



**Comhairle Contae  
Dhún na nGall**  
Donegal County Council

## **Determination of the Need for Appropriate Assessment of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018- 2024.**

At the adjourned meeting of Donegal County Council on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and in accordance with section 12(5) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Members of Donegal County Council considered the Draft Plan and the Chief Executive's Section 12(4) Report on submissions or observations made during the public consultation process, and decided to amend the Draft Plan. The amendments include a total of 40 proposed Material Alterations.

As required by section 12(7)(aa) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), a determination shall be made if a Strategic Environmental Assessment or Appropriate Assessment or both such assessments, as the case may be, is or are required to be carried out as respects one or more than one proposed Material Alteration of the Draft Development Plan.

To this end, a report entitled 'AA Screening of Proposed Material Alterations', December 2017' has been prepared and it determines that:

- 6 of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP 2018-2024 are not foreseen to give rise to any significant adverse effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects and consequently, a Stage 2 AA is not required for those Material Alterations (Proposed Material Alterations Refs 3, 7, 16, 25, 27, 31). This evaluation is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated.
- In relation to the remaining 34 proposed Material Alterations it is not possible to conclude beyond reasonable scientific doubt that there is likely to be no significant impacts on the integrity of any of the Natura 2000 network of European sites arising from those Material Alterations. Therefore it is necessary to proceed to Stage 2 AA in regards to 34 of the proposed Material Alterations (proposed Material Alteration Refs: 1, 2, 4-6, 8-15, 17-24, 26, 28-30, 32-40).

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