



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

Determination of the Need for Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018- 2024.

At the adjourned meeting of Donegal County Council on 13th 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 'SEA Screening of Proposed Material Alterations', December 2017' has been prepared and it determines that:

- (i) 14 of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP 2018-2024 are not foreseen to give rise to any significant effects on the environment and consequently, a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required for those Material Alterations (Proposed Material Alteration Refs 2-9, 14-18 and 31).
- (ii) In relation to the remaining 26 proposed Material Alterations it is not possible to conclude that there is likely to be no significant effects on the environment, taking account of relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended) and therefore it is necessary to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment in regards to those proposed Material Alterations (Proposed Material Alterations Refs 1, 10-13, 19-30, 32-40).

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