <br> Direct loss of habitat <br> Discharges to water bodies in catchment <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Water Pollution <br> Pearl Fishing (illegal) |
| 000197 | West of Ardara / Maas Road | Owenea | Maintain Owenea population at a favourable conservation status, as prescribed by third schedule of the regulations. Achieve the Ecological Quality Objectives for the freshwater mussel habitat as prescribed by fourth schedule of the regulations. | Siltation <br> Peat extraction <br> Afforestation <br> Direct loss of habitat <br> Discharges to water bodies in catchment <br> Introduction of alien invasive species <br> Illegal Dumping <br> Water Pollution <br> Pearl Fishing (illegal) |

Natura Impact Report

## Appendix 2: Impact Assessment Screening Matrix - Natura Impact Report

| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact ( $\mathrm{Y} / \mathrm{N}$ ) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PART A THE STRATEGIC PLAN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chapter 1 Introduction and Vision |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Key Strategic Objectives CDP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}-1 \\ & \mathrm{~S}-\mathrm{O}-2 \\ & \mathrm{~S}-\mathrm{O}-3 \\ & \mathrm{~S}-\mathrm{O}-4 \\ & \mathrm{~S}-\mathrm{O}-5 \end{aligned}$ | Potentially all sites | Varied - possible impacts from implementation of these objectives may arise where there is a requirement to provide for new infrastructure such as water services or roads infrastructure. | Potential | Potential | Varied. For example new regional developments together with development objectives set out here could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | Mitigation: It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by these high level strategic objectives. However, in general in implementing such objectives, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in plans. In particular development should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan or Shellfish Waters Pollution |


| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | Reduction Programmes. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. |
| Specific Action <br> Natural Her <br> 6 of the Hab <br> S-O-6 provi | red: Avoidance/Mitiga <br> Policies and Obj <br> Directive , provi <br> or protection of th | /Policy Deletion OR Amendme ves NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, protection and promote environment through me | O-8 to NH-O-11 servation of Na res and sustain | NH-P-1 to NH-P ra sites and the ble planning. | 5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, N integrity of the Natura | 18 ensure compliance with Article ork. |
| S-0-6 | Potentially all sites | Positive Impact | Y | Positive <br> Impact | Y | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}-7 \\ & \mathrm{~S}-\mathrm{O}-8 \\ & \mathrm{~S}-\mathrm{O}-9 \\ & \mathrm{~S}-\mathrm{O}-10 \end{aligned}$ | Potentially all sites | Varied - possible impacts from implementation of these objectives may arise where there is a requirement to provide for new infrastructure such as water services or roads infrastructure. Prioritised sustainable development in a strategic spatial framework may have positive impacts. | Potential | Potential | Varied. For example new regional developments together with development objectives set out here could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. Coordinated development in a strategic framework may have positive impacts. | Mitigation: It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by these high level strategic objectives. However, in general in implementing such objectives, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in plans. In particular development should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan or Shellfish Waters Pollution Reduction Programmes. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives |

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|  |  |  |  | sufficient consideration to <br> environmental issues, and in all <br> instances ensure compliance <br> with Article 6 of the Habitats <br> Directive in having regard to the <br> relevant conservation objectives, <br> qualifying interests and threats <br> to the integrity of Natura 2000 <br> sites. |  |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
S-0-6 provides for protection of the environment through measures and sustainable planning.

## Chapter 2 Core Strategy

CORe Strategy Objectives

| CS-O-1 | Potentially all <br> sites | Possible impacts from <br> implementation of these <br> objectives may arise <br> where there is a <br> requirement to provide <br> for new infrastructure <br> such as water services <br> or roads infrastructure. | Potential | Potential | New regional <br> developments together <br> with development <br> objectives set out here <br> could combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. |
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| Mitigation: It is not possible <br> to assess in detail the mitigation <br> required by this high level <br> strategic objective. However, in <br> general in implementing such <br> objectives, avoidance on or near <br> protected areas should be <br> implemented, or where this is <br> not possible, favouring of |  |  |  |  |  |


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|  |  |  |  | infrastructure that carries a <br> lower risk of damage to <br> protected areas should be <br> emphasised in plans. In <br> particular development should <br> take full account of risks <br> identified in the relevant River <br> Basin Management Plan and in <br> any relevant Fresh Water Pearl <br> Mussel Sub-basin Plan or <br> Shellfish Waters Pollution |  |  |
| Reduction Programmes. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| When a specific development is |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| proposed it will be considered in |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| terms of its potential impact on |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natura 2000 sites. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Donegal CC will ensure that |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| implementation of individual |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| objectives and policies gives |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| sufficient consideration to |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| environmental issues, and in all |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| instances ensure compliance |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| with Article 6 of the Habitats |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Directive in having regard to the |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| relevant conservation objectives, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| qualifying interests and threats |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| to the integrity of Natura 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| sites. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CS-O-2 | None | None | N | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CS-O-3 | Potentially all sites in the zone of influence of the three Settlement Layers | Potential. Significant development may require upgrades to infrastructure, including roads, water services, communications, that could impact on Natura sites in the vicinity | Potential | Unlikely | The likelihood of possible significant combination impacts is reduced through the coordinated regional approach to development. | Mitigation as per CS-O-1 above. |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CS-O-4 | Potentially all sites in the zone of influence of Letterkenny | Potential. Significant development may require new or upgraded infrastructure, including roads, water services, | Potential. | Potential | Coordinated development of Letterkenny and its metropolitan area reduce the likelihood of | Mitigation as per CS-O-1 above. Also potential in combination impacts must be considered when for example new regional developments and/or new |


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|  |  | communications, that could impact on Natura sites in the vicinity of settlements. |  |  | in combination impacts. | infrastructure in line with CS-O4 to CS-O-16 inclusive are proposed since they may combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. |
| CS-O-5 | Potentially all sites in the zone of influence of Strategic Towns in Layer 2 of the Settlement Strategy | Potential. As CS-O-4 above. | Potential | Potential | Potential. New developments in line with CS-O-5 may combine with regional developments to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. |  |
| CS-O-6 | Potentially all sites in the zone of influence of Layer 3 of the Settlement Strategy | Potential. As CS-O-4 above. | Potential | Potential | Potential. New developments in line with CS-0-6 may combine with regional developments to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. |  |
| CS-0-7 | Potentially all sites | Potential. As CS-O-1 above. <br> Development of infrastructure, including roads, water services, communications, could impact on Natura. | Potential | Potential | Possible significant combination impacts could arise due to exploitation of the same environmental resources or ecosystem services. | Mitigation as per CS-O-1 above, including careful consideration of in combination impacts. <br> The Objective includes conditionality in relation to environmental considerations. |


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| CS-O-8 | Potentially all sites | Potential. As CS-O-7 above. | Potential | Potential | Potential. As CS-O-7 above. | Mitigation as per CS-O-7 above, including consideration of in combination effects. |
| CS-O-9 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the connection corridors. | Potential. As CS-O-1 above. <br> Also potential impact on Natura sites for example through loss of habitat, feeding grounds, interruption of migration routes, and site disturbance. | Potential. | Potential | Potential. Development in line with CS-O-9 may combine with or facilitate regional developments to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | Mitigation as per CS-O-1 above. <br> Also potential combination impacts must be considered when for example new regional developments and/or new infrastructure in line with CS-O9 are proposed. |
| CS-O-10 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the connection corridors. | Potential. As CS-O-9 above. | Potential | Potential | Prioritization of connections may combine with regional developments to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | Mitigation as per CS-0-1 above. Also potential combination impacts must be considered when for example new regional developments and/or connections in line with CS-O-10 are prioritized. |
| CS-0-11 | Potentially all sites. | Supporting economic growth may result in development of infrastructure, including roads, water services, communications, that could impact on Natura sites through loss of | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional economic growth has the potential to lead to combination impacts due to infrastructural requirements. | Mitigation as per CS-O-1 above. Also potential combination impacts must be carefully considered when coordinating development with other authorities. |


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|  |  | habitat, feeding grounds, interruption of migration routes and site disturbance |  |  |  |  |
| CS-O-12 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of urban settlements. | Growth of towns and associated development may require new or upgraded infrastructure, including roads, water services, communications, that could impact on Natura sites in the vicinity of settlements and along connection routes. | Potential | Potential | Potential. Significant growth and development in line with CS-0-12 may combine with new regional developments to give rise to potential combination impacts. | Mitigation as per CS-O-1 above. Also potential combination impacts must be carefully considered when considering development in line with CS-O12. |
| CS-O-13 | Potentially all sites. | Varied. Sustainable transport generally positive but potential impact of new infrastructure through increased resource demand and environmental pressures. | Potential | Potential | Potential in combination impact if transport infrastructure combines with new regional development. | Mitigation as per CS-O-1 above. Also potential combination impacts must be considered for proposed transport and land use integration. |
| CS-O-14 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of | Resolution of unfinished developments may require new or upgraded | Potential | Potential | In combination effects are possible but unlikely. | Mitigation as per CS-O-1 above. Also potential combination impacts must be considered. |


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|  | unfinished <br> residential <br> developments | infrastructure, including <br> roads, water services, <br> communications, that <br> could impact on Natura <br> sites in the vicinity of <br> settlements and along <br> connection routes. |  |  | Mition |


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CS-O-7 stipulates that investment in infrastructure will be subject to environmental considerations.

## Core Strategy Policies

| CS-P-1 | Potentially all <br> sites in the zone <br> of influence of <br> Letterkenny | Development in <br> Letterkenny may require <br> new or upgraded <br> infrastructure, including <br> roads, water services, <br> communications, that <br> could impact on Natura <br> sites in the vicinity of <br> Letterkenny and along <br> connection routes. | Potential | Potential | New regional <br> developments together <br> with development <br> objectives set out here <br> could combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | Mitigation: It is not possible <br> to assess in detail the mitigation <br> required by these high level <br> strategic objectives. However, <br> in general in implementing such <br> objectives, avoidance on or near <br> protected areas should be <br> implemented, or where this is <br> not possible, favouring of <br> infrastructure that carries a <br> lower risk of damage to <br> protected areas should be <br> emphasised in plans. In <br> particular development should <br> take full account of risks <br> identified in the relevant River <br> Basin Management Plan and in <br> any relevant Fresh Water Pearl <br> Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is <br> proposed it will be considered in <br> terms of its potential impact on |
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| CS-P-2 | Potentially all <br> sites in the zone <br> of influence of <br> Buncrana and <br> Bundoran | Potential impacts in the <br> vicinity of Buncrana and <br> Bundoran are as for <br> CS-P-1 above | Potential | Potential | As for CS-P-1 above |  |
| CS-P-3 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of <br> An Clochán Liath | As for CS-P-1 above | Potential | Potential | As for CS-P-1 above |  |


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|  | (Dungloe), BallybofeyStranorlar, Ballyshannon, Bridgend, Donegal Town, Carndonagh \& Killybegs |  |  |  |  | Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. <br> The inclusion of environmental designations when considering proposals is clearly stated in CS-P-1 to CS-P-4 inclusive. |
| CS-P-4 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of Strategic Towns in Layer 2B | As for CS-P-1 above | Potential | Potential | As for CS-P-1 above |  |
| CS-P-5 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of towns. | Potential impact on Natura sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance. | Potential | Potential | In combination effects are possible but unlikely. | Mitigation as in CS-P-1 above. As in CS-P-1 above. In addition, sequential development will mitigate pressures on Natura sites through optimising use of brown field and serviced areas. |
| CS-P-6 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of urban | Unlikely but potential impact on Natura sites through infrastructure | Unlikely | Unlikely | In combination effects are possible but unlikely. | Mitigation as in CS-P-1 above. |


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| CS-P-7 | areas. | Potentially all <br> disturbance. | Resolution and /or <br> reconfiguration of <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of <br> unfinished <br> residential <br> developments <br> developments may <br> require new or upgraded <br> infrastructure, including <br> roads, water services, <br> communications, that <br> could impact on Natura <br> sites in the vicinity of <br> settlements and along <br> connection routes. | Potential | Potential | In combination effects <br> are possible but unlikely. |
| Mitigation as per CS-P-1 above. <br> Also potential combination <br> impacts must be considered. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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CS-P-1, CS-P-2, CS-P-3 and CS-P-4 stipulate that development will be subject to environmental considerations.

## Chapter 3 Towns and Villages

## Towns and Villages Objectives

| TV-O-1 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of towns <br> and villages <br> especially | Renewal and <br> regeneration may <br> require new or upgraded <br> infrastructure, including <br> roads, water services, | Potential | Potential | Developments in towns <br> and villages set out here <br> could combine, or with <br> other regional <br> developments to cause | Mitigation: It is not possible <br> to assess in detail the mitigation <br> required by these high level <br> strategic objectives. However, <br> in general in implementing such |
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|  | Strategic Towns. | communications, that <br> could impact on Natura <br> sites in the vicinity of <br> settlements and along <br> connection routes. |  | unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | objectives, avoidance on or near <br> protected areas should be <br> implemented, or where this is <br> not possible, favouring of <br> infrastructure that carries a <br> lower risk of damage to <br> protected areas should be <br> emphasised in plans. In <br> particular development should <br> take full account of risks <br> identified in the relevant River <br> Basin Management Plan and in <br> any relevant Fresh Water Pearl <br> Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is <br> proposed it will be considered in <br> terms of its potential impact on <br> Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that <br> implementation of individual <br> objectives and policies gives <br> sufficient consideration to <br> environmental issues, and in all <br> instances ensure compliance <br> with Article 6 of the Habitats <br> Directive in having regard to the <br> relevant conservation objectives, <br> qualifying interests and threats |
|  | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of <br> Churchill, Convoy, <br> Dunkineely, <br> Kilmacrennan, <br> Mountcharles, <br> Newtowncunning <br> ham and St. <br> Johnston. | As in TV-O-1 above | Potential | Potential | As in TV-O-1 above |
| TV-O-3 | Potentially all <br> sites | As in TV-O-1 above | Potential | Potential | As in TV-O-1 above |


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|  | in Layer 2A |  |  |  |  | to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. |
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| Towns and Villages Policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TV-P-1 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of Strategic Towns | Development may require new or upgraded infrastructure, including roads, water services, communications, that could impact on Natura sites in the vicinity of settlements and along connection routes. | Potential | Potential | Developments in towns set out here could combine in their effects, or with other regional developments to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | Mitigation: It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by these high level strategic objectives. However, in general in implementing such objectives, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of |
| TV-P-2 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of towns and villages | Residential development will demand supporting infrastructure which may impact on Natura sites. | Potential | Potential | Possible but unlikely due to envisaged scale of development. | infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in plans. In particular development should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is |


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|  |  |  |  |  |  | proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. In combination effects must be considered. |
| TV-P-3 | None | Unlikely to impact any Natura site | None | None | Unlikely | None |
| TV-P-4 | None | Unlikely to impact any Natura site | None | None | Unlikely | None |
| TV-P-5 | None | Unlikely to impact any Natura site | None | None | Unlikely | None |
| TV-P-6 | Potential in vicinity of settlement | Possible impacts due to land take and infrastructure | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | As in TV-P-1 above |
| TV-P-7 | None | None | None | None | None | None |


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| PART B POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chapter 4 General Economic Development |  | Potential | Potential but unlikely <br> since cross-border <br> collaboration will <br> mitigate against in <br> combination effects |  |  |  |
| ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES | Mitigation: It is not possible <br> to assess in detail the mitigation <br> required by these high level <br> strategic objectives. <br> in general in implementing such <br> objectives, avoidance on or near <br> protected areas should be <br> implemented, or where this is <br> not possible, favouring of <br> infrastructure that carries a <br> lower risk of damage to <br> protected areas should be |  |  |  |  |  |
| ED-O-1 | Potentially all <br> sites | Specific impact unclear <br> as the objective relates <br> to cross-border <br> collaboration | Potential |  | Potential in combination <br> effects |  |
| ED-O-2: | Potentially all <br> sites | Land take for <br> development. | Potential | Potential | Potential in combination <br> effects |  |
| ED-O-3: | Potentially all <br> sites near urban <br> settlements | Infrastructure required <br> for development and <br> land take may impact <br> Natura sites | Potential | Potential |  |  |


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| ED-O-4: | Potentially all <br> sites near urban <br> settlements | Varied. Infrastructure <br> required for <br> development and land <br> take may impact Natura <br> sites but coordination of <br> infrastructure delivery <br> with development will <br> mitigate against impact. | Potential | Potential | Potential in combination <br> effects | emphasised in plans. In <br> particular development in rural <br> areas should take full account of <br> risks identified in the Relevant <br> River Basin Management Plan <br> and in any relevant Fresh Water <br> Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is <br> proposed it will be considered in |
| ED-0-5: | Potentially all <br> sites | Development may <br> require new or upgraded <br> infrastructure, land take, <br> and increased <br> disturbance levels, that <br> could impact on Natura <br> sites in the vicinity of <br> settlements and along <br> connection routes. | Potential | Potential | In combination effects <br> possible but unlikely due <br> to scale and disperse <br> nature of development. | 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that <br> implementation of individual <br> objectives and policies gives <br> sufficient consideration to <br> environmental issues, and in all <br> instances ensure compliance |
| with Article 6 of the Habitats |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Directive in having regard to the |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| relevant conservation objectives, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| qualifying interests and threats |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| to the integrity of Natura 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| sites. |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| ED-O-7 | Potentially all <br> sites | Yes - possible impacts <br> may arise where there is <br> a requirement to <br> provide for new <br> infrastructure associated <br> with ED-O-7 or where <br> tourism activity is being <br> intensified in the vicinity <br> of sensitive Natura sites. | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new <br> regional developments <br> together with economic <br> development could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | Development of tourism must <br> avoid negative impacts on <br> Natura 2000 sites. <br> Environmental and ecological <br> issues must be considered at the <br> earliest stage possible in any <br> proposed development to <br> ensure compliance with Article 6 <br> of the Habitats Directive and <br> have regard to the relevant <br> conservation objectives, <br> qualifying interests and threats <br> to the integrity of a Natura 2000 <br> site. Such development should <br> also take full account of risks <br> identified in the relevant River <br> Basin Management Plan and in <br> any relevant Fresh Water Pearl <br> Mussel Sub-basin Plan. |
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Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.

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| ED-O-8 | Potentially all <br> sites | Yes - possible impacts <br> may arise where there is <br> a requirement to <br> provide for new <br> infrastructure associated <br> with development <br> envisaged by ED-O-8. | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new <br> regional developments <br> together with economic <br> development could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | In implementing policy ED-O-8, <br> avoidance on or near protected <br> areas should be implemented, <br> or where this is not possible, <br> favouring of infrastructure that <br> carries a lower risk of damage to <br> protected areas should be <br> emphasised in the plan. In <br> particular developments in rural <br> areas should take full account of <br> risks identified in the Relevant <br> River Basin Management Plan <br> and in any relevant Fresh Water <br> Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is <br> proposed it will be considered in <br> terms of its potential impact on |
| Natura 2000 sites. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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|  |  |  |  |  |  | to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. |
| Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ED-O-9 | Potentially all sites | Yes - possible impacts from ED-O-9 may arise where there is a requirement to provide for new infrastructure associated with the renewable energy development and if projects are sited in proximity to Natura sites and/or result in significant land use change. | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new regional developments together with renewable energy development could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | In implementing objective ED-O9, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular zoning of rural areas should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual |


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|  |  |  |  |  |  | objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ED-O-10 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Páirc Gnó Gaoth Dobhair | Yes - possible impacts from ED-O-10 may arise where there is a requirement to provide for new or upgraded infrastructure associated with the proposed development. | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new regional developments together with development of the Páirc Ghnó could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | In implementing objective ED-O10, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular zoning of rural areas should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl |

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|  |  |  |  | Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is <br> proposed it will be considered in <br> terms of its potential impact on <br> Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that <br> implementation of individual <br> objectives and policies gives <br> sufficient consideration to <br> environmental issues, and in all <br> instances ensure compliance <br> with Article 6 of the Habitats <br> Directive in having regard to the <br> relevant conservation objectives, <br> qualifying interests and threats <br> to the integrity of Natura 2000 <br> sites. |  |  |

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| ED-O-11 | Potentially all <br> sites | Development may <br> require new or upgraded <br> infrastructure, land take, <br> and increased <br> disturbance levels, that <br> could impact on Natura | Potential | Potential | It is not possible to assess in <br> detail the mitigation required by <br> these high level strategic <br> objectives. However, in general <br> in implementing such objectives, <br> avoidance on or near protected |
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|  |  | sites in the vicinity of developments and along connection routes. |  |  |  | areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in plans. In particular development in rural areas should take full account of risks identified in the Relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. |

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| Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Economic Development Policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ED-P-1 | Potentially all sites | Varied - possible impacts may arise where there is a requirement to provide for new infrastructure such as water services or roads infrastructure. | Potential | Potential | Varied. <br> For example new regional developments together with new infrastructure could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by high level strategic policies. However, in implementing the Economic Development Strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular zoning of rural areas should take full account of risks identified in the Relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on |


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|  |  |  |  |  |  | Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. |
| Specific Action <br> Natural Her <br> 6 of the Hab <br> Wording was | ired: Avoidance/Mitiga <br> Policies and Obje <br> Directive , provid <br> ded to the followi | /Policy Deletion OR Amendmen es NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, N protection and promote co policies ED-P-8 and ED-P- | $\mathrm{O}-8$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-11$ ervation of Nat to strengthen | NH-P-1 to NH-P ra sites and the heir compliance | 5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-Pintegrity of the Natura netw with article 6 of the habitats | 18 ensure compliance with Article ork. directive. |
| ED-P-2 | Potentially all sites | Positive in requiring compliance with ED-P14 and avoidance of adverse impact on Natura sites and compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive | Positive | Positive | Positive in requiring proper planning and sustainable development and in particular compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. | None |


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Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive , provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.

Wording was added to the following policies ED-P-8 and ED-P-14 to strengthen their compliance with article 6 of the Habitats dDirective.

| ED-P-3 | Potentially all sites | Varied - possible impacts may arise where there is a requirement to provide for new infrastructure such as water services or roads infrastructure, or through habitat loss, disturbance and emissions associated with industrial development. <br> However, this policy is subject to EP-D-2 and must also comply with EP-D-14 and sustainability criteria. | Potential | Potential | Varied. <br> For example new regional developments together with new infrastructure and economic development could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by high level strategic policies. However, in implementing the Economic Development Strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular zoning of rural areas should take full account of risks identified in the Relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. |
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| ED-P-4 | Potentially all sites | As per ED-P-3 above | As per ED-P-3 above | As per ED-P-3 above | As per ED-P-3 above | When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in |


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| ED-P-5 | Potentially all <br> sites | As per ED-P-3 above | As per ED-P-3 <br> above | As per ED-P-3 <br> above | As per ED-P-3 above | terms of its potential impact on <br> Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that <br> implementation of individual <br> objectives and policies gives <br> sufficient consideration to <br> environmental issues, and in all <br> instances ensure compliance <br> with Article 6 of the Habitats <br> Directive in having regard to the <br> relevant conservation objectives, <br> qualifying interests and threats <br> to the integrity of Natura 2000 <br> sites. |
| ED-P-6 | Potentially all <br> sites | As per ED-P-3 above | As per ED-P-3 <br> above | As per ED-P-3 <br> above | As per ED-P-3 above |  |
| ED-P-8 | Potentially all <br> sites | As per ED-P-3 above | As per ED-P-3 <br> above | As per ED-P-3 <br> above | As per ED-P-3 above |  |
| ED-P-9 | Potentially all <br> sites | As per ED-P-3 above | As per ED-P-3 <br> above | As per ED-P-3 <br> above | As per ED-P-3 above |  |
| Above |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| ED-P-13 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Potentially all <br> sites | As per ED-P-3 above. | As per ED-P-3 <br> above | As per ED-P-3 <br> above | As per ED-P-3 above | As per ED-P-3 above |

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| ED-P-14 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |
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| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ED-P-15 | Potentially all <br> sites | Development may result <br> in increased loadings or <br> pressures on existing <br> infrastructure, land take, <br> and increased <br> disturbance levels, that <br> could impact on Natura <br> sites in the vicinity of <br> developments and along | Potential | Potential | Potential | It is not possible to assess in <br> detail the mitigation required by <br> these high level policies. <br> However, in general in <br> implementing such policies, <br> avoidance on or near protected <br> areas should apply, or where <br> this is not possible, favouring of <br> infrastructure that carries a |


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|  |  | connection routes. |  |  |  | lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in plans. In particular development in rural areas should take full account of risks identified in the Relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. |

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| 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail Strategy Objectives |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RS-O-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of key urban centres | Potential where this policy requires new or upgraded infrastructure such as roads or water services or results in increased traffic in the urban catchment | Potential | Potential | Potential <br> For example new regional developments together with new infrastructure and urban development could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by high level strategic policies. However, in implementing the Retail Strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular development in urban centres should take full account of risks identified in the Relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives |

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|  |  |  |  |  |  | sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. <br> Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-6 and associated policies. |
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| Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RS-0-2 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| RS-0-3 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| RS-O-4 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| RS-O-5 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RS-O-6 | Potentially sites in | Unlikely- possible | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Mitigation is provided through |


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|  | the vicinity of key <br> urban centres | impacts may arise <br> where there is a <br> requirement to provide <br> for new infrastructure <br> such as water services <br> or roads infrastructure, <br> or through habitat loss, <br> disturbance on <br> expansion |  |  | Natural Heritage objectives, in <br> particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-6 <br> and associated policies. |  |
|  |  | As RS-O-6 above | As RS-O-6 above | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely |
| RS-O-7 | As RS-O-6 above | As RS-O-6 above | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely |  |
| RS-O-8 | As RS-O-6 above | As RS-O-6 above | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely |  |
| RS-O-9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## Retail Strategy Policies

| RS-P-1 | Potentially sites in <br> vicinity of <br> Letterkenny | Potential - possible <br> impacts may arise <br> where there is a <br> requirement to provide <br> for new infrastructure <br> such as water services <br> or roads infrastructure, <br> or through habitat loss, <br> disturbance on | Potential | Potential | Potential - in <br> combination impacts <br> should be considered in <br> terms of increased <br> traffic volumes and any <br> associated infrastructure <br> required | As RS-O-1 above. Mitigation is <br> provided through Natural <br> Heritage objectives, in particular <br> NH-O-1 to NH-O-6 and <br> associated policies. |
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| RS-P-2 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Layer 1 and Layer <br> 2 settlements | Potential - possible <br> impacts may arise <br> where there is a <br> requirement to provide <br> for new infrastructure <br> such as water services <br> or roads infrastructure, <br> or through habitat loss, <br> disturbance | Potential | Potential | Potential - new regional <br> developments together <br> with new infrastructure <br> and urban development <br> could combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. |  |
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| As RS-O-1 above. Mitigation is <br> provided through Natural <br> Heritage objectives, in particular <br> NH-O-1 to NH-O-6 and <br> associated policies. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RS-P-3 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Layer 1 and Layer <br> 2 settlements | As per RS-P-2 above | Potential | Potential | As per RS-P-2 above |  |
| RS-P-4 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Layer 1 and Layer <br> 2 settlements | As per RS-P-2 above | Potential | Potential | As per RS-P-2 above |  |

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| RS-P-5 | None | None | None | None | None | Unlikely that mitigation required <br> but adequate protection is <br> provided through Natural <br> Heritage objectives, in particular |
| RS-P-6 | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | None | None |  |
| RS-P-7 | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | NH-O-1 to NH-O-6 and <br> associated policies. |
| RS-P-8 | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely |  |

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| RS-P-9 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
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| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RS-P-10 | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | None | None | None |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
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| RS-P-11 | Potentially all <br> sites | Provision of new or <br> upgraded infrastructure, <br> traffic and disturbance <br> associated with retail <br> sites outside town <br> centres is possible. | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely <br> aps-O-1 above. The <br> should consider potential impact <br> on Natura sites and be subject <br> to Article 6 of the Habitats <br> Directive. |
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## Chapter 5 Infrastructure

## TRANSPORTATION ObJECTIVES

| T-O-1 | Potentially all sites in the zone of influence of the transport network | Potentially Negative where upgraded or new infrastructure is required, or due to land take for transport corridors, disturbance | Potentially yes | Potentially Yes | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new infrastructure and urban development could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. However, the regional coordination of such developments will reduce risk to Natura sites | It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by high level strategic policies. However, in implementing the Retail Strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular zoning of rural areas should take full account of risks identified in the Relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on |
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| T-0-5 | Potentially all | As per T-O-1 above | As per T-0-1 above | As per T-O-1 above | As per T-O-1 above |  |
| T-0-6 | Potentially all | As per T-0-1 above | As per T-O-1 above | As per T-O-1 above | As per T-O-1 above |  |
| T-0-7 | Potentially all | As per T-O-1 above | As per T-O-1 above | As per T-O-1 above | As per T-O-1 above |  |
| Specific Action <br> Natural Her 6 of the Hab <br> New Policy Natura netw | ired: Avoidance/Mitigatio <br> Policies and Objectiv Directive , provide <br> T-P-36 to ensure | /Policy Deletion OR Amendment ves NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH protection and promote co compliance with Article 6 | $\mathrm{O}-8$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-11$ servation of Nat f the Habitats | NH-P-1 to NH-P ura sites and the irective in relatio | 5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P integrity of the Natura net to protection of Natura | 18 ensure compliance with Article ork. <br> 000 sites and the integrity of the |
| T-0-8 | Potentially all sites $n$ the vicinity of the rail corridors | Potentially Negative where upgraded or new infrastructure is required, or due to land take for rail corridors, and disturbance | Potentially yes | Potentially Yes | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new infrastructure and <br> Provision of rail link could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As per T-O-1 above |
| T-0-9 | Potentially sites in the vicinity ports and airports | As per T-O-8 above | As per T-O-8 above | As per T-O-8 above | As per T-O-8 above |  |


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| T-O-10 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of <br> transport routes <br> and depots | As per T-O-8 above | As per T-O-8 <br> above | As per T-O-8 <br> above | As per T-O-8 above |  |
| T-O-11 | Potentially <br> sites in the <br> vicinity island <br> transport facilities <br> and on approach <br> routes in the case <br> of air transport | As per T-O-8 above | As per T-O-8 <br> above | As per T-O-8 <br> above | As per T-O-8 above |  |

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| T-P-12 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of <br> transportation <br> links | Potentially Negative <br> where upgraded or new <br> infrastructure is <br> required, or due to land <br> take for transportation <br> links, and disturbance <br> due to increased traffic <br> volumes | Potentially <br> yes | Potentially Yes | Potential. For example <br> new regional <br> developments together <br> with new infrastructure <br> and <br> The provision of <br> transportation links <br> could combine to cause | As per above |
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|  |  |  |  | unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. |  |  |
| TP-O-13 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of <br> walkways and <br> other routes | Potentially Negative <br> where upgraded or new <br> infrastructure is <br> required, or due to land <br> take for routes, and <br> disturbance due to <br> increased access in <br> sensitive areas | Potentially <br> yes | Potentially Yes | Unlikely due to nature of <br> development but <br> possible in sensitive <br> areas that attract large <br> numbers | As per T-O-1 above |

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| TP-O-14 | None | May have beneficial effect through reduction of emissions and noise | None | None | None | None |
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| TRANSPORTATION POLICIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| T-P-1 | Potentially all | Potentially Negative where upgraded or new infrastructure is required | Potentially yes | Potentially Yes | Potential. In combination impact is possible if new regional development combines with development in line | As per T-O-1 above |


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|  |  |  |  |  | with this policy |  |
| T-P-2 | Potentially all | As T-P-1 above | Potentially yes | Potentially Yes | As T-P-1 above |  |
| T-P-3 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of the North West City Region | As T-P-1 above | Potentially yes | Potentially Yes | As T-P-1 above |  |
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| T-P-4 | Unlikely | Unlikely | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| T-P-5 | Potentially all sites | Potentially negative where upgraded or new infrastructure, or land take for road network is required. Hydrological impacts are also possible on water dependent Natura sites. | Potentially yes | Potentially Yes | Potentially Yes | As per T-O-1 above |


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| T-P-6 | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely |  |
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| T-P-7 | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely |  |
| T-P-8 | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

| T-P-9 | Potentially sites in <br> the zone of <br> influence of the <br> Finn Valley | Potentially negative if <br> upgraded or new <br> infrastructure, or land <br> take for roads is <br> required. | Potentially <br> yes | Potentially Yes | Potentially Yes | As per T-O-1 above |
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| T-P-10 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| T-P-11 | Potentially all sites | Potentially negative where upgraded or new infrastructure, or land take for road network is required. Disturbance, light pollution and for water dependent Natura sites hydrological impacts are also possible. | Potentially yes | Potentially Yes | Potentially Yes | As per T-O-1 above |
| T-P-12 | Potentially all sites | As per T-P-11 above | As per T-P-11 above | As per T-P-11 above | As per T-P-11 above |  |
| T-P-13 | Potentially all sites | As per T-P-11 above | As per T-P-11 above | As per T-P-11 above | As per T-P-11 above |  |
| T-P-14 | Potentially all sites | As per T-P-11 above | As per T-P-11 above | As per T-P-11 above | As per T-P-11 above |  |
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| Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| T-P-15 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| T-P-16 | Potentially all sites in the zone of influence of Donegal Airport and on air and road approaches | Potentially negative where upgraded or new infrastructure, or land take for road network or facilities is required. Disturbance, light pollution and for water dependent Natura sites hydrological impacts are also possible. | Potentially yes | Potentially Yes | Potential. In combination impact is possible if new regional development combines with development in line with this policy | As per T-O-1 above |
| T-P-17 | As per T-P-16 above | As per T-P-16 above | As per T-P-16 above | As per T-P-16 above | As per T-P-16 above |  |
| T-P-18 | As per T-P-16 above | As per T-P-16 above | As per T-P-16 above | As per T-P-16 above | As per T-P-16 above |  |

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| T-P-19 | Unlikely | None | None | None | Unlikely | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| T-P-20 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of Killybegs | Potential - development could impact negatively where new or upgraded infrastructure is required | Potential | Potential | Potential - In combination impact is possible if new regional development combines with development in line with this policy | As per T-O-1 above and new policy T-P-36 |
| T-P-21 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of GreencastleMagilligan and Greencastle and BuncranaRathmullan | Potential - development could impact negatively where new or upgraded infrastructure is required | Potential | Potential | Potential - In combination impact is possible if new regional development combines with development in line with this policy |  |
| T-P-22 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Magheroarty, Burtonport and Greencastle | Potential - development could impact negatively where new or upgraded infrastructure is required | Potential | Potential | Potential - In combination impact is possible if new regional development combines with development in line with this policy |  |
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$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|}\hline \text { T-P-23 } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Potentially all } \\ \text { sites in the } \\ \text { vicinity of the } \\ \text { Letterkenny/Derry, } \\ \text { and Sligo rail links }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Potentially negative } \\ \text { where upgraded or new } \\ \text { infrastructure, or land } \\ \text { take for rail links or } \\ \text { facilities is required. } \\ \text { Disturbance, light } \\ \text { pollution and for water } \\ \text { dependent Natura sites } \\ \text { hydrological impacts are } \\ \text { also possible. }\end{array} & \text { Potential } & \text { Potential } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Potential }- \text { In } \\ \text { combination impact is } \\ \text { possible if new regional } \\ \text { development combines } \\ \text { with development in line } \\ \text { with this policy }\end{array} \\ \text { policy T-P-36 }\end{array}\right\}$

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| Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| T-P-26 | Potentially all sites | Potentially negative where upgraded or new infrastructure, or land take for transport facilities is required. Disturbance, light pollution and for water dependent Natura sites hydrological impacts are also possible. | Potential | Potential | Potential - In combination impact is possible if new regional development combines with development in line with this policy | As per T-O-1 above and new policy T-P-36 |

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| T-P-27 | Potentially sites in <br> the zone of <br> influence of <br> Gelnveagh, Slieve <br> League and other <br> tourism initiatives, <br> and on the <br> approaches. | Potentially negative <br> where upgraded or new <br> infrastructure, or land <br> take for transport <br> facilities is required. <br> Disturbance, light <br> pollution and for water <br> dependent Natura sites <br> hydrological impacts are | Potential | Potential | Potential - In <br> combination impact is <br> possible if new regional <br> development combines <br> with development in line <br> with this policy |
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| As per T-O-1 above and new <br> policy T-P-36. Careful <br> assessment of any proposals in <br> such sensitive areas is essential. |  |  |  |  |  |


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| T-P-28 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of <br> proposed <br> transport <br> developments | Potentially negative <br> where upgraded or new <br> infrastructure, or land <br> take for transport <br> facilities is required. <br> Disturbance, light <br> pollution are also <br> possible. | Potential | Potential | Potential - In <br> combination impact is <br> possible if new regional <br> development combines <br> with development in line <br> with this policy | As pelicy T-P-36. above and new <br> porities may |
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| T-P-29 | As T-P-28 above | Transport facilies <br> require new or upgraded <br> infrastructure and give <br> rise to negative effects | Potential | Potential | As T-P-28 above |  |

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| T-P-30 | Unlikely | Unlikely | None | None | Unlikely |  |
| T-P-31 | Unlikely | Unlikely | None | None | Unlikely |  |
| T-P-32 | Unlikely | Unlikely | None | None | Unlikely |  |
| T-P-33 | Unlikely | Unlikely | None | None | Unlikely |  |
| policies. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None.
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|l|l|}\hline \text { T-P-34 } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Potentially sites in } \\ \text { the vicinity of } \\ \text { cycling and/or } \\ \text { walking routes }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Potentially negative } \\ \text { where upgraded or new } \\ \text { infrastructure, or land } \\ \text { take for routes is } \\ \text { required. Disturbance, } \\ \text { and hydrological impact } \\ \text { on water dependent } \\ \text { sites are also possible. }\end{array} & \text { Potential } & \text { Potential } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Potential - In } \\ \text { combination impact is } \\ \text { possible if new regional } \\ \text { development combines } \\ \text { with development in line } \\ \text { with this policy }\end{array} \\ \text { policy T-P-36. }\end{array}\right\}$

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New Policy added T-P-36 to ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in relation to protection of Natura 2000 sites and the integrity of the Natura network.

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| T-P-36 | Potentially all sites | Positive effect. Policy added to ensure transportation strategy is compliant with Article 6 of Habitats Directive | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Water and Environmental Services Objectives |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WES-O-1 | Potentially all sites | Yes. <br> Possible impacts from provision of Water Services infrastructure may arise due to pressure on water resources, hydrological change, increasing pressure on receiving waters. | Varied | Potential | Yes. For example new regional developments together with new infrastructure and demand for increased capacity could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by high level strategic objectives and policies. However, in implementing the Water Services Strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be |
| WES-O-2 | Potentially all sites | As WES-O-1 above, but positive effects from timely delivery of infrastructure to mitigate development impact | Varied | Potential | As WES-O-1 above | emphasised in the plan. In particular siting of infrastructure should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl |


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| WES-O-3 | Potentially all <br> sites | As WES-O-1 above, but <br> positive effects from <br> timely delivery of <br> infrastructure to <br> mitigate development <br> impact | Varied | Potential | As WES-O-1 above | Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is <br> proposed it will be considered in <br> terms of its potential impact on <br> Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that <br> implementation of individual <br> objectives and policies gives <br> sufficient consideration to <br> environmental issues, and in all <br> instances ensure compliance <br> with Article 6 of the Habitats <br> Directive in having regard to the <br> relevant conservation objectives, <br> qualifying interests and threats <br> to the integrity of Natura 2000 <br> sites. <br> Mitigation is provided through <br> Water and Environmental |
| Services, and Natural Heritage |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| objectives. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider

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| environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WES-O-4 | Potentially all sites | Commitment to implement the WFD through RBMP and Programme of Measures | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| WES-O-5 | Potentially all sites | Commitment to protecting waters and Natura sites | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |
| WES-O-6 | Potentially all sites | Commitment to protect the environment, remediate existing pollution and to comply with statutory obligations | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WES-O-7 | Potentially all sites | Largely positive but potential for impact where new or improved infrastructure is required for collection, reuse or recycling of wastes | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new regional developments together with new infrastructure and demand for increased capacity could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As WES-O-1 above |


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Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.

The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

| WES-O-10 | Potentially all <br> sites | Potential for impact <br> where provision of <br> emergency services is <br> dependent of new or <br> improved infrastructure | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new <br> regional developments <br> together with new <br> infrastructure and <br> demand for increased <br> capacity could combine <br> to cause unacceptable <br> pressure on a protected <br> site. | Asove |
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Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.

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| WES-0-11 | Potentially especially in vicinity of towns with special economic functions | Provision of new water services infrastructure may increase pressures on water resources or assimilation capacity of receiving waters, especially in sensitive sites | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new regional developments together with new infrastructure and demand for increased capacity could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As WES-O-1 above |
| Specific Action <br> Natural Her 6 of the Ha The followin environmen | ired: Avoidance/Mitigation <br> Policies and Obje Directive , provid <br> licies also ensure ES-O-4, WES-O-5, | /Policy Deletion OR Amendmen es NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, N protection and promote co <br> her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P | $\mathrm{O}-8$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-11$ ervation of Nat Article 6 of the | NH-P-1 to NH-P ra sites and the Habitats Directiv | 5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P integrity of the Natura net to protect Natura sites or | 18 ensure compliance with Article ork. <br> protection of the wider |
| Water and Environmental Services Policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WES-P-1 | Potentially all sites | Yes. <br> Possible impacts from provision of Water Services infrastructure may arise due to pressure on water resources, hydrological change, increasing pressure on receiving waters. | Varied | Potential | Yes. For example new regional developments together with new infrastructure and demand for increased capacity could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As WES-O-1 above. Conditionality within policies requires mitigating infrastructure to be available for development. |


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| WES-P-2 | Potentially all sites | As WES-O-1 above, but positive effects from timely delivery of infrastructure to mitigate development impact | Varied | Potential | As WES-O-1 above |  |
| WES-P-3 | Potentially all sites | As WES-O-1 above, but positive effects from timely delivery of infrastructure to mitigate development impact | Varied | Potential | As WES-O-1 above |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WES-P-4 | Potentially all sites | Positive | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WES-P-5 | Potentially all sites | Largely positive but impacts may arise where there is a | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new regional developments together with new | As WES-O-1 above |


| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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|  |  | requirement to upgrade existing infrastructure or to provide new infrastructure for provision of waste management services. |  |  | infrastructure and demand for increased capacity could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WES-P-6 | Potential but unlikely | Positive | Positive | Unlikely | Unlikely | None |
| WES-P-7 | Potential but unlikely | Positive | Positive | Unlikely | Unlikely |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WES-P-8 | Potentially all sites | Positive | Potential | Positive | Positive | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| WES-P-9 | Potentially all sites | Largely positive but impacts may arise where there is a requirement to upgrade existing infrastructure or to provide new infrastructure for provision of water services | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new regional developments together with new infrastructure and demand for increased capacity could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As WES-O-1 above |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WES-P-10 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WES-P-11 | Potentially all sites | Yes. <br> Possible impacts on high status and Natura sites due to wastewater discharges from single dwellings or multiple developments | Potential | Potential | In combination, cumulative impacts are possible due to disperse single dwellings and multiple developments. | As WES-O-1 above. Cumulative impacts must be carefully considered in relation to single dwellings particularly in sensitive areas. |


| Policy/ <br> Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be <br> Affected <br> (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of <br> Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of <br> Significance <br> Impact <br> (Y/N) | Potential of <br> Combination <br> Impacts | Risk of Significant <br> Combination <br> Impacts' | Mitigation |
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| WES-P-12 | Potential but <br> unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

## Telecommunication Objectives

| TC-O-1: | Potentially all <br> sites | Yes - possible impacts <br> from objectives TC-O-1 <br> may arise where there is <br> a requirement to <br> provide for new <br> infrastructure such as <br> masts and associated <br> access roads. | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new <br> regional developments <br> together with new <br> infrastructure required <br> to develop the <br> telecommunications <br> network could combine <br> to cause unacceptable <br> pressure on a protected <br> site. | It is not possible to assess in <br> detail the mitigation required by <br> high level strategic objectives <br> and policies. However, in <br> implementing the |
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| Telecommunications Strategy, <br> avoidance on or near protected <br> areas should be implemented, <br> or where this is not possible, <br> favouring of infrastructure that <br> carries a lower risk of damage to |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TC-O-2: | Potentially all <br> sites | Yes - possible impacts <br> from objectives TC-O-2 <br> may arise where there is | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new <br> regional developments <br> emphasised in the plan. In <br> together with new |  |
| particular siting of infrastructure |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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|  |  | a requirement to provide for new broadband infrastructure. |  |  | infrastructure required to deploy broadband could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. <br> Mitigation is provided through Water and Environmental Services, and Natural Heritage objectives. Implementation of the telecommunications strategy is conditional on compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats |

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| Telecommunications Policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TC-P-1 | Potentially all sites | Yes - possible impacts may arise due to policy TC-P-1 where there is a requirement to provide for new infrastructure such as masts and associated access. However, potential impact is largely mitigated by the condition of environmental compliance in this policy, | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new regional developments together with new infrastructure required to develop the telecommunications network could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As TC-O-1 above |


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| Specific Action <br> Natural Heri 6 of the Hab <br> The following environment: TC-O-1 stat | red: Avoidance/Mitiga <br> Policies and Obje Directive , provid <br> licies also ensure ES-O-4, WES-0-5 <br> at implementatio | /Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> es NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH protection and promote con <br> her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 <br> the telecommunications s | $\mathrm{O}-8$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-11$ servation of Nat Article 6 of the rategy is conditi | NH-P-1 to NH-P ra sites and the habitats Directive nal on complianc | 5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P ntegrity of the Natura net to protect Natura sites or with Article 6 of the Hab | 18 ensure compliance with Article ork. rotection of the wider <br> ats Directive |
| TC-P-2 | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TC-P-3 | Potentially all sites | Yes - possible impacts from objectives TC-P-3 may arise where there is a requirement to provide for new infrastructure such as masts and associated access roads. | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new regional developments together with new infrastructure required to develop the telecommunications network could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As TC-O-1 above. |
| TC-P-4 | Potentially all sites | As TC-P-3 | Potential | Potential | As TC-P-3 above |  |
| TC-P-5 | Potentially all sites | As TC-P-3 | Potential | Potential | As TC-P-3 above |  |


| Policy/ <br> Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be <br> Affected <br> (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of <br> Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of <br> Significance <br> Impact <br> (Y/N) | Potential of <br> Combination <br> Impacts | Risk of Significant <br> Combination <br> Impacts' | Mitigation |
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| TC-P-6 | Potentially all <br> sites | As TC-P-3 | Potential | Potential | As TC-P-3 above |  |

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The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

TC-O-1 states that implementation of the telecommunications strategy is conditional on compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive

| TC-P-7 | Potentially all <br> sites | Largely positive in <br> requiring compliance <br> with Article 6 of the <br> Habitats Directive. <br> Potential for impact <br> through land take, <br> disturbance and <br> hydrology effects. | Potential | Unlikely | Possible but unlikely. <br> New regional <br> developments together <br> with new roads servicing <br> telecommunications <br> network could combine <br> to cause unacceptable <br> pressure on a protected <br> site. | Aspomplementation of polices are <br> Impliance. <br> condital environmental |
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TC-O-1 states that implementation of the telecommunications strategy is conditional on compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive

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| TC-P-8 | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | Unlikely | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Flooding Objectives |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F-O-1. | Potentially all sites | Largely positive in preventing inappropriate and unsustainable development | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F-O-2 | Potentially all sites | Yes - possible impacts from objective F-O-2 may arise where there is a requirement to provide for new infrastructure such as flood walls or flood defences. | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new regional developments together with new structures under the Floods Directive could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | Mitigation is provided through Flooding Objective and Natural Heritage objectives, in particular $\mathrm{F}-\mathrm{O}-3$ and $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-1$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-6$ and their associated policies. |

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environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8
F-O-3 requires flood risk management to comply with Articles 6 of the Habitats Directive and have regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interest and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites

| F-O-3 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

## Flooding Policies

| F-P-1 | Potentially all <br> sites | Yes - possible impacts <br> may arise where there is <br> a requirement to <br> provide for new <br> infrastructure such as <br> flood walls or flood <br> defences. | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new <br> regional developments <br> together with new <br> structures under the <br> Floods Directive could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | Mitigation is provided through <br> Flooding Objective and Natural <br> Heritage objectives, in particular <br> F-O-3 and NH-O-1 to NH-O-6 <br> and their associated policies. |
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[^1]Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.

The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8
F-O-3 requires flood risk management to comply with Articles 6 of the Habitats Directive and have regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying

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| F-P-2 | Potentially all <br> sites | Largely positive in <br> preventing inappropriate <br> development and the <br> need for flood defences | Potentially <br> positive | Potentially <br> positive | Potentially positive and <br> considers catchment <br> wide implications that <br> have positive in <br> combination effects | Mitigation is provided through <br> Flooding Objective and Natural <br> Heritage objectives, in particular <br> F-O-3 and NH-O-1 to NH-O-6 <br> and their associated policies. |
| F-P-3 | Potentially all <br> sites | As F-P-2 above | Potentially <br> positive | Potentially <br> positive | As F-P-2 above |  |
| F-P-4 | Potentially all <br> sites | As F-P-2 above | Potentially <br> positive | Potentially <br> positive | As F-P-2 above |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.

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F-O-3 requires flood risk management to comply with Articles 6 of the Habitats Directive and have regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interest and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites

| F-P-5 | Potentially all <br> sites | Varied. Potential impact <br> through hydrology <br> effects and groundwater <br> quality implications. | Potential | Potential | Unlikely |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article

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| 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. <br> The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 <br> F-O-3 requires flood risk management to comply with Articles 6 of the Habitats Directive and have regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interest and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F-P-6 | Potentially all sites | Yes - possible impacts may arise where there is a requirement to provide new flood management infrastructure through land take and hydrological and sediment dynamics impacts | Potential | Potential | Potentially positive and considers catchment wide implications that have positive in combination effects | As per F-P-2 above |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.

The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8
F-O-3 requires flood risk management to comply with Articles 6 of the Habitats Directive and have regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interest and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites

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| F-P-7 | Potentially all <br> sites | Varied. Maintenance of <br> channels can directly <br> impact resident biota, <br> alter sediment <br> dynamics, alter natural <br> hydrology, and remove <br> habitat | Potential | Unlikely | Unlikely | As per F-P-2 above |

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F-O-3 requires flood risk management to comply with Articles 6 of the Habitats Directive and have regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interest and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites

## Chapter 6 Housing

## Housing Objectives

| HS-O-1 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> material assets | Yes - possible impacts <br> from objectives HS-O-1 <br> may arise where there is <br> a requirement to <br> provide for new or <br> upgraded infrastructure | Potential | Unlikely | Yes. For example new <br> regional developments <br> together with <br> infrastructure required <br> to develop existing <br> assets could combine to <br> cause unacceptable <br> pressure on a protected |
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| It is not possible to assess in <br> detail the mitigation required by <br> high level strategic objectives <br> and policies. However, in <br> implementing the Housing <br> Strategy, avoidance on or near <br> protected areas should be <br> implemented, or where this is |  |  |  |  |  |


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|  |  |  |  |  | site. | not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular siting of infrastructure should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. <br> Mitigation is provided through |

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|  |  |  |  | Water and Environmental <br> Services, and Natural Heritage <br> objectives. |  |  |

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The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

| HS-O-2 | None | None | No | None | None |
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| HS-O-3 | None | None | No | None | None |
| HS-O-4 | None | None | No | None | None |
| HS-O-5 | None | None | No | None | None |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

| HS-O-6 | Potential | Potential if dealing with <br> service capacity requires <br> provision of <br> infrastructure | Potential | Potential | Yes. For example new <br> regional developments <br> together with any <br> infrastructure required <br> could combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | As HS-1 above |
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| Policy/ <br> Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be <br> Affected <br> (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of <br> Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of <br> Significance <br> Impact <br> (Y/N) | Potential of <br> Combination <br> Impacts | Risk of Significant <br> Combination <br> Impacts' | Mitigation |
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Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

| HS-O-7 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
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| HS-O-8 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housing Strategy Policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| HS-P-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban Housing Objectives |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UB-O-1 | Potentially all sites | Potential. Development may give rise to pressures and impacts on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example in combination with other regional development strategies, new developments could combine to cause unacceptable pressure | Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-6 and associated policies. |


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|  |  |  |  |  | on a protected site. The risk is reduced through the regional approach in the RPG included in the Core Strategy of the Draft CDP |  |
| UB-O-2 | Potentially all sites | As per UB-O-1 above | As per UB-O1 above | As per UB-O-1 above | As per UB-O-1 above. The risk is reduced through the sequential approach in the CDP |  |
| UB-O--3 | Potentially all sites | Varied. Positive in providing for adequate infrastructure but new infrastructure could impact on Natura sites. | As per UB-O1 above | As per UB-O-1 above | As per UB-O-1 above |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UB-O-4 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| UB-O-5 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
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| None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UB-O-6 | Potentially all sites | Potential. Provision of new and upgraded infrastructure may impact on Natura sites through increased demand for resources, pressures on assimilation capacity, disturbance, hydrology changes, habitat loss through land take. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example in combination with other regional development strategies, new developments could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. The risk is reduced through the regional approach in the RPG included in the Core Strategy of the Draft CDP | As UB-O-1 above |
| UB-O-7: | Potentially all sites | As per UB-O-6 above | Potential | Potential | As per UB-O-1 above |  |
| UB-O-8 | Potentially all sites | As per UB-O-6 above | Potential | Potential |  |  |
| UB-O-9 | Potentially all sites | As per UB-O-6 above | Potential | Potential |  |  |
| UB-O-10 | Potentially all sites | As per UB-O-6 above | Potential | Potential |  |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| 6 of the Habitats Directive , provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. <br> The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UB-O-11 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban Housing Policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UB-P-1 | Potentially all sites | Potential. Significant development may require upgrades to infrastructure, including roads, water services, communications, that could impact on Natura sites in the vicinity of towns | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example in combination with other regional development strategies, new developments could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. The risk is reduced through the regional approach in the RPG included in the Core Strategy of the Draft CDP | Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-6 and associated policies. |

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| The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 <br> UB-P-5 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UB-P-2 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of Letterkenny and Layer 2A towns | Varied Potential. Conditional on consideration of relevant environmental designations. | Varied provides for proper planning | Varied provides for proper planning | As per UB-P-1 above | Mitigation is provided through Water and Environmental Services, and Natural Heritage objectives, in particular WES-O4 to WES-O-6, NH-O-1 to NH-O6 and their associated policies. UB-P-5 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. |
| UB-P-3 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of Layer 2A towns | As per UB-P-2 above | As per UB-P-1 above | As per UB-P-1 above | As per UB-P-1 above |  |
| UB-P-4 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of Layer 2B and Layer 3 towns | As per UB-P-2 above | As per UB-P-1 above | As per UB-P-1 above | As per UB-P-1 above |  |

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UB-P-5 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive

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| UB-P-5 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of towns | Varied Potential. Conditional on compliance with Article 6 of Habitats Directive | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example in combination with other regional development strategies, new developments could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. The risk is reduced through sequential approach to development | Mitigation is provided through Water and Environmental Services, and Natural Heritage objectives, in particular WES-O4 to WES-O-6, NH-O-1 to NH-O6 and their associated policies. UB-P-5 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. |
| UB-P-6 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of towns | Varied Potential. Conditional on consideration of environmental designations | Potential | Potential | As UB-P-5 above |  |

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The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8
UB-P-5 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive

| UB-P-7 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
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| UB-P-8 | None | None | None | None | None |  |


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| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UB-P-9 | Potential for sites in vicinity of linkages | Potential. Pedestrian and cycle linkages may impact on Natura sites through land take, disturbance, light pollution, hydrology changes. | Potential | Potential | Possible but unlikely. | Mitigation is provided through Water and Environmental Services, and Natural Heritage objectives, in particular WES-O4 to WES-O-6, NH-O-1 to NH-O6 and their associated policies. UB-P-5 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. <br> Implementation of UB-P-09 is conditional on compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| UB-P-5 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UB-P-10 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| UB-P-11 | None | None | None | None | None |  |


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| UB-P-12 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UB-P-13 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of settlements | Varied. Potential impact due to land take and infrastructure. Also potential as feeding sites, stepping stone and resting sites, and migration routes | Varied | Varied | Unlikely | As UB-P-1 |
| Specific Action <br> Natural Her 6 of the Ha <br> The following environmen <br> UB-P-5 requ | red: Avoidance/Mitigatio <br> Policies and Objectiv Directive , provide <br> licies also ensure eit ES-O-4, WES-O-5, W <br> compliance with Artic | Policy Deletion OR Amendment es NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH rotection and promote co er explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 le 6 of the Habitats Direc | $\mathrm{O}-8$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-11$ servation of Nat Article 6 of the | NH-P-1 to NH-P ra sites and the Habitats Direct | 5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P integrity of the Natura net e to protect Natura sites | 18 ensure compliance with Article ork. protection of the wider |
| UB-P-14 | Potentially sites in the zone of influence of Letterkenny, Buncrana, Bundoran | Potential for impact through where new or upgraded infrastructure is required. Permission is conditional on compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. | Potential | Potential | Multiple single dwellings can give rise to in combination effects through cumulative resource demands | As UB-P-1. Permission is conditional on compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. |


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| UB-P-15 | As UB-P-15 above | As UB-P-15 above | As UB-P-15 <br> above | As UB-P-15 <br> above | As UB-P-15 above |  |
| UB-P-16 | As UB-P-15 above | As UB-P-15 above | As UB-P-15 <br> above | As UB-P-15 <br> above | As UB-P-15 above |  |

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UB-P-5 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive

| UB-P-17 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> unfinished <br> residential <br> developments | Potential. Impacts may <br> arise where new or <br> upgraded infrastructure <br> is required to develop <br> such estates. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> in combination with <br> other regional <br> development strategies, <br> developments could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. The <br> risk is reduced through <br> sequential approach to <br> development |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive , provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.

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| The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider <br> environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 <br> UB-P-5 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UB-P-18 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| UB-P-19 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| UB-P-20 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| UB-P-21 | None | None | None | None |  |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment

| None |
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| UB-P-22 Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> multiple <br> residential <br> developments Potential. Impacts may <br> arise where new or <br> upgraded infrastructure <br> is provided to develop <br> such estates. Potential Potential Potential. For example <br> in combination with <br> other regional <br> development strategies, <br> developments could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. The <br> risk is reduced through <br> sequential approach to <br> development As-1 above. |

[^2]Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article

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| 6 of the Habitats Directive , provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. <br> The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the hHabitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 <br> UB-P-5 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UB-P-23 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UB-P-24 | Potentially all sites | Potential. Impacts may arise where new or upgraded infrastructure is provided to develop such single dwellings. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example in combination with other regional development strategies, developments could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. The risk is reduced through sequential approach to development | As UB-P-1 above. Permission is conditional on compliance with requirements re environmental designations |


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| UB-P-25 | Potentially sites in <br> vicinity of <br> development | Potential. Impacts may <br> arise where new or <br> upgraded infrastructure <br> is provided to develop <br> such development. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> in combination with <br> other regional <br> development strategies, <br> developments could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. The <br> risk is reduced through <br> sequential approach to <br> development |

[^3]Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.

The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8
UB-P-5 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive

| UB-P-26 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

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| UB-P-27 | Potentially sites in <br> vicinity of <br> development | Potential. Impacts may <br> arise where new or <br> upgraded infrastructure <br> is provided for such <br> development. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> in combination with <br> other regional <br> development strategies, <br> developments could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. The <br> risk is reduced through <br> sequential approach to <br> development | As UB-P-1 above. |

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UB-P-5 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive

| UB-P-28 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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| Rural Housing Objectives |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RH-O-1 | Potentially all sites | Potential. <br> Development may give rise to pressures and impacts on Natura sites through fragmentation of habitats and interference with migration/ feeding pathways; increased risk from introduced invasive alien species; acute sediment losses to waterways during construction phases; increased diffuse emissions to ground and surface water systems; habitat loss and hydrology changes due to associated drainage and engineering infrastructure associated with site access or protection e.g. bridges and bank | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example in combination with other regional development strategies, new developments could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. The risk is reduced through the regional approach in the RPG | It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by high level strategic objectives and policies. However, in implementing the Housing Strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular siting of infrastructure should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual |


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| RH-O-2 | Potentially all <br> sites | As per RH-O-1 above | As per RH-O- <br> 1 above | As per RH-O-1 <br> above | As per RH-O-1 above. <br> The risk is reduced <br> through the sequential <br> approach in the CDP |  |
| RH-O-3 | Potentially all <br> sufficient consideration to <br> environmental issues, and in all <br> instances ensure compliance <br> with Article 6 of the Habitats <br> Directive in having regard to the <br> relevant conservation objectives, <br> qualifying interests and threats <br> to the integrity of Natura 2000 <br> sites. |  |  |  |  |  |
| RH-O-4 | Potentially all <br> sites | Varied. Positive in <br> providing for genuine <br> need only and thus <br> reducing pressures. | As per RH-O- <br> 1 above | As per RH-O-1 <br> above | As per RH-O-1 above |  |
| Varied. Positive in <br> providing for genuine <br> need only and thus <br> reducing pressures. | As per RH-O- <br> 1 above | As per RH-O-1 <br> above | As per RH-O-1 above through |  |  |  |
| Services, and Natural Heritage |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| objectives. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Implementation is conditional on |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| environmental considerations. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
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RH-O-6 promotes compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and the relevant River Basin Management Plan.
RH-P-1 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

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| RH-O-6 | None | Positive. None | Positive | Positive | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rural Housing Policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RH-P-1 | Potentially all sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RH-P-2 | Potentially all sites | Varied. Positive in providing constraints relating to landscape. | Potential | Potential | As per RH-O-1 above | As per RH-O-1 above. Permission is subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. |
| RH-P-3 | Potentially all sites | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above |  |
| RH-P-4: | Potentially all sites | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above |  |
| RH-P-5 | Potentially all sites | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above |  |
| RH-P-6 | Potentially all sites | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above |  |
| RH-P-7 | Potentially all sites | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above |  |


| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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| RH-P-8 | Potentially all sites | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above | As RH-P-2 above |  |
| Specific Action <br> Natural Her 6 of the Hab <br> The followin environmen <br> RH-O-6 prom <br> RH-P-1 requ | ired: Avoidance/Mitigatio <br> Policies and Object Directive , provide <br> olicies also ensure eit ES-O-4, WES-O-5, <br> s compliance with compliance with Ar | /Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ves NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH protection and promote co <br> her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P- <br> ticle 6 of the Habitats Dire <br> cle 6 of the Habitats Direc | $\mathrm{O}-8$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-11$ servation of Nat Article 6 of the tive and the rel e. | NH-P-1 to NH-P ra sites and the Habitats Directiv vant River Basin | 5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH ntegrity of the Natura to protect Natura sites Management Plan. | 8 ensure compliance with Article ork. rotection of the wider |
| RH-P-9 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RH-P-10 | Potentially sites in vicinity of An Bun Beg-Doirí Beaga (BunbegDerrybeg) area | Potential. Impacts may arise where new or upgraded infrastructure is provided for such development. | Potential | Potential | As per RH-O-1 above | As per RH-O-1 above |
| RH-P-11 | As per RH-O-1 above | As per RH-O-1 above | Potential | Potential | As per RH-O-1 above |  |
| RH-P-12 | As per RH-O-1 above | As per RH-O-1 above | Potential | Potential | As per RH-O-1 above |  |


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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8
RH-O-6 promotes compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and the relevant River Basin Management Plan.
RH-P-1 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

| RH-P-13 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> towns | Varied. Positive in <br> directing development <br> to serviced towns. <br> However, new <br> developments may <br> require new or upgraded <br> infrastructure or place <br> additional operational <br> burdens on existing <br> infrastructure | As RH-O-1 <br> above | As RH-O-1 <br> above | As RH-O-1 above | As RH-O-1 above |
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Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
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RH-O-6 promotes compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and the relevant River Basin Management Plan.

| Policy/ <br> Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be <br> Affected <br> (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of <br> Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of <br> Significance <br> Impact <br> (Y/N) | Potential of <br> Combination <br> Impacts | Risk of Significant <br> Combination <br> Impacts' | Mitigation |
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RH-P-1 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

## Chapter 7 Natural and Built Heritage

## Natural Heritage Objectives

| NH-O-1 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |
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| NH-O-2 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |
| NH-O-3 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |
| NH-O-4 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive but not directed <br> primarily at Natura sites | Positive | Positive | Positive |
| NH-O-5 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |
| NH-O-6 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |
| NH-O-7 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive but not directed <br> primarily at Natura sites | Positive | Positive | Positive |
| NH-O-8 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

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| NH-O-9 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of forestry | Varied. Forestry can <br> impact on Natura sites <br> through habitat loss, <br> hydrology changes, <br> acidification of waters, <br> siltation during <br> establishment and <br> harvesting, road <br> construction and <br> drainage. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> in combination with <br> other regional <br> development strategies, <br> new forests could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | Natural Heritage objectives NH- <br> O-1 to NH-O-8 and NH-O-10 <br> require compliance with Article 6 <br> of the Habitats Directive and <br> protection of the landscape, <br> biodiversity and designated <br> sites. |

## Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment

Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
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| NH-O-10 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
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| NH-O-11 | Potentially all <br> sites with <br> peatlands as <br> qualifying <br> interests and all <br> downstream <br> water dependent <br> sites. | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |


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| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Heritage Policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NH-P-1 | Potentially All sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| NH-P-2 | Potentially All sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |
| NH-P-3 | Potentially All sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |
| NH-P-4 | Potentially All sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |
| NH-P-5 | Potentially All sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NH-P-6 | Potentially All sites | Varied. Not specifically aimed at Natura sites although benefits them | Varied | Varied | Unlikely | Natural Heritage objectives NH-$\mathrm{O}-1$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ and $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-10$ require compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and protection of the landscape, biodiversity and designated sites. |
| NH-P-7 | Potentially All sites | Varied. Not specifically aimed at Natura sites although benefits them | Varied | Varied | Potential. For example in combination with other regional development strategies, |  |


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|  |  |  |  |  | development could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. |  |
| Specific Action <br> Natural Her <br> 6 of the Hab <br> The following environment | ired: Avoidance/Mitiga <br> Policies and Obj Directive , provid <br> olicies also ensure ES-O-4, WES-O-5 | /Policy Deletion OR Amendmen ves NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, N protection and promote co <br> her explicit compliance w ES-0-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 | - 8 to NH-O-11 ervation of Na Article 6 of the | NH-P-1 to NH-P ra sites and the habitats Directive | , NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NHntegrity of the Natura ne to protect Natura sites or | 8 ensure compliance with Article rk. <br> rotection of the wider |
| NH-P-8 | Potentially all sites in the coastal zone of influence | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| NH-P-9 | Potentially all sites in the coastal zone of influence | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |
| NH-P-10 | Potentially all sites | Positive in protecting habitat features that support feeding, roosting, migration and as stepping stone sites for Natura network integrity. | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |


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| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NH-P-11 | Potentially all sites | Varied. Removal of boundary walls can impact on feeding sites and access, habitat loss and drainage features. | Varied | Varied | Possible but unlikely | As NH-P-6 above |
| NH-P-12 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of walks from Moville to Greencastle, Bundoran to Tullaghan, Buncrana to Stragill and the walkway encircling Trusk Lough and Ballybofey. | Varied. Generally positive but walks can impact e.g. through disturbance and habitat loss. | Varied | Varied | Unlikely |  |
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| NH-P-13 | Potentially all sites | Varied. Generally beneficial to Natura sites but not specifically aimed to protect them | Varied | Varied | Unlikely | As NH-P-6 above |
| NH-P-14 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Glenveagh National Park | As NH-P-13 above | As NH-P-13 above | As NH-P-13 above | As NH-P-13 above |  |
| NH-P-15 | Potentially all sites | As NH-P-13 above | As NH-P-13 above | As NH-P-13 above | As NH-P-13 above |  |
| NH-P-16 | Potentially island sites and sites in their vicinity | As NH-P-13 above | As NH-P-13 above | As NH-P-13 above | As NH-P-13 above |  |
| NH-P-17 | Potentially all sites | As NH-P-13 above | As NH-P-13 above | As NH-P-13 above | As NH-P-13 above |  |

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| Policy/ <br> Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be <br> Affected <br> (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of <br> Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of <br> Significance <br> Impact <br> (Y/N) | Potential of <br> Combination <br> Impacts | Risk of Significant <br> Combination <br> Impacts' | Mitigation |
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| NH-P-18 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive insofar as <br> wetlands are an integral <br> component of natural <br> drainage and <br> hydrological systems <br> and provide valuable <br> roosting, feeding and <br> resting sites. They are <br> also important as <br> stepping stones and <br> maintaining the integrity <br> of the Natura network. | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

| NH-P-19 | Potentially sites <br> containing or in <br> the vicinity of <br> County Geological <br> Sites | Development proposals <br> may result in impact <br> where new or upgraded <br> infrastructure is required <br> e.g. access roads, <br> drainage. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> in combination with <br> other regional <br> development strategies, <br> development could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. |
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## Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment

Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.

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The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

| NH-P-20 | None | Potential positive impact <br> as Red Grouse are listed <br> under Annex III/I of the <br> EU Directive on the <br> Conservation of Wild <br> Birds and protected <br> through SPA's. | Unlikely | None | None required. This policy is <br> positive toward the conservation <br> and protection of the Red <br> Grouse. |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None.

## Built Heritage Objectives

| BH-O-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
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| BH-O-2 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Bh-O-3 | None | None | None | None | None |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

| BH-O-4 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> heritage sites | Development of tourism <br> can impact Natura sites <br> through disturbance and <br> infrastructural demands <br> e.g. access roads, | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> in combination with <br> other regional <br> development strategies, <br> development could <br> combine to cause | Natural Heritage objectives NH- <br> O-1 to NH-O-8 and NH-O-10 <br> require compliance with Article 6 <br> of the Habitats Directive and <br> protection of the landscape, <br> biodiversity and designated |
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|  | facilities. |  | unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | sites. |  |  |
| BH-O-5 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> heritage buildings | Revitalisation of heritage <br> buildings could impact <br> on Natura sites through <br> the need for new or <br> upgraded infrastructure | Potential but <br> unlikely | Potential but <br> unlikely | As BH-O-4 above |  |

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## Built Heritage Policies

| BH-P-1 | None | None | None | None | None |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BH-P-2 | None | None | None | None | None |
| BH-P-3 | None | None | None | None | None |
| BH-P-4 | None | None | None | None | None |
| BH-P-5 | None | None | None | None | None |

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| BH-P-6 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of any extension or modification of a historic building | Potential through the need for upgraded or new infrastructure. | Potential but unlikely | Potential but unlikely | Unlikely | Natural Heritage objectives NH-$\mathrm{O}-1$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ and $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-10$ require compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and protection of the landscape, biodiversity and designated sites. |
| Specific Action <br> Natural Her 6 of the Ha The following environment: | ired: Avoidance/Mitigatio <br> Policies and Objectiv Directive , provide <br> olicies also ensure eit ES-O-4, WES-O-5, | Policy Deletion OR Amendme <br> es NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, protection and promote <br> er explicit compliance ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES- | - 8 to NH-O-11 ervation of Nat Article 6 of the | NH-P-1 to NH-P ra sites and the Habitats Directiv | 5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH ntegrity of the Natura to protect Natura sites | 8 ensure compliance with Article ork. rotection of the wider |
| BH-P-7 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BH-P-8 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of any development of a historic building | Potential through the need for upgraded or new infrastructure. | Potential but unlikely | Potential but unlikely | Unlikely | Natural Heritage objectives NH-$\mathrm{O}-1$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ and $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-10$ require compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and protection of the landscape, biodiversity and designated sites. |


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| BH-P-8 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BH-P-9 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| BH-P-10 | None | None | None | None | None |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

| BH-P-11 | Potentially sites <br> on and in vicinity <br> of islands | Varied. Potential <br> through the need for <br> upgraded or new <br> infrastructure. | Potential | Unlikely | Natural Heritage objectives NH- <br> O-1 to NH-O-8 and NH-O-10 <br> require compliance with Article 6 <br> of the Habitats Directive and <br> protection of the landscape, <br> biodiversity and designated <br> sites. |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.

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| BH-P-12 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| BH-P-13 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| BH-P-14 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| BH-P-15 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| BH-P-16 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| BH-P-17 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| BH-P-18 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Archaeological Heritage Objectives |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AH-O-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Archaeological Heritage Policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AH-P-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| AH-P-2 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| AH-P-3 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| AH-P-4 | None | None | None | None | None |  |


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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| AH-P-5 | None | None | None | None | None |
| AH-P-6 | None | None | None | None | None |
| AH-P-7 | None | None | None | None | None |
| AH-P-8 | None | None | None | None | None |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

## Chapter 8 Natural Resource Development

Extractive Industry Objectives

| EX-O-1 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive. Objective <br> seeks to protect <br> European designated <br> sites. | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| EX-O-2 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive. Benefits <br> Natura sites although <br> not specifically aimed at <br> them. | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| EX-O-3 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive. Objective <br> seeks to protect wider <br> environment. | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| Extractive Industry Policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EX-P-1 | Potentially all sites | Varied. Positive in implementing controlled development. | Varied | Varied | Unlikely | It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by high level strategic objectives and policies. However, in implementing the Extractive Industry Strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular siting of infrastructure should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives |

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|  |  |  |  | sufficient consideration to <br> environmental issues, and in all <br> instances ensure compliance <br> with Article 6 of the Habitats <br> Directive in having regard to the <br> relevant conservation objectives, <br> qualifying interests and threats <br> to the integrity of Natura 2000 <br> sites. <br> Mitigation is provided through <br> Water and Environmental <br> Services, and Natural Heritage <br> objectives. |  |  |
| Protection of European sites and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (he wider environment is |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| provided for in objectives EX-O- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 to EX-O-3, EX-P-2, EX-P-4 and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EX-P-6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Protection of European sites and the wider environment is provided for in objectives EX-O-1 to EX-O-3, EX-P-3, EX-P-4 and EX-P-6

| Policy/ <br> Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be <br> Affected <br> (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of <br> Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of <br> Significance <br> Impact <br> (Y/N) | Potential of <br> Combination <br> Impacts | Risk of Significant <br> Combination <br> Impacts' |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| EX-P-2 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive in prohibiting <br> development that could <br> impact Natura or other <br> protected sites | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| EX-P-3 | Potentially all <br> sites | Positive in prohibiting <br> development that could <br> impact on protected <br> sites and water quality <br> and/or groundwater <br> quantity in general. | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None |  | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of <br> extractive <br> industries | Development and <br> restoration plans can <br> impact on Natura sites <br> through the requirement <br> for new or upgraded <br> infrastructure e.g. <br> roads. They may also <br> impact through <br> hydrology and loss of <br> habitat and introduction <br> of non-native species. |  | Potential | Potential |
| EX-P-4 |  | Potential. For example <br> in combination with <br> other regional <br> development strategies, <br> development could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | As in EX-P-1 above. Restoration <br> must consider the natural <br> hydrology and fauna and flora of <br> the area. The policy is <br> conditional on compliance with <br> Article 6 of the Habitats <br> Directive. |  |  |  |

[^5]Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article

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| 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. <br> The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the hHabitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 <br> Protection of European sites and the wider environment is provided for in objectives EX-O-1 to EX-O-3, EX-P-3, EX-P-4 and EX-P-6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EX-P-5 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EX-P-6 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the extractive development | Provision of suitable road access may result in impact to Natura sites through land take and habitat loss, disturbance, hydrology change, noise, light and dust pollution. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example in combination with other regional development strategies, development could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As in EX-P-1 above. The policy is conditional on compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. |

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| Geology Policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G-P-1 | Potential | Positive | Positive | Unlikely | Unlikely | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Energy Objectives |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E-O-1 | Potentially all sites | Potential for impact where provision of infrastructure is required e.g. involving land take, hydrology change, disturbance, land use change. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example in combination with other regional development strategies, development could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by high level strategic objectives and policies. However, in implementing the Energy Strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular siting of infrastructure should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is |
| E-O-2 | Potentially all sites | As E-O-1 above | Potential | Potential | As E-O-1 above |  |
| E-O-3 | Potentially all sites | As E-O-1 above | Potential | Potential | As E-O-1 above |  |
| E-O-4 | Potentially all sites | As E-O-1 above | Potential | Potential | As E-O-1 above |  |
| E-O-5 | Potentially all sites | Varied. As E-O-1 above | Potential | Potential | As E-O-1 above |  |
| E-O-6 | Potentially all | As E-O-1 above | Potential | Potential | As E-O-1 above |  |


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|  | sites |  |  | Mitigation <br> proposed it will be considered in <br> terms of its potential impact on <br> Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that <br> implementation of individual <br> objectives and policies gives <br> sufficient consideration to <br> environmental issues, and in all <br> instances ensure compliance <br> with Article 6 of the Habitats <br> Directive in having regard to the <br> relevant conservation objectives, <br> qualifying interests and threats <br> to the integrity of Natura 2000 <br> sites. <br> Mitigation is provided through <br> Water and Environmental <br> Services, and Natural Heritage |  |
| obsectives. |  |  |  |  |  |


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| E-P-18 seeks to mitigate against environmental impacts of renewable energy developments. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Energy Policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E-P-1 | Potentially all sites | Potential for impact where provision of infrastructure is required e.g. involving land take, hydrology change, disturbance, land use change. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example in combination with other regional development strategies, development could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As E-O-1 above |
| E-P-2 | Potentially all sites | As E-P-1 above | Potential | Potential | As E-P-1 above |  |
| E-P-3 | Potentially all sites | As E-P-1 above | Potential | Potential | As E-P-1 above |  |
| E-P-4 | Potentially all sites | As E-P-1 above | Potential | Potential | As E-P-1 above |  |
| E-P-5 | Potentially all sites | As E-P-1 above | Potential | Potential | As E-P-1 above |  |
| E-P-6 | Potentially all sites | As E-P-1 above | Potential | Potential | As E-P-1 above |  |
| E-P-7 | Potentially all sites | As E-P-1 above | Potential | Potential | As E-P-1 above |  |


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$\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{P}-18$ seeks to mitigate against environmental impacts of renewable energy developments.

| E-P-8 |
| :--- |
|  Potentially all <br> sites Positive None Positive None  <br> Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> None Potentially all <br> Sites Potential impact through <br> land take for cable <br> routes, hydrology <br> impacts, maintenance <br> programmes. Potential Potential Potential As E-O-1 above. |

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$\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{P}-18$ seeks to mitigate against environmental impacts of renewable energy developments.

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| Wind Energy Policies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E-P-10 | Potentially all sites | Varied. Constraints on compliance with guidelines beneficial but provision of new or upgraded infrastructure could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example in combination with other regional development strategies, development could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As E-O-1 above. |
| E-P-11 | Potentially marine and coastal sites | Development of offshore wind energy can impact on Natura sites through the requirement for new or upgraded infrastructure, and associated facilities. They may also impact through noise pollution during construction. | Potential | Potential | As E-P-10 above |  |
| E-P-12 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of wind farms | Development of wind farms can impact on Natura sites through the requirement for new or upgraded infrastructure, and associated facilities e.g. roads and drainage. They may result in | Potential | Potential | As E-P-10 above |  |


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|  |  | significant disturbance <br> and hydrology changes <br> in sensitive areas |  |  |  |
| E-P-13 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of wind <br> farms | As E-P-12 above | As E-P-12 <br> above | As E-P-12 <br> above | As E-P-12 above |
| E-P-14 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of <br> renewable energy <br> developments | As E-P-12 above | As E-P-12 <br> above | As E-P-12 <br> above | As E-P-12 above |
| E-P-15 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of <br> renewable energy <br> developments | As E-P-12 above | As E-P-12 <br> above | As E-P-12 <br> above | As E-P-12 above |
| E-P-16 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of <br> renewable energy <br> developments | As E-P-12 above | As E-P-12 <br> above | As E-P-12 <br> above | As E-P-12 above |
| E-P-17 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of wind <br> farms | Development and <br> maintenance of roads <br> can impact Natura sites <br> through land take and | As E-P-12 <br> above | As E-P-12 <br> above | As E-P-12 above |


| Policy/ <br> Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be <br> Affected <br> (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of <br> Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of <br> Significance <br> Impact <br> (Y/N) | Potential of <br> Combination <br> Impacts | Risk of Significant <br> Combination <br> Impacts' | Mitigation |
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|  |  | habitat loss, <br> disturbance, drainage <br> and hydrology changes, <br> sediment pollution of <br> waters. |  |  |  |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive , provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the hHabitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8
E-P-18 seeks to mitigate against environmental impacts of renewable energy developments.

| E-P-18 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of <br> renewable energy <br> developments | Positive through <br> proposing mitigation <br> against environmental <br> impacts of <br> developments. | Positive | Positive | Positive |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment

None

| E-P-19 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of wind <br> and wave, tidal <br> and/or hydro <br> developments | Development of wind <br> and wave, tidal and <br> hydro energy can impact <br> on Natura sites through <br> the requirement for new <br> or upgraded | As E-P-12 <br> above | As E-P-12 <br> above | As E-P-12 above | As E |
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|  |  | infrastructure, and associated facilities. They may also impact through noise pollution during construction. |  |  |  |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. <br> The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the hHabitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 <br> E-P-18 seeks to mitigate against environmental impacts of renewable energy developments. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E-P-20 | Potentially all sites | Positive in requiring the consideration of cumulative environmental effects of other developments | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E-P-21 | Potentially all sites | Positive in requiring that the EIS and NIS consider details of grid connections and all associated infrastructure | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |



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| None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOU-O-3 | Potentially all sites | Potential. Infrastructure and increased disturbance could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this policy could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | Mitigation through proper planning and sustainable development is explicit in the policy TOU-O-1 and TOU-O-2 and is also provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 and associated policies. |
| TOU-O-4 | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above |  |
| TOU-0-5 | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O3 above | As per TOU-0-3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above |  |
| TOU-O-6 | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above |  |
| TOU-0-7 | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above |  |
| TOU-0-8 | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above |  |
| TOU-O-9 | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above | As per TOU-O-3 above |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| 6 of the Habitats Directive , provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. <br> The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 <br> TOU-O-2 and TOU-P-1 seek to protect and enhance the natural environment. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOU-O-10 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| TOU-O-11 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOU-0-12 | Potentially all sites on islands and in the coastal areas providing access points | Potential. Infrastructure and increased disturbance could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this policy could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | Mitigation through proper planning and sustainable development is explicit in the policy TOU-O-1 and TOU-O-2 and is also provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 and associated policies. |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. <br> The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| TOU-O-2 and TOU-P-1 seek to protect and enhance the natural environment. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOU-O-13 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOU-0-14 | Potentially all island sites | Potential. Infrastructure demands could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Unlikely | Unlikely | Mitigation through proper planning and sustainable development is explicit in the policy TOU-O-1, TOU-O-2 and TOU-P-1 and is also provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 and associated policies. |
| Specific Action <br> Natural Her 6 of the Ha <br> The following environmen <br> TOU-O-2 and | ired: Avoidance/Mitig <br> Policies and Obj Directive , provid <br> licies also ensure ES-O-4, WES-O-5 <br> UU-P-1 seek to pr | ation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, de protection and promote <br> either explicit compliance w , WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P <br> protect and enhance the natur | $\mathrm{O}-8$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-11$ servation of Na Article 6 of the environment. | NH-P-1 to NH-P ura sites and the Habitats Directiv | 5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, N integrity of the Natura to protect Natura sites | 18 ensure compliance with Article ork. protection of the wider |
| TOU-0-15 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| TOU-O-16 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOU-O-17 | Potentially all sites | Potential. Infrastructure and increased disturbance could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | Mitigation through proper planning and sustainable development is explicit in the policy TOU-P-1 and Objective TOU-O-2 and is also provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4, Policy NH-P-1 and associated policies. |
| Specific Action <br> Natural Her 6 of the Hab <br> The followin <br> TOU-O-2 and | ired: Avoidance/Mit <br> Policies and Ob Directive , pro licies also ensu <br> U-P-1 seek to | ation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH de protection and promote co the protection of the wider e otect and enhance the natura | --8 to NH-O-11, ervation of Nat vironment: WES environment. | $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{P}-1$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{P}$ ra sites and the O-4, WES-0-5, | 5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P ntegrity of the Natura netw ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P | 8 ensure compliance with Article ork. |
| TOURISM POLICIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOU-P-1 | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOU-P-2 | Potentially all sites | Potential. Infrastructure and increased disturbance could | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional | Mitigation through proper planning and sustainable |


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|  |  | impact on Natura sites |  |  | developments together with new development in line with this policy could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | development is explicit in the policy TOU-O-1, TOU-O-2 and TOU-P-1 and is also provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 and associated policies. |
| TOU-P-3 | As TOU-P-2 above | As TOU-P-2 above | As TOU-P-2 above | As TOU-P-2 above | As TOU-P-2 above |  |
| TOU-P-4 | As TOU-P-2 above | As TOU-P-2 above | As TOU-P-2 above | As TOU-P-2 above | As TOU-P-2 above |  |
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| TOU-P-5 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the Wild Atlantic Way | Positive. Benefits the Natura network although not specifically aimed at it. | Positive | None | None | None |
| TOU-P-6 | Potentially all sites n the | Positive. Benefits the Natura network although not | Positive | None | None |  |


| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance <br> Impact <br> (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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|  | vicinity of significant tourism attractions | specifically aimed at it. |  |  |  |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOU-P-7 | Sites in the vicinity of Killybegs and Greencastle | Potential. Infrastructure and facilities could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this policy could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | Mitigation through proper planning and sustainable development is explicit in the policy TOU-O-1, TOU-O-2 and TOU-P-1 and is also provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 and associated policies. <br> Conditionality in relation to not impacting on Natura 2000 sites or compromising the objectives of the relevant River Basin Management Plan and not damaging sensitive habitats is included in the Tourism policies. |
| TOU-P-8 | Sites in the vicinity of and approaches to Donegal and Derry Airports | As in TOU-P-7 above | As in TOU-P7 above | As in TOU-P-7 above | As in TOU-P-7 above |  |
| TOU-P-9 | Potentially all sites | Potential. Infrastructure and associated facilities, and increased disturbance could impact on Natura sites | As in TOU-P7 above | As in TOU-P-7 above | As in TOU-P-7 above |  |
| TOU-P-10 | Potentially | As in TOU-P-9 above | As in TOU-P- | As in TOU-P-7 | As in TOU-P-7 above |  |


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|  | sites in the <br> zone of <br> influence of <br> the tourism <br> developments |  | 7 above | above |  |
| TOU-P-11 | Potentially <br> sites in the <br> zone of <br> influence of <br> the tourism <br> developments | As in TOU-P-9 above | As in TOU-P- <br> 7 above | As in TOU-P-7 <br> above | As in TOU-P-7 above |
| TOU-P-12 | Potentially all <br> sites | As in TOU-P-9 above | As in TOU-P- <br> 7 above | As in TOU-P-7 <br> above | As in TOU-P-7 above |
| TOU-P-13 | Potentially all <br> sites | As in TOU-P-9 above | As in TOU-P- <br> 7 above | As in TOU-P-7 <br> above | As in TOU-P-7 above |
| TOU-P-14 | As in TOU-P- <br> 13 above | As in TOU-P-9 above | As in TOU-P- <br> 7 above | As in TOU-P-7 <br> above | As in TOU-P-7 above |
| TOU-P-15 | As in TOU-P- <br> 13 above | As in TOU-P-9 above | As in TOU-P- <br> 7 above | As in TOU-P-7 <br> above | As in TOU-P-7 above |
| TOU-P-16 | As in TOU-P- | As in TOU-P-9 above | As in TOU-P- <br> 7 above | As in TOU-P-7 <br> above | As in TOU-P-7 above |
| TOU-P-17 | As in TOU-P- <br> 13 above | As in TOU-P-9 above | As in TOU-P- <br> 7 above | As in TOU-P-7 <br> above | As in TOU-P-7 above |
| TOU-P-18 | As in TOU-P- | As in TOU-P-9 above | As in TOU-P- | As in TOU-P-7 | As in TOU-P-7 above |


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|  | 13 above |  | 7 above | above | Mitigation |
| TOU-P-19 | As in TOU-P- <br> 13 above | As in TOU-P-9 above | As in TOU-P- <br> 7 above | As in TOU-P-7 <br> above | As in TOU-P-7 above |
| TOU-P-20 | As in TOU-P- <br> 13 above | As in TOU-P-9 above | As in TOU-P- <br> 7 above | As in TOU-P-7 <br> above | As in TOU-P-7 above |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8
TOU-O-2 and TOU-P-1 seek to protect and enhance the natural environment.

## Chapter 10 The Marine Resource and Coastal Management

## Marine Resource and Coastal Management Objectives

| MCRM-O-1 | Potentially all <br> coastal and <br> marine sites | Potential. New and <br> upgraded infrastructure <br> associated with this <br> objective may result in <br> impact on Natura sites. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> new regional <br> developments together <br> with new development <br> in line with this policy <br> could combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | Mitigation is explicit in the policy <br> through subjecting to <br> environmental considerations <br> and is also provided through <br> Natural Heritage objectives, in <br> particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 <br> and associated policies. <br> MCRM-O-2 requires the <br> protection of the ecological <br> integrity, qualifying habitats and |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

MCRM-O-2, MCRM-P-9 and MCRM-P-10 require the protection of the ecological integrity, qualifying habitats and species of Natura 2000 sites through Appropriate Assessment of development proposals.

| MCRM-O-2 | Potentially all <br> coastal and <br> marine sites | Positive Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
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| None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| MCRM-O-3 | Potentially all coastal and marine sites | Varied. Managing coastal change and development may require infrastructure or land use change that can impact on Natura sites | Varied | Varied | Possible | Mitigation is explicit in the policy through subjecting to environmental considerations and is also provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 and associated policies. <br> MCRM-O-2 requires the protection of the ecological |


| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | integrity, qualifying habitats and species of Natura 2000 sites through Appropriate Assessment of development proposals. |
| Specific Action <br> Natural Her 6 of the Ha <br> The followin environmen <br> MCRM-O-2, <br> Appropriate | ired: Avoidance/Mitigatio <br> Policies and Object Directive, provide <br> licies also ensure eit ES-O-4, WES-O-5, <br> M-P-9 and MCRM-P ssment of developm | /Policy Deletion OR Amendment es NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH rotection and promote con her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 <br> 10 require the protection ent proposals. | $\mathrm{O}-8$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-11$ ervation of Natura Article 6 of the f the ecological | NH-P-1 to NH-P a sites and the Habitats Directiv tegrity, qualifyin | 5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH tegrity of the Natura to protect Natura sites habitats and species | 8 ensure compliance with Article rk. rotection of the wider <br> atura 2000 sites through |
| MCRM-O-4 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Killybegs, Greencastle and Burtonport | Potential. Infrastructure associated with this objective could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Unlikely | Unlikely | As MCRM-O-3 above |
| MCRM-O-5 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Greencastle to Magilligan and Buncrana to Rathmullan | As MCRM-O-4 above | Potential | Unlikely | Unlikely |  |
| MCRM-O-6 | Sites on islands and in costal zones nearby | As MCRM-O-4 above | Potential | Unlikely | Unlikely |  |


| Policy/ <br> Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be <br> Affected <br> (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of <br> Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of <br> Significance <br> Impact <br> $(\mathrm{Y} / \mathrm{N})$ | Potential of <br> Combination <br> Impacts | Risk of Significant <br> Combination <br> Impacts' | Mitigation |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the hHabitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8
MCRM-O-2, MCRM-P-9 and MCRM-P-10 require the protection of the ecological integrity, qualifying habitats and species of Natura 2000 sites through Appropriate Assessment of development proposals.

| MCRM-O-7 | Positive. <br> Potentially all <br> marine and <br> coastal sites | Positive. Benefits for <br> Natura network through <br> coordinated and <br> collaborative <br> management of coastal <br> resources | Positive | Positive | None | None |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None
Marine Resource and Coastal Management Policies

| MCRM -P-1 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Killybegs, <br> Greencastle and <br> Burtonport | Potential. Infrastructure <br> associated with this <br> policy could impact on <br> Natura sites | Potential | Unlikely | Unlikely | Mitigation is provided through <br> Natural Heritage objectives, in <br> particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 <br> and associated policies. <br> MCRM-O-2 requires the |
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| MCRM-P-2 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Killybegs, | Potential. Infrastructure <br> associated with this <br> policy could impact on <br> Natura sites | Potential | Unlikely | Unlikely <br> integrity, qualifying habitats and <br> species of Natura 2000 sites <br> through Appropriate Assessment <br> of development proposals. |  |
| MCRM-P-3 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> marine access <br> infrastructure | Potential. Infrastructure <br> associated with this <br> policy could impact on <br> Natura sites | Potential | Unlikely | Possible |  |
| MCRM-P-4 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> marine access <br> infrastructure | Potential. New and <br> upgraded infrastructure <br> associated with this <br> policy may result in <br> impact on Natura sites. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> new regional <br> developments together <br> with new development <br> in line with this policy <br> could combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. |  |
| MCRM-P-5 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> angling facilities | Potential. Infrastructure <br> associated with angling <br> and disturbance could <br> impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> new regional <br> developments together <br> with new development <br> in line with this policy <br> could combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. |  |


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| MCRM-P-6 | Potentially all <br> marine and <br> coastal sites | Varied. Infrastructure <br> associated with this <br> policy could impact on <br> Natura sites | Potential | Varied | As MCRM-P-5 above |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
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The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8
MCRM-O-2, MCRM-P-9 and MCRM-P-10 require the protection of the ecological integrity, qualifying habitats and species of Natura 2000 sites through Appropriate Assessment of development proposals.

| MCRM-P-7 | Potentially all <br> marine and <br> coastal sites | Positive. Constraints on <br> development in such <br> areas will reduce <br> pressures on Natura <br> sites | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |
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| MCRM-P-8 | Potentially all <br> marine and <br> coastal sites | As in MCRM-P-7 above | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |
| MCRM-P-9 | Potentially all <br> marine and <br> coastal sites | As in MCRM-P-7 above | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |


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| MCRM-P-10 | Potentially all marine and coastal sites | As in MCRM-P-7 above and requires explicit protection of Natura 2000 sites | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MCRM-P-11 | Sites on islands and in costal zones nearby | Potential. Infrastructure associated with developments and disturbance could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this policy could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | Mitigation is explicit in the policy through subjecting to environmental considerations and is also provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 and associated policies. <br> MCRM-O-2 requires the protection of the ecological integrity, qualifying habitats and species of Natura 2000 sites through Appropriate Assessment of development proposals. |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| MCRM-O-2, MCRM-P-9 and MCRM-P-10 require the protection of the ecological integrity, qualifying habitats and species of Natura 2000 sites through Appropriate Assessment of development proposals. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Community, Culture and the Gaeltacht Objectives |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CCG-O-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| CCG-0-2 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CCG-O-3 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of childcare and educational facilities | Potential. Infrastructure associated with developments could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Unlikely | None | Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 and associated policies. |
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| CCG-0-4 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| CCG-O-5 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> amenities | Potential. Infrastructure <br> associated with <br> developments could <br> impact on Natura sites | Potential | Unlikely | Unlikely |  |
| CCG-O-6 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> childcare facility <br> developments | Potential. Infrastructure <br> associated with <br> developments could <br> impact on Natura sites | Potential | Unlikely | Unlikely |  |

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| CCG-O-7 | None |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> None | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Gaeltacht areas | Potential. Infrastructure <br> associated with <br> development of rural <br> housing, naoinraí, <br> gaelscoileanna and Páirc <br> Ghnó Gaoth Dobhair <br> could impact on Natura <br> sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> new regional <br> developments together <br> with new development <br> in line with this objective <br> could combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | Mitigation is explicit in the <br> objecive through subjecting to <br> environmental considerations <br> and is also provided through <br> Natural Heritage objectives, in <br> particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 <br> and associated policies. |


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| CCG-O-9 | Potentially all <br> sites | Change in land uses for <br> graveyards could result <br> in habitat loss | Unlikely | Unlikely | None |  |
| CCG-O-10 | Potentially all <br> sites | Potential. Infrastructure <br> associated with <br> development of <br> recreational facilities <br> could impact on Natura <br> sites | Potential | Unlikely | Unlikely |  |

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| CCG-P-1 | Potentially all <br> sites | Potential. Infrastructure <br> associated with <br> developments could <br> impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> new regional <br> developments together <br> with new development <br> in line with this objective <br> could combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | Mitigation is provided through <br> Natural Heritage objectives, in <br> particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 <br> and associated policies. |

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| CCG-P-2 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
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| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CCG-P-3 | Potentially all sites | Potential. Infrastructure associated with developments and loss of habitat could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Unlikely | Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 and associated policies. Conditionality relating to |
| CCG-P-4 | Potentially all sites | As CCG-P-3 above | Potential | Potential | Potential | protection of Natura sites and water quality are included in |
| CCG-0-5 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of schools | Varied. Compliance with guidelines will reduce pressure on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Unlikely |  |

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| environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CCG-P-6 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CCG-P-7 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of third level institutions | Potential. Infrastructure associated with developments could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. As CCG-P-1 above. | Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 and associated policies. <br> Conditionality relating to protection of Natura sites and water quality are included in policy CCG-P-4. |
| CCG-P-8 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of third level institutions | Varied. Facilitates CCG-P-7 above. | Potential | Potential | Potential. As CCG-P-1 above. |  |
| CCG-P-9 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of childcare facility developments | Potential. Infrastructure associated with developments could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. As CCG-P-1 above. |  |
| CCG-P-10 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of childcare facility developments | Potential. Infrastructure associated with developments could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. As CCG-P-1 above. |  |
| CCG-P-11 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Gaeltacht areas | Potential. Infrastructure associated with developments could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Unlikely | None |  |


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| CCG-P-12 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
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| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CCG-P-13 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of developments | Potential. Infrastructure associated with developments could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 and associated policies. <br> Conditionality relating to protection of Natura sites and water quality are included in policy CCG-P-4. |
| CCG-P-14 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of the infrastructural and capital developments |  |  |  |  |  |
| CCG-P-15 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of the cultural infrastructure |  |  |  |  |  |


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| CCG-P-17 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
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| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CCG-P-18 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Gaeltacht areas | Potential. Infrastructure associated with rural housing could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 and associated policies. <br> Conditionality relating to protection of Natura sites and water quality are included in policy CCG-P-4. |
| CCG-P-19 | As CCG-P-18 above | Potential. Infrastructure associated with rural developments could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | As CCG-P-18 above |  |


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| CCG-P-20 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Páirc Gnó Gaoth <br> Dobhair | As CCG-P-19 above | Potential | Potential | Unlikely |  |

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| CCG-P-21 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
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| CcG-P-22 | None | None | None | None | None |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

## PART C OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THE TOWNS

## Chapter 12 Letterkenny

## Economic Development

| LK-ED-O-1 | Potentially sites in <br> the zone of <br> influence of <br> Letterkenny | Potential. Development <br> requiring new and <br> upgraded infrastructure <br> could impact on Natura <br> sites e.g. through <br> resource demand, | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> new regional <br> developments together <br> with new development <br> in line with this objective <br> could combine to cause | It is not possible to assess in <br> detail the mitigation required by <br> high level strategic objectives <br> and policies. However, in <br> implementing the Economic <br> Development Strategy, |
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|  |  | pressures on receiving waters, pollutant emissions. |  |  | unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular siting of infrastructure should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, |

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|  |  |  |  |  |  | qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. <br> Mitigation is provided through Water and Environmental Services, and Natural Heritage objectives. <br> Compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive is a condition of LK-ED-P-1, and LK-ED-P-3 precludes development in proximity to designated conservation areas. |
| LK-ED-P-1 | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above |  |
| LK-ED-P-2 | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above |  |
| LK-ED-P-3 | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above |  |
| LK-ED-P-4 | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above |  |
| LK-ED-P-5 | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above |  |


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| LK-ED-P-6 | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above |  |
| LK-ED-P-7 | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above | As in LK-ED-P1 above | As in LK-ED-P-1 above |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Objectives and policies of Part C Towns are subject to all other policies and objectives of the CDP. Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive , provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
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## PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR OPPORTUNITY Sites

| LK-OPP-P-1 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Gortlee Park | Varied. Gortlee park is <br> an extensive area of <br> broadleaf woodland and <br> may provide <br> feeding/resting/roosting <br> opportunities for <br> protected species, and a <br> stepping stone <br> supporting Natura <br> integrity. The policy <br> recognizes the <br> environmental status of <br> the site. Development <br> and maintenance | Varied | Varied | Anlikely |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | proposals should be <br> assessed with <br> consideration of these <br> roles in relation to <br> Natura network. |  |  |  |  |
| LK-OPP-P-2 | Unlikely | Policy supports <br> establishing a buffer <br> zone at Gortlee and <br> precludes residential <br> development. | Varied | Varied | None |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
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| LK-OPP-P-3 | Unlikely | This policy relates to <br> development of a <br> brownfield site and <br> impact is unlikely at this <br> site | None | None | None | None |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

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| LK-OPP-P-4 | Site located within Lough Swilly SAC and Lough Swilly SPA | Potential impact may arise due to infrastructure associated with development. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As in LK-ED-O-1 above. <br> Given the sensitivity of the sites included here the wording of the policies LK-OPP-P-4 and LK-OPP-P5 were amended to include specific reference to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. |
| LK-OPP-P-5 | Site is adjacent to Lough Swilly SAC and Lough Swilly SPA | As LK-OPP-P-4 above | Potential | Potential | As LK-OPP-P-4 above |  |
| LK-OPP-P-6 | Site is near to Lough Swilly SAC and Lough Swilly SPA | Potential impact may arise due to infrastructure associated with development and flood risk management. | Potential | Potential | As LK-OPP-P-4 above |  |
| LK-OPP-P-7 | Site is near to Lough Swilly SAC and Lough Swilly SPA | As in LK-OPP-P-6 above | Potential | Potential | As LK-OPP-P-4 above |  |
| LK-OPP-P-8 | Site is near to Lough Swilly SAC and Lough Swilly SPA | As in LK-OPP-P-6 above | Potential | Potential | As LK-OPP-P-4 above |  |


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| LK-OPP-P-9 | Site is near to Lough Swilly SAC and Lough Swilly SPA | As in LK-OPP-P-6 above | Potential | Potential | As LK-OPP-P-4 above |  |
| LK-OPP-P-10 | Potentially Lough Swilly SAC and Lough Swilly SPA | Potential impact may arise due to infrastructure associated with development. | Potential | Unlikely | None |  |
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| LK-OPP-P sites 11-15 | see Town Centre Policies LK-TC-P20 to LK-TC-P-24 |  |  |  |  |  |
| LK-OPP-P-16 | Potentially Lough Swilly SAC and Lough Swilly SPA | This policy relates to development of a brownfield site. Potential impact may arise due to infrastructure, drainage associated with development. | Potential | Unlikely | None | As in LK-ED-O-1 above. |


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## town Centre Objectives Specific to Letterkenny

| LK-TC-0-1 | Potentially sites in <br> the zone of <br> influence of <br> Letterkenny | Potential. Development <br> requiring new and <br> upgraded infrastructure <br> could impact on Natura <br> sites e.g. through <br> resource demand, <br> pressures on receiving <br> waters, pollutant <br> emissions. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> new regional <br> developments together <br> with new development <br> in line with this objective <br> could combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. |
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| It is not possible to assess in <br> detail the mitigation required by <br> high level strategic objectives <br> and policies. However, in <br> implementing the Energy <br> Strategy, avoidance on or near <br> protected areas should be <br> implemented, or where this is <br> not possible, favouring of <br> infrastructure that carries a <br> lower risk of damage to <br> protected areas should be <br> emphasised in the plan. In <br> particular siting of infrastructure <br> should take full account of risks <br> identified in the relevant River <br> Basin Management Plan and in <br> any relevant Fresh Water Pearl <br> Mussel Sub-basin Plan. |  |  |  |  |  |


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|  |  |  |  | Mitigation <br> Wroposed it will be considered in <br> terms of its potential impact on <br> Natura 2000 sites. |  |
| Donegal CC will ensure that |  |  |  |  |  |
| implementation of individual |  |  |  |  |  |
| objectives and policies gives |  |  |  |  |  |
| sufficient consideration to |  |  |  |  |  |
| environmental issues, and in all |  |  |  |  |  |
| instances ensure compliance |  |  |  |  |  |
| with Article 6 of the Habitats |  |  |  |  |  |
| Directive in having regard to the |  |  |  |  |  |
| relevant conservation objectives, |  |  |  |  |  |
| qualifying interests and threats |  |  |  |  |  |
| to the integrity of Natura 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| sites. |  |  |  |  |  |


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| LK-TC-0-2 | As in LK-TC-O-1 above | As in LK-TC-O-1 above | As in LK-TC-O-1 above | As in LK-TC-O1 above | As in LK-TC-O-1 above |  |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ to promote co <br> The followin environmen | red: Avoidance/Mitiga policies of Part C T -11, NH-P-1 to ation of Natura sit <br> licies also ensure ES-O-4, WES-O-5 | Policy Deletion OR Amendme ns are subject to all othe P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, and the integrity of the <br> her explicit compliance w ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P | olicies and obje -P-18 ensure tura network. <br> Article 6 of the | ctives of the CDP compliance with <br> habitats Directive | Natural Heritage Policies Article 6 of the Habitats <br> to protect Natura sites or | nd Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, irective , provide protection and rotection of the wider |
| LK-TC-0-3 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| LK-TC-0-4 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LK-TC-0-5 | As in LK-TC-O-1 above | As in LK-TC-O-1 above | As in LK-TC-O-1 above | As in LK-TC-O1 above | As in LK-TC-O-1 above | As in LK-TC-O-1 above |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ to promote co <br> The followin environmen | red: Avoidance/Mitiga <br> olicies of Part C -11, NH-P-1 to vation of Natura s <br> licies also ensure ES-0-4, WES-0-5 | Policy Deletion OR Amendme <br> ns are subject to all othe P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, and the integrity of the <br> her explicit compliance w ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES- | policies and obje -P-18 ensure tura network. Article 6 of the | ctives of the CDP compliance with habitats Directive | Natural Heritage Policies Article 6 of the Habitats <br> to protect Natura sites or | and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, Directive , provide protection and <br> rotection of the wider |


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| Town Centre Policies Specific to Letterkenny |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LK-TC-P-1 | Potentially sites in the zone of influence of Letterkenny | Varied. Development requiring new and upgraded infrastructure could impact on Natura sites e.g. through resource demand, pressures on receiving waters, pollutant emissions. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by high level strategic objectives and policies. However, in implementing the Energy Strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular siting of infrastructure should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives |
| LK-TC-P-2 | As in LK-TC-P-1 above | As in LK-TC-P-1 above | As in LK-TC-P1 above | As in LK-TC-P-1 above | As in LK-TC-P-1 above |  |
| LK-TC-P-3 | As in LK-TC-P-1 above | As in LK-TC-P-1 above | As in LK-TC-P1 above | As in LK-TC-P-1 above | As in LK-TC-P-1 above |  |
| LK-TC-P-4 | As in LK-TC-P-1 above | As in LK-TC-P-1 above | As in LK-TC-P1 above | As in LK-TC-P-1 above | As in LK-TC-P-1 above |  |
| LK-TC-P-5 | As in LK-TC-P-1 above | As in LK-TC-P-1 above | As in LK-TC-P- <br> 1 above | As in LK-TC-P-1 above | As in LK-TC-P-1 above |  |

Natura Impact Report

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|  |  |  |  | Mitigation <br> sufficient consideration to <br> environmental issues, and in all <br> instances ensure compliance <br> with Article 6 of the Habitats <br> Directive in having regard to the <br> relevant conservation objectives, <br> qualifying interests and threats <br> to the integrity of Natura 2000 <br> sites. <br> Mitigation is provided through <br> Water and Environmental <br> Services, and Natural Heritage <br> objectives. <br> Compliance with Article 6 of the <br> Habitats Directive is a condition <br> of LK-ED-P-1, and LK-ED-P-3 |  |
| precludes development in |  |  |  |  |  |
| proximity to designated |  |  |  |  |  |
| conservation areas. |  |  |  |  |  |

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| LK-TC-P-6 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| LK-TC-P-7 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| LK-TC-P-8 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| LK-TC-P-9 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| LK-TC-P-10 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| LK-TC-P-11 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| LK-TC-P-12 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| LK-TC-P-13 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| LK-TC-P-14 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| LK-TC-P-15 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| LK-TC-P-16 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LK-TC-P-17 | Potentially sites in the zone of influence of Letterkenny | Varied. Development requiring new and upgraded infrastructure (e.g. car parking, drainage), or leading to increased emission of pollutants could impact on Natura sites. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As in LK-TC-P-1 above |


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| LK-TC-P-18 | As in LK-TC-P-17 above | As in LK-TC-P-17 above | As in LK-TC-P-17 above | As in LK-TC-P17 above | As in LK-TC-P-17 above |  |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives and $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ to N promote con <br> The following environment: | red: Avoidance/Mitigatio <br> policies of Part C To <br> -11, NH-P-1 to NH vation of Natura site <br> licies also ensure ei ES-O-4, WES-O-5, | /Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ns are subject to all other P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, and the integrity of the N <br> her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P- | olicies and obje -P-18 ensure ura network. <br> Article 6 of the | tives of the CDP compliance with <br> habitats Directiv | Natural Heritage Policies Article 6 of the Habitats <br> to protect Natura sites or | and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, Directive , provide protection and rotection of the wider |
| LK-TC-P-19 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LK-TC-P-20 | Potentially sites in the zone of influence of Letterkenny | Potential. Development requiring new and upgraded infrastructure (e.g. car parking, drainage), or leading to increased emission of pollutants could impact on Natura sites. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As in LK-TC-P-1 above |
| LK-TC-P-21 | As in LK-TC-P-20 above | As in LK-TC-P-20 above | As in LK-TC-P20 above | As in LK-TC-P-20 above | As in LK-TC-P-20 above |  |
| LK-TC-P-22 | As in LK-TC-P-20 above | As in LK-TC-P-20 above | As in LK-TC-P20 above | As in LK-TC-P-20 above | As in LK-TC-P-20 above |  |


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## Retail Policies Specific to Letterkenny

| LK-R-P-1 | Potentially sites in <br> the zone of <br> influence of <br> Letterkenny | Potential. Development <br> requiring new and <br> upgraded infrastructure <br> (e.g. water services, car <br> parking, drainage), or <br> leading to increased <br> emission of pollutants <br> could impact on Natura <br> sites. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> new regional <br> developments together <br> with new development <br> in line with this objective <br> could combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. |
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| LK-R-P-2 | As in LK-R-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-R-P-1 above | As in LK-R-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-R-P- <br> 1 above | As in LK-R-P-1 above |
| LK-R-P-3 | As in LK-R-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-R-P-1 above | As in LK-R-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-R-P- <br> 1 above | As in LK-R-P-1 above |


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| LK-R-P-4 | As in LK-R-P-1 above | As in LK-R-P-1 above | As in LK-R-P-1 above | As in LK-R-P1 above | As in LK-R-P-1 above |  |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives a $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ to promote con <br> The followin environment | ired: Avoidance/Mitigatio policies of Part C To -11, NH-P-1 to NH vation of Natura site <br> olicies also ensure eit ES-O-4, WES-O-5, | Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ns are subject to all other P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, and the integrity of the N <br> her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P | olicies and obje -P-18 ensure ura network. <br> Article 6 of the | tives of the CDP compliance with <br> habitats Directive | Natural Heritage Policies Article 6 of the Habitats <br> to protect Natura sites or | and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, irective , provide protection and rotection of the wider |
| TRANSPORT Objectives Specific to Letterkenny |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LK-T-0-1 | Potentially sites in the zone of influence of Letterkenny | Potential. Transport networks and regional access requiring new and upgraded infrastructure (e.g. water services, car parking, drainage), or leading to increased emission of pollutants could impact on Natura sites. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As in LK-TC-P-1 above |
| LK-T-0-2 | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 above |  |
| LK-T-0-3 | As in LK-T-P-1 | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 | As in LK-T-P- | As in LK-T-P-1 above |  |


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|  | above |  | above | 1 above |  |  |
| LK-T-0-4 | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P- <br> 1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 above |  |

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## TRANSPORT Policies SPECIFIC to Letterkenny

| LK-T-P-1 | Potentially sites in <br> the zone of <br> influence of <br> Letterkenny | Potential. Transport <br> networks and regional <br> access requiring new <br> and upgraded <br> infrastructure (e.g. <br> roads, car parking, <br> drainage), or leading to <br> increased emission of <br> pollutants could impact <br> on Natura sites. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> new regional <br> developments together <br> with new development <br> in line with this objective <br> could combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | Some of these policies relate to <br> development within or <br> immediately adjacent to Lough <br> Swilly SAC and Lough Swilly <br> SPA. Any proposed <br> development will be subject to <br> compliance with the <br> requirements of Article 6 of the <br> Habitats Directive as required by <br> objective NH-O-2 of the CDP. |
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| LK-T-P-2 | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-T-P- <br> 1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 above |  |
| LK-T-P-3 | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-T-P- <br> 1 1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 above |  |


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| LK-T-P-4 | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-T-P- <br> 1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 above |
| LK-T-P-5 | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-T-P- <br> 1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 above |
| LK-T-P-6 | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-T-P- <br> 1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 above |
| LK-T-P-7 | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | Unlikely | None |
| LK-T-P-8 | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-T-P-1 above | As in LK-T-P-1 <br> above | Unlikely | None |

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## Water Policies Specific to Letterkenny

| LK-WS-P-1 | Potentially sites in <br> the zone of <br> influence of <br> Letterkenny | Increased water supply <br> capacity can result in <br> pressures on surface <br> and groundwater <br> reserves and impact on <br> Natura sites. The | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example <br> new regional <br> developments together <br> with new development <br> in line with this objective <br> could combine to cause | As in LK-TC-P-1 above. |
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|  |  | provision of new and upgraded infrastructure can also result in impact through emissions, habitat loss and changing hydrology. |  |  | unacceptable pressure on a protected site. |  |
| Housing Objectives Specific to Letterkenny |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LK-H-0-1 | None | None. The objective relates to identifying the quantum of lands and not to zoning. | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housing Policies Specific to Letterkenny |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LK-H-P-1 | Potentially sites in the zone of influence of Letterkenny | Increased development can result in a requirement for the provision of new and upgraded infrastructure that can result in impact through emissions, habitat loss and changing hydrology. | Potential | Potential | Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As in LK-TC-P-1 above. |


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| LK-H-P-2 | As in LK-H-P-1 above | As in LK-H-P-1 above | As in LK-H-P-1 above | As in LK-H-P1 above | As in LK-H-P-1 above |  |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ to promote con <br> The following environmen | red: Avoidance/Mitigatio olicies of Part C Tow -11, NH-P-1 to NH ation of Natura site <br> licies also ensure eit ES-O-4, WES-O-5, W | Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ns are subject to all other P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, N and the integrity of the N <br> her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 | policies and obje -P-18 ensure ura network. <br> Article 6 of the | tives of the CDP compliance with <br> Habitats Directiv | Natural Heritage Polic Article 6 of the Habita <br> to protect Natura sites | nd Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, irective , provide protection and rotection of the wider |
| LK-H-P-3 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Heritage Policies Specific to Letterkenny |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LK-NH-P-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Letterkenny | Largely positive in limiting further development on lands in 'Local Environment' areas which include bio diverse sites. | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| Built Heritage Objectives Specific to Letterkenny |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LK-BH-0-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Letterkenny | Increased development can result in a requirement for the provision of new and upgraded infrastructure that can result in impact through emissions, habitat loss and changing hydrology. | Potential | Potential | Potential. Urban regeneration together with new development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As in LK-TC-P-1 above. |
| LK-BH-0-2 | As in LK-BH-O-1 above | As in LK-BH-O-1 above | As in LK-BH-O1 above | As in LK-BH-O-1 above | As in LK-BH-O-1 above |  |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives NH-O-8 to promote co <br> The followin environmen | red: Avoidance/Mitigatio olicies of Part C Tow -11, NH-P-1 to NH ation of Natura site <br> licies also ensure eit SS-O-4, WES-O-5, | Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ns are subject to all other P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, N and the integrity of the N <br> her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 | policies and obje -P-18 ensure ura network. <br> Article 6 of the | tives of the CDP compliance with <br> habitats Directive | Natural Heritage Policies Article 6 of the Habitats <br> to protect Natura sites or | nd Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, irective , provide protection and rotection of the wider |
| Built Heritage Policies Specific to Letterkenny |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LK-BH-P-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| LK-BH-P-2 | Unlikely | Unlikely | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| LK-BH-P-3 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Letterkenny | Additional infrastructure <br> required by <br> development can result <br> in impact to Natura <br> sites. | Potential | Unlikely | None | As in LK-TC-P-1 above. |

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The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

## Social, Community and Culture Objectives Specific to Letterkenny

| LK-SCC -0-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Letterkenny | Additional infrastructure required by development and land take can result in impact to Natura sites. | Potential | Unlikely | None | As in LK-TC-P-1 above. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LK-SCC-0-2 | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above |  |
| LK-SCC-0-3 | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above |  |
| LK-SCC-0-5 | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above | As in LK-SCC -O-1 above |  |


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The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

## Social, Community and Culture Policies Specific to Letterkenny

| LK-SCC-P-1 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Letterkenny | Additional infrastructure <br> required by the <br> proposed developments <br> and land take can result <br> in impact to Natura sites <br> e.g. access roads, water <br> supply, and habitat loss. | Potential | Unlikely | None | As in LK-TC-P-1 above. <br> LK-SCC-P-1 is conditional on <br> compliance with Article 6 of the <br> Habitats Directive. |
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| LK-SCC-P-2 | As in LK-SCC-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-SCC-P-1 above | As in LK-SCC- <br> P-1 above | As in LK-SCC- <br> P-1 above | As in LK-SCC-P-1 above |  |
| LK-SCC-P-3 | As in LK-SCC-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-SCC-P-1 above | As in LK-SCC- <br> P-1 above | As in LK-SCC- <br> P-1 above | As in LK-SCC-P-1 above |  |
| LK-SCC-P-4 | As in LK-SCC-P-1 <br> above | As in LK-SCC-P-1 above | As in LK-SCC- <br> P-1 above | As in LK-SCC- <br> P-1 above | As in LK-SCC-P-1 above |  |

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| promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. <br> The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Childcare Strategy Objectives Specific to Letterkenny |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LK-CS-0-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Letterkenny | Additional infrastructure required by the proposed developments and land take can result in impact to Natura sites e.g. access roads, water supply, and habitat loss. | Potential | Unlikely | None | As in LK-TC-P-1 above. |

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| LK-CS-O-2 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LK-CS-0-3 | None | None | None | None | None |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

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| Childcare Strategy Policies Specific to Letterkenny |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LK-CS-P-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Letterkenny | Additional infrastructure required by the proposed developments and land take can result in impact to Natura sites e.g. access roads, water supply, and habitat loss. | Potential | Unlikely | None | As in LK-TC-P-1 above. |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives a NH-O-8 to promote con <br> The following environment | red: Avoidance/Mitigatio olicies of Part C Tow -11, NH-P-1 to NH ation of Natura site <br> licies also ensure eit ES-0-4, WES-O-5, W | /Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ns are subject to all other P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, N and the integrity of the Natu <br> her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 | olicies and obje -P-18 ensure ura network. <br> Article 6 of the | tives of the CDP compliance with <br> habitats Directive | Natural Heritage Policies Article 6 of the Habitats <br> to protect Natura sites or | and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, irective , provide protection and rotection of the wider |
| Chapter 13 Buncrana |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ECONOMIC Development Objectives Specific to Buncrana |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BC-ED-O-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Buncrana | Tourism development and associated infrastructure could impact on Natura sites e.g. through disturbance, land take and habitat loss, resource demand and | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional developments together with new tourism development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by high level strategic objectives and policies. However, in implementing the Economic Development strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, |


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| BC-ED-0-2 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Buncrana | Development in line with <br> the Walking and Cycling <br> strategy and associated <br> infrastructure could <br> impact on Natura sites <br> e.g. through <br> disturbance, land take <br> and habitat loss, <br> resource demand and <br> emissions. |  | Potential | Unlikely | None |
|  |  |  |  | or where this is not possible, <br> favouring of infrastructure that <br> carries a lower risk of damage to <br> protected areas should be <br> emphasised in the plan. In <br> particular siting of infrastructure <br> should take full account of risks <br> identified in the relevant River <br> Basin Management Plan and in <br> any relevant Fresh Water Pearl <br> Mussel Sub-basin Plan. |  |  |


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|  |  |  |  |  |  | Mitigation is provided through Water and Environmental Services, and Natural Heritage objectives. <br> Compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive is a condition of BC-ED-O-2. |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ to promote co <br> The followin environmen Compliance | red: Avoidance/Mitigatio <br> olicies of Part C Tow <br> -11, NH-P-1 to NH vation of Natura site <br> licies also ensure ei SS-O-4, WES-O-5, <br> Article 6 of the Hab | /Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ns are subject to all other P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, and the integrity of the N <br> her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 <br> tats Directive is a conditio | olicies and obje -P-18 ensure ura network. Article 6 of the of BC-ED-O-2. | tives of the CDP compliance with <br> habitats Directiv | Natural Heritage Policies Article 6 of the Habitats <br> to protect Natura sites or | nd Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, Directive , provide protection and rotection of the wider |
| Economic Development Policies Specific to Buncrana |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BC-ED-P-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Buncrana | Tourism and other development and associated infrastructure could impact on Natura sites e.g. through disturbance, land take and habitat loss, resource demand and emissions. | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional developments together with new tourism development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As in BC-ED-O-1 above. <br> Compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive is a condition of BC-ED-P-3, and BC-ED-P-4. <br> Given the location of some proposed developments close to and within the Lough Swilly SAC |


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| BC-ED-P-2 | As in BC-ED-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-ED-P-1 above | As in BC-ED-P- <br> 1 above | As in BC-ED- <br> P-1 above | As in BC-ED-P-1 above |
| BC-ED-P-3 | As in BC-ED-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-ED-P-1 above | As in BC-ED-P- <br> SPA, <br> careful assessment of <br> proposed developments in <br> relation to compliance with the <br> requirements of Article 6 of the <br> Habitats Directive as required in <br> particular by objective NH-O-2 <br> of the CDP and BC-ED-P-3, BC- <br> ED-P-4, BC-ED-P-8, BC-ED-P-11, <br> BC-ED-P-12, BC-ED-P-13. <br> P-1 above |  |  |
| BC-ED-P-4 | As in BC-ED-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-ED-P-1 above | As in BC-ED-P- <br> 1 above | As in BC-ED- <br> P-1 above | As in BC-ED-P-1 above |


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| BC-ED-P-13 | As in BC-ED-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-ED-P-1 above | As in BC-ED-P- <br> 1 above | As in BC-ED- <br> P-1 above | As in BC-ED-P-1 above |  |

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Compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive is a condition of BC-ED-O-2, BC-ED-P-3, BC-ED-P-4, BC-ED-P-8, BC-ED-P-11, BC-ED-P-12, BC-ED-P-13.

## Retail Objectives Specific to Buncrana

| BC-R-O-1 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Buncrana | Development and <br> associated infrastructure <br> could impact on Natura <br> sites e.g. through <br> disturbance, land take <br> and habitat loss, <br> resource demand and <br> emissions. | Potential | None | None | As in BC-ED-O-1 above. |
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| BC-R-O-2 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Buncrana | As in BC-R-O-1 above | As in BC-R-O-1 <br> above | As in BC-R- <br> O-1 above | As in BC-R-O-1 above |  |

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NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive , provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

## Retail Policies Specific to Buncrana

| BC-R-P-1 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Buncrana | Development and <br> associated infrastructure <br> could impact on Natura <br> sites e.g. through <br> disturbance, land take <br> and habitat loss, <br> resource demand and <br> emissions. | Potential | None | None | As in BC-ED-O-1 above. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BC-R-P-2 | As in BC-R-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-R-P-1 above | As in BC-R-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-R-P- <br> 1 above | As in BC-R-P-1 above |  |
| BC-R-P-3 | As in BC-R-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-R-P-1 above | As in BC-R-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-R-P- <br> 1 above | As in BC-R-P-1 above |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Objectives and policies of Part C Towns are subject to all other policies and objectives of the CDP. Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive , provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

| Policy/ <br> Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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| Transportation Objectives Specific to Buncrana |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BC-T-0-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Buncrana | Transportation development and associated infrastructure could impact on Natura sites e.g. through disturbance, land take and habitat loss, resource demand and emissions. | Potential | None | None | As in BC-ED-O-1 above. |
| BC-T-0-2 | As in BC-T-O-1 above | As in BC-T-O-1 above | As in $\mathrm{BC}-\mathrm{T}-\mathrm{O}-1$ above | As in BC-T-O1 above | As in BC-T-O-1 above |  |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ to promote con The followin environment: | ired: Avoidance/Mitigatio policies of Part C Tow -11, NH-P-1 to NH vation of Natura site <br> licies also ensure ei ES-O-4, WES-O-5, | /Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ns are subject to all other -P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, N and the integrity of the N <br> her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 | olicies and objec -P-18 ensure ura network. <br> Article 6 of the | ctives of the CDP compliance with Habitats Directive | Natural Heritage Policies Article 6 of the Habitats to protect Natura sites or | and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, Directive , provide protection and protection of the wider |
| TRANSPORTATION POLICIES SPECIFIC TO BuNCRANA |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BC-T-P-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Buncrana | Transportation development and associated infrastructure could impact on Natura sites e.g. through | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional developments together with new tourism development in line with this objective could | As in BC-ED-O-1 above. |


| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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|  |  | disturbance, land take and habitat loss, resource demand and emissions. |  |  | combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. |  |
| BC-T-P-2 | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above |  |
| BC-T-P-3 | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above |  |
| BC-T-P-4 | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above |  |
| BC-T-P-5 | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P- <br> 1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above |  |
| BC-T-P-6 | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above | As in BC-T-P- <br> 1 above | As in BC-T-P-1 above |  |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ to promote co <br> The following environmen | ired: Avoidance/Mitiga policies of Part C -11, NH-P-1 to vation of Natura sis <br> licies also ensure ES-0-4, WES-0-5 | /Policy Deletion OR Amendme <br> ns are subject to all oth -P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, and the integrity of the <br> her explicit compliance ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES- | olicies and obje $-\mathrm{P}-18$ ensure ura network. <br> Article 6 of the | tives of the CDP ompliance with <br> Habitats Directiv | Natural Heritage Policie Article 6 of the Habitat to protect Natura sites | nd Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, irective , provide protection and rotection of the wider |
| BC-T-P-7 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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| None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Water Policies Specific to Buncrana |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BC-SW-P-1 | Potentially Lough Swilly SAC | Varied. Largely positive in specifying environmentally friendly surface water run-off systems | Positive | Positive | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housing Objectives Specific to Buncrana |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BC-H-0-1 | None | Objective seeks to identify the quantum and range of lands and is not zoning | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housing Policies Specific to Buncrana |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BC-H-P-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Buncrana | Housing development and associated infrastructure could impact on Natura sites e.g. through | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional developments together with new tourism development in line with this objective could | As in BC-ED-O-1 above. <br> Wording has been added to BC -H-P-1, BC-H-P-4 to require |


| Policy/ <br> Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be <br> Affected <br> (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of <br> Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of <br> Significance <br> Impact <br> $\mathbf{( Y / N )}$ | Potential of <br> Combination <br> Impacts | Risk of Significant <br> Combination <br> Impacts' |
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|  |  | disturbance, land take <br> and habitat loss, <br> resource demand and <br> emissions. |  | Mitigation <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | compliance with Article 6 of the <br> Habitats Directive. |
| BC-H-P-2 | As in BC-H-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-H-P-1 above | As in BC-H-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-H-P- <br> 1 above | As in BC-H-P-1 above |
| BC-H-P-3 | As in BC-H-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-H-P-1 above | As in BC-H-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-H-P- <br> 1 above | As in BC-H-P-1 above |
| BC-H-P-4 | As in BC-H-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-H-P-1 above | As in BC-H-P-1 <br> above | As in BC-H-P- <br> 1 above | As in BC-H-P-1 above |

## Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment

Objectives and policies of Part C Towns are subject to all other policies and objectives of the CDP. Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ to $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-11, \mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{P}-1$ to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive , provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.

The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

## Natural Heritage Policies Specific to Buncrana

| BC-NH-P-1 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of <br> Buncrana | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BC-NH-P-2 | Potentially all <br> sites in the <br> vicinity of | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive |  |


| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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|  | Buncrana |  |  |  |  |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Built Heritage Objectives Specific to Buncrana |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BC-BH-0-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Built Heritage Policies Specific to Buncrana |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BC-BH-P-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| BC-BH-P-2 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| BC-BH-P-3 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Social, Community and Cultural Objectives Specific to Buncrana |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BC-SCC-0-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Buncrana | Development and associated infrastructure could impact on Natura sites e.g. through disturbance, land take and habitat loss, | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional developments together with new tourism development in line with this objective could combine to cause | As in BC-ED-O-1 above. |


| Policy/ <br> Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be <br> Affected <br> (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of <br> Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of <br> Significance <br> Impact <br> (Y/N) | Potential of <br> Combination <br> Impacts | Risk of Significant <br> Combination <br> Impacts' | Mitigation |
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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Objectives and policies of Part C Towns are subject to all other policies and objectives of the CDP. Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive , provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

| BC-SCC-0-2 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BC-SCC-0-3 | As in BC-SCC-O-1 above | As in BC-SCC-0-1 above | As in BC-SCC-O-1 above | As in BC-SCC-0-1 above | As in BC-SCC-O-1 above | As in BC-SCC-O-1 above |

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The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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| BC-SCC-0-4 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Social, Community and Cultural Policies Specific to Buncrana |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BC-SCC-P-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Buncrana | Development of amenity areas and infrastructure required can impact Natura sites e.g. through access roads, facilities, disturbance, habitat loss. | Potential | Unlikely | None | As in BC-SCC-O-1 above. BC-SCC-P-1 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. |
| BC-SCC-P-2 | Potentially Lough <br> Swilly SAC and Lough Swilly SPA | Largely positive in protecting environmental integrity. | Potential | Unlikely | None |  |

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BC-SCC-P-1 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chapter 14 Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Strategic Economic Development Objectives Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-SO-ED-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-SO-ED-2 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | Development and infrastructure required can impact Natura sites e.g. through access roads, facilities, disturbance, habitat loss. | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional developments together with new tourism development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by high level strategic objectives and policies. However, in implementing the Strategic Economic Development strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be |
| BD-SO-ED-3 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above | implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular siting of infrastructure should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. |


| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. <br> Mitigation is provided through Water and Environmental Services, and Natural Heritage objectives. |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
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The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be <br> Affected <br> (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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| Employment Location Policies Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-ED-P-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | Development generating employment and infrastructure required can impact Natura sites e.g. through access roads, facilities, emissions, disturbance, habitat loss. | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional developments together with development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above |
| BD-ED-P-2 | As in BD- ED-P-1 above | As in BD- ED-P-1 above | As in BD- ED-P-1 above | As in BD- ED-P-1 above | As in BD- ED-P-1 above |  |
| BD-ED-P-3 | As in BD- ED-P-1 above | As in BD- ED-P-1 above | As in BD- ED-P-1 above | As in BD- ED-P-1 above | As in BD- ED-P-1 above |  |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives a NH-O-8 to promote con <br> The following environment | red: Avoidance/Mitigatio olicies of Part C Tow -11, NH-P-1 to NH ation of Natura site <br> licies also ensure eit ES-O-4, WES-O-5, | /Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ns are subject to all other -P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, N and the integrity of the N <br> her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 | policies and obje -P-18 ensure tura network. <br> Article 6 of the | tives of the CDP compliance with <br> Habitats Directiv | Natural Heritage Policies Article 6 of the Habitats <br> to protect Natura sites or | nd Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, irective , provide protection and protection of the wider |
| Supply of Employment Generating Lands Objectives Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-ED-0-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | As in BD- ED-P-1 above | As in BD- ED-P-1 above | As in BD- ED-P-1 above | As in BD- ED-P-1 above | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above |


| Policy/ <br> Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be <br> Affected <br> (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of <br> Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of <br> Significance <br> Impact <br> (Y/N) | Potential of <br> Combination <br> Impacts | Risk of Significant <br> Combination <br> Impacts' | Mitigation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BD-ED-O-2 | As in BD-ED-O-1 <br> above | As in BD-ED-O-1 above | As in BD-ED- <br> O-1 above | As in BD-ED- <br> O-1 above | As in BD-ED-O-1 above |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
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The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

## Supply of Employment Generating Lands Policies Specific to Bundoran

| BD-ED-P-4 | As in BD-ED-O-1 <br> above | As in BD-ED-O-1 above | As in BD-ED- <br> O-1 above | As in BD-ED- <br> O-1 above | As in BD-ED-O-1 above | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BD-ED-P-5 | As in BD-ED-O-1 <br> above | As in BD-ED-O-1 above | As in BD-ED- <br> $\mathrm{O}-1$ above | As in BD-ED- <br> $\mathrm{O}-1$ above | As in BD-ED-O-1 above |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
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| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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| Retail Objectives Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-R-0-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| BD-R-0-2 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail Policies (Primary Retail Core) Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-R-P-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | Development and infrastructure required can impact Natura sites e.g. through access roads, facilities, emissions, disturbance, habitat loss. | Potentially | Unlikely | None | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives a $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ to promote con <br> The following environmen | ired: Avoidance/Mitigati policies of Part C To O-11, NH-P-1 to N vation of Natura site <br> olicies also ensure e ES-O-4, WES-O-5, | /Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ns are subject to all other P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, and the integrity of the <br> her explicit compliance with ES-0-6, WES-P-4, WES-P | olicies and obje -P-18 ensure ura network. <br> Article 6 of the | ctives of the CDP compliance with Habitats Directive | Natural Heritage Polici Article 6 of the Habita to protect Natura sites | and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, Directive , provide protection and protection of the wider |
| Retail Policies (SECONDARY Retail Core) Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-R-P-2 | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P- <br> 1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above |


| Policy/ Objective | Natura 2000 <br> That May Be Affected (Name/Code) | Potential Impact of Policy/ <br> Objective | Risk of Significance Impact (Y/N) | Potential of Combination Impacts | Risk of Significant Combination Impacts' | Mitigation |
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| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment As in BD-R-P-1 above |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Town Centre Objectives Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-TC-O-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Town Centre Policies Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-TC-P-1 | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P- <br> 1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above |
| BD-TC-P-2 | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above |  |
| BD-TC-P-3 | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above | As in BD-R-P- <br> 1 above | As in BD-R-P-1 above |  |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives NH-O-8 to promote con <br> The followin environmen | ired: Avoidance/Mitiga policies of Part C -11, NH-P-1 to vation of Natura s <br> olicies also ensure ES-O-4, WES-O-5 | /Policy Deletion OR Amendme ns are subject to all oth P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, and the integrity of the her explicit compliance ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES- | olicies and obje -P-18 ensure ura network. <br> Article 6 of the | tives of the CDP compliance with Habitats Directive | Natural Heritage Polici Article 6 of the Habitat to protect Natura sites | nd Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, irective , provide protection and rotection of the wider |


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| Lands on the Seaward Side of the Town Centre Policy Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-TC-P-4 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | Development and infrastructure required can impact Natura sites e.g. through access roads, facilities, emissions, disturbance, habitat loss. | Potentially | Unlikely | None | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives a NH-O-8 to promote con <br> The following environment: | ired: Avoidance/Mitigatio policies of Part C To -11, NH-P-1 to NH vation of Natura site <br> licies also ensure eit ES-O-4, WES-O-5, | /Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ns are subject to all other -P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, and the integrity of the <br> her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P | olicies and obje -P-18 ensure tura network. Article 6 of the | ctives of the CDP compliance with <br> Habitats Directive | Natural Heritage Polic Article 6 of the Habita <br> to protect Natura sites | nd Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, irective , provide protection and rotection of the wider |
| Amusement Arcade Objectives Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-TC-0-2 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Amusement Arcade Policies Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-TC-P-5 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | Development and infrastructure required can impact Natura sites e.g. through access roads, facilities, emissions, disturbance. | Potentially | Unlikely | None | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above |


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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Objectives and policies of Part C Towns are subject to all other policies and objectives of the CDP. Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive , provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

| Roads and Parking Objectives Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BD-T-0-1 | As in BD-TC-P-5 above | As in BD-TC-P-5 above | As in BD-TC-P5 above | As in BD-TC-P-5 above | As in BD-TC-P-5 above | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above |
| BD-T-0-2 | As in BD-TC-P-5 above | As in BD-TC-P-5 above | As in BD-TC-P- <br> 5 above | As in BD-TC-P-5 above | As in BD-TC-P-5 above |  |

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Roads and Parking Policies Specific to Bundoran

| BD-T-P-1 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Bundoran | Development and <br> infrastructure required <br> can impact Natura sites <br> e.g. through access <br> roads, facilities, | Potentially | Unlikely | None | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above |
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|  |  | emissions, disturbance. |  |  |  |  |
| BD-T-P-2 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | As in BD-T-P-1 above | Potentially | Unlikely | None |  |

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The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8

## Pedestrian and Cycle Route Network Objectives Specific to Bundoran

| BD-T-0-3 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | Infrastructure associated with networks could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Unlikely | None | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pedestrian and Cycle Route Network Policies Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-T-P-3 | As in BD-TO-3 above | As in BD-TO-3 above | As in BD-TO-3 above | As in BD-TO- <br> 3 above | As in BD-TO-3 above | As in BD-TO-3 above |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
Objectives and policies of Part C Towns are subject to all other policies and objectives of the CDP. Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network.
The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider

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| environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ACCESS TO BACKLANDS AND ZONED LAND POLICIES Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-T-P-4 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | Infrastructure associated with developments could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Unlikely | None | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above |
| BD-T-P-5 | As in BD-T-P-4 above | As in BD-T-P-4 above | As in BD-T-P-4 above | As in BD-T-P4 above | As in BD-T-P-4 above |  |
| BD-T-P-6 | As in BD-T-P-4 above | As in BD-T-P-4 above | As in BD-T-P-4 above | As in BD-T-P4 above | As in BD-T-P-4 above |  |
| BD-T-P-7 | As in BD-T-P-4 above | As in BD-T-P-4 above | As in BD-T-P-4 above | As in BD-T-P4 above | As in BD-T-P-4 above |  |
| Specific Action <br> Objectives NH-O-8 to promote co <br> The followin environmen | ired: Avoidance/Mitigatio policies of Part C To -11, NH-P-1 to NH vation of Natura site <br> olicies also ensure e ES-O-4, WES-O-5, | Policy Deletion OR Amendme ns are subject to all oth P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, and the integrity of the <br> her explicit compliance ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES- | policies and objectiv -P-18 ensure tura network. Article 6 of the | ctives of the CDP. compliance with <br> Habitats Directive | Natural Heritage Polici Article 6 of the Habitat to protect Natura sites | and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, irective , provide protection and rotection of the wider |
| BD-T-P-8 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| BD-T-P-9 | None | None | None | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Water Quality Policy Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-WQ-P-1 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Surface Water Quality Policies Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-SWQ-P-1 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | Generally positive. Infrastructure associated with walkways and recreational uses may impact Natura sites. | Varied | Unlikely | None | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above |
| BD-SWQ-P-2 | As in BD-SWQ-P-1 above | As in BD-SWQ-P-1 above | As in BD-SWQ-P-1 above | As in BD-SWQ-P-1 above | As in BD-SWQ-P-1 above |  |
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| environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housing Objectives Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-H-O-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housing Policies Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-H-P-1 | Potentially all sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | Infrastructure associated with housing developments could impact on Natura sites | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional developments together with development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | As in BD-SO-ED-2 above. <br> Wording to require compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive was added to BD-H-P1 and BD-H-P-3 |
| BD-H-P-2 | As in BD-H-P-1 above | As in BD-H-P-1 above | As in BD-H-P-1 above | As in BD-H-P-1 above | As in BD-H-P-1 above |  |
| BD-H-P-3 | As in BD-H-P-1 above | As in BD-H-P-1 above | As in BD-H-P-1 above | As in BD-H-P-1 above | As in BD-H-P-1 above |  |
| BD-H-P-4 | As in BD-H-P-1 above | As in BD-H-P-1 above | As in BD-H-P-1 above | As in BD-HP -1 above | As in BD-H-P-1 above |  |
| Objectives and policies of Part C Towns are subject to all other policies and objectives of the CDP. Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive , provide protection and |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| promote conservation of Natura sites and the integrity of the Natura network. <br> The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect Natura sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 <br> BD-H-P-1 and BD-H-P-3 require compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Strategic Natural and Built Heritage Objective Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-S0-BH-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | Positive | Positive | Positive | Positive | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Landscape, Scenic Views and Prospects Objective Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-LSP-0-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LANDSCAPE, SCENIC Views and Prospects Policy Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-LSP-P-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| INLAND Waters Policies Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-IW-P-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | Largely positive. | Unlikely | None | None | None |
| BD-IW-P-2 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | Largely positive. | Unlikely | None | None |  |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ARCHITECTURAL Conservation Areas Policies Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-AH-P-1 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-AH-P-2 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | New or upgraded infrastructure required for developments could impact Natura sites e.g. access roads, water resource demands, emissions. | Potential | Unlikely | None | Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage objectives, in particular NH-O-1 to NH-O-4 and associated policies. |
| BD-AH-P-3 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of | New or upgraded infrastructure required | Potential | Unlikely | None |  |


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|  | Bundoran | for developments could <br> impact Natura sites e.g. <br> access roads, water <br> resource demands, <br> emissions. |  |  |  |  |

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BD-H-P-1 and BD-H-P-3 require compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

| BD-AH-P-4 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BD-AH-P-5 | None | None | None | None | None |  |

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment
None

## TOURISM POLICIES SPECIFIC TO BUNDORAN

| BD-TO-P-1 | Potentially sites in <br> the vicinity of <br> Bundoran | New or upgraded <br> infrastructure required <br> for tourism <br> developments could <br> impact Natura sites e.g. <br> access roads, water | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional <br> developments together <br> with development in line <br> with this objective could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure | It is not possible to assess in <br> detail the mitigation required by <br> high level strategic objectives <br> and policies. However, in <br> implementing the Strategic <br> Economic Development |
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|  |  | resource demands, emissions, and through disturbance. |  |  | on a protected site. | strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular siting of infrastructure should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. <br> Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats |

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|  |  |  |  | to the integrity of Natura 2000 <br> sites. <br> Mitigation is provided through <br> Water and Environmental <br> Services, and Natural Heritage <br> objectives. |  |  |
| BD-TO-P-2 | As in BD-TO-P-1 <br> above | As in BD-TO-P-1 above | As in BD-TO-P- <br> 1 above | As in BD-TO- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-TO-P-1 above | Wording has been added to <br> policy BD-TO-P-1 to highlight <br> compliance with Article 6 of <br> Habitats Directive. |
| BD-TO-P-3 | As in BD-TO-P-1 <br> above | As in BD-TO-P-1 above | As in BD-TO-P- <br> 1 above | As in BD-TO- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-TO-P-1 above |  |
| BD-TO-P-4 | As in BD-TO-P-1 <br> above | As in BD-TO-P-1 above | As in BD-TO-P- <br> 1 above | As in BD-TO- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-TO-P-1 above |  |
| BD-TO-P-5 | As in BD-TO-P-1 <br> above | As in BD-TO-P-1 above | As in BD-TO-P- <br> 1 above | As in BD-TO- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-TO-P-1 above |  |

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| environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 Wording has been added to policy BD-TO-P-1 to highlight compli |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coastal and Marine Policies Specific to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-CM-P-1 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of Bundoran | New or upgraded infrastructure required for developments could impact Natura sites e.g. access roads, water resource demands, emissions, and through disturbance. | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional developments together with development in line with this policy could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by high level strategic objectives and policies. However, in implementing the Coastal and Marine strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the plan. In particular siting of infrastructure should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. <br> When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on Natura 2000 sites. |


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|  |  |  |  |  |  | Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. <br> Mitigation is provided through Water and Environmental Services, and Natural Heritage objectives. |
| BD-CM-P-2 | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above |  |
| BD-CM-P-3 | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above |  |
| BD-CM-P-4 | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above |  |
| BD-CM-P-5 | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above |  |
| BD-CM-P-6 | Potentially sites in the vicinity of | Largely positive in seeking to protect | Unlikely | None | None |  |


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|  | Bundoran | natural heritage of the Coastal Conservation Zone |  |  |  |  |
| BD-CM-P-7 | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above |  |
| BD-CM-P-8 | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above |  |

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BD-CM-P-12 and BD-CM-P-13 explicitly require protection of Natura sites. Wording added to policy BD-TO-P-1 to highlight compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive is also very relevant here.

| BD-CM-P-9 | None | None | None | None | None | None |
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| Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion OR Amendment None |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-CM-P-10 | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above |  |
| BD-CM-P-11 | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above |  |


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| BD-CM-P-12 | As in BD-CM-P-1 <br> above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-CM- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above |  |
| BD-CM-P-13 | As in BD-CM-P-1 <br> above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-CM- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above |  |
| BD-CM-P-14 | As in BD-CM-P-1 <br> above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-CM- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above |  |
| BD-CM-P-15 | As in BD-CM-P-1 <br> above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-CM- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above |  |

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## Community Use of School Facilities Policies Specific to Bundoran

| BD-SCC-P-1 | As in BD-CM-P-1 <br> above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM- <br> $\mathrm{P}-1$ above | As in BD-CM- <br> $\mathrm{P}-1$ above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above. |
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| Wording has been added to BD- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SCC-P-2 to ensure compliance |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| with the requirements of Article |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 of the Habitats Directive |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BD-SCC-P-2 | As in BD-CM-P-1 <br> above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above | As in BD-CM- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-CM- <br> P-1 above | As in BD-CM-P-1 above |  |

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Wording has been added to BD-SCC-P-2 to ensure compliance with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

## Zoning Objectives in relation to Letterkenny

| Established <br> Development | Potentially all <br> sites in the zone <br> of influence of <br> Letterkenny | The intent of zoning for <br> Letterkenny is to <br> provide for appropriate <br> planning and sustainable <br> development subject to <br> consideration (amongst <br> others) of environmental <br> designations. <br> Infrastructure <br> associated with <br> development, increased <br> resource demands and <br> emissions, disturbance <br> and land take can all | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional <br> developments together <br> with development in line <br> with this policy could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | The zoning objectives set out in <br> the CDP are <br> robust and evidence based in <br> relation to environmental <br> considerations and capacity to <br> absorb proposed development. <br> The analysis of provision and <br> availability of infrastructure has <br> allowed development to be <br> directed to appropriate areas <br> within the county and to avoid <br> the most vulnerable and <br> sensitive areas. The strategy of |
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|  |  | impact on the Natura network. |  |  |  | sequential outward development within the settlement layers and policies restricting many developments to urban areas also avoids pressures on receiving environments, in particular on Natura 2000 sites. <br> In particular the provisions of Natural Heritage objectives and policies set out in Part B of the Development Plan provide for compliance with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. |
| Strategic Community Opportunity | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above |  |
| Community Facilities | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above |  |
| Town Centre | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above |  |
| Primarily ResidentialPhase 1 | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above |  |
| Strategic Residential Reserve | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above |  |
| General Employment | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' above | As in 'Established Development' | As in 'Established Development' | As in 'Established Development' above |  |


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| Commercial | As in 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above |
| Opportunity <br> Sites | As in 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above |
| Education | As in 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above |
| Open Space | As in 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above |
| Local <br> Environment | As in 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above |
| risk | As in 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above |


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| Services | As in 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above |  |
| Neighbourhoo <br> d Centre Area | As in 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in <br> 'Established <br> Development' <br> above | As in 'Established <br> Development' above |  |

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## Zoning Objectives in relation to Buncrana

| Residential <br> (Phase 1) | Potentially all <br> sites in the zone <br> of influence of <br> Buncrana | The intent of zoning for <br> Buncrana is to provide <br> for appropriate planning <br> and sustainable <br> development subject to <br> consideration (amongst <br> others) of environmental <br> designations. <br> Infrastructure <br> associated with | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional <br> developments together <br> with development in line <br> with this policy could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | The zoning objectives set out in <br> the CDP are <br> robust and evidence based in <br> relation to environmental <br> considerations and capacity to <br> absorb proposed development. <br> The analysis of provision and <br> availability of infrastructure has <br> allowed development to be |
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|  |  | development, increased resource demands and emissions, disturbance and land take can all impact on the Natura network. |  |  |  | directed to appropriate areas within the county and to avoid the most vulnerable and sensitive areas. The strategy of sequential outward development within the settlement layers and policies restricting many developments to urban areas also avoids pressures on receiving environments, in particular on Natura 2000 sites. <br> In particular the provisions of Natural Heritage objectives and policies set out in the Part B of the Development Plan provide for compliance with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. |
| Strategic Residential Reserve | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above |  |
| Town Centre | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above |  |
| Community/ Service | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above |  |
| Amenity/ Recreation | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase <br> 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase <br> 1)' above |  |
| Mixed Use/ Tourism | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase <br> 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase <br> 1)' above |  |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| General Employment | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase <br> 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above |  |
| Established Development | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase <br> 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above |  |
| Infrastructure | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase <br> 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase <br> 1)' above |  |
| Coastal <br> Protection Area | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase <br> 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above |  |
| Agricultural/ <br> Rural | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase <br> 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above | As in 'Residential (Phase 1)' above |  |

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| environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Zoning Objectives in relation to Bundoran |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Open Space/ Amenity | Potentially all sites in the zone of influence of Bundoran | The intent of zoning for Bundoran is to provide for appropriate planning and sustainable development subject to consideration (amongst others) of environmental designations. <br> Infrastructure associated with development, increased resource demands and emissions, disturbance and land take can all impact on the Natura network. | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional developments together with development in line with this policy could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site. | The zoning objectives set out in the CDP are <br> robust and evidence based in relation to environmental considerations and capacity to absorb proposed development. The analysis of provision and availability of infrastructure has allowed development to be directed to appropriate areas within the county and to avoid the most vulnerable and sensitive areas. The strategy of sequential outward development within the settlement layers and policies restricting many |
| Caravan Park | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity above | As in 'Open Space/Ameni ty' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | developments to urban areas also avoids pressures on receiving environments, in |
| Coastal Conservation Zone | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity ' above | As in 'Open Space/Ameni ty' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | In particular the provisions of Natural Heritage objectives and |
| Coastal Management | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' | As in 'Open | As in 'Open Space/Amenity | As in 'Open Space/Ameni | As in 'Open |  |


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| Zone | above | Space/Amenity' above | ' above | ty' above | Space/Amenity' above |
| Community <br> Facilities | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' <br> above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity <br> ' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Ameni <br> ty' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above <br> requirements of Article 6 of the <br> Habitats Directive. |
| East and West <br> Gateway <br> Opportunity <br> Sites | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' <br> above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity <br> ' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Ameni <br> ty' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above |
| Enterprise / <br> Employment | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' <br> above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity <br> ' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Ameni <br> ty' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above |
| Established <br> Development | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' <br> above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity <br> ' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Ameni <br> ty' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above |
| Established <br> Rural <br> Development | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' <br> above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity <br> ' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Ameni <br> ty' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above |
| Finner Camp <br> Opportunity <br> Site | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' <br> above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity <br> ' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Ameni <br> ty' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above |
| Liable to <br> Flood | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' <br> above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity <br> ' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Ameni <br> ty' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Opportunity Sites | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity ' above | As in 'Open Space/Ameni ty' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above |  |
| Proposed <br> Road <br> Alignments <br> (Indicative) | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity ' above | As in 'Open Space/Ameni ty' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above |  |
| Protected Structures and National Monuments | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity ' above | As in 'Open Space/Ameni ty' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above |  |
| Provision of Walk/ Cycleways | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity above | As in 'Open Space/Ameni ty' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above |  |
| Recreational/ Leisure | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity ' above | As in 'Open Space/Ameni ty' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above |  |
| Residential Phase 1 | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity ' above | As in 'Open Space/Ameni ty' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above |  |
| Residential Phase 2 | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity ' above | As in 'Open Space/Ameni ty' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above |  |
| Tourist Facilities | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open Space/Amenity | As in 'Open Space/Ameni | As in 'Open Space/Amenity' above |  |


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|  | above |  | ' above | ty' above |  |  |
| Town Centre | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' <br> above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity <br> ' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Ameni <br> ty' above | As in 'Open <br> Space/Amenity' above |  |

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## Zoning Objectives in relation to Settlements

| Residential | Potentially all <br> sites in the zone <br> of influence of <br> Settlements | The intent of zoning for <br> settlements is to provide <br> for appropriate planning <br> and sustainable <br> development subject to <br> consideration (amongst <br> others) of environmental <br> designations. <br> Infrastructure <br> associated with <br> development, increased <br> resource demands and <br> emissions, disturbance <br> and land take can all | Potential | Potential | Potential. Regional <br> developments together <br> with development in line <br> with this policy could <br> combine to cause <br> unacceptable pressure <br> on a protected site. | The zoning objectives set out in <br> the CDP are <br> robust and evidence based in <br> relation to environmental <br> considerations and capacity to <br> absorb proposed development. <br> The analysis of provision and <br> availability of infrastructure has <br> allowed development to be <br> directed to appropriate areas <br> within the county and to avoid <br> the most vulnerable and <br> sensitive areas. The strategy of |
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|  |  | impact on the Natura network. |  |  |  | sequential outward development within the settlement layers and policies restricting many developments to urban areas also avoids pressures on receiving environments, in particular on Natura 2000 sites. <br> In particular the provisions of Natural Heritage objectives and policies set out in the Part B of the Development Plan provide for compliance with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. |
| Amenity | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above |  |
| Opportunity Sites | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above |  |
| Town Centre | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above |  |
| Education | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above |  |
| Tourism | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above |  |
| Community Facilities | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above |  |
| Town Centre | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above |  |


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| Infrastructure / Utilities | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above | As in 'Residential' above |  |
| Specific Action Req <br> Objectives and $\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{O}-8$ to NH promote conse <br> The following environment: | red: Avoidance/Mitigati olicies of Part C To -11, NH-P-1 to N ation of Natura sit <br> licies also ensure SS-O-4, WES-O-5, | /Policy Deletion OR Amendment <br> ns are subject to all other P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, N and the integrity of the N <br> her explicit compliance with ES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 | policies and obje -P-18 ensure ura network. <br> Article 6 of the | tives of the CDP compliance with <br> Habitats Directiv | Natural Heritage Policies Article 6 of the Habitats <br> to protect Natura sites or | nd Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, irective , provide protection and rotection of the wider |


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