



Determination of the Need for Appropriate Assessment of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plan 2018-2024 for the towns of An Clochán Liath (Dungloe), Ballybofey-Stranorlar, Ballyshannon, Bridgend, Carndonagh, Donegal Town and Killybegs

At the plenary meeting of Donegal County Council on 26th March 2018 and in accordance with Section 20(d) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Members of Donegal County Council considered the Draft Local Area Plan and the Chief Executive's Section 20(c) Report on submissions or observations made during the public consultation process together with an Addendum to the Chief Executives Report dated 21st March 2018, and decided to amend the Draft Local Area Plan. The amendments include a total of 118 proposed Material Alterations.

As required by Section 20(f) 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 Local Area Plan.

To this end, a report entitled 'Addendum to Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening of Draft Seven Strategic Towns LAP 2018-2024 – AA Screening of Proposed Material Alterations, April 2018' has been prepared and it determines that:

- 18 of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft LAP 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: GENMA1, CLMA1, CLMA11, BYMA1-BYMA4, BYMA10, BEMA1, BEMA2, BEMA4-BEMA7, CNMA5, KBMA2, KBMA3 and KBMA8).
- In relation to the remaining 100 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 100 of the Proposed Material Alterations (Proposed Material Alteration Refs: GENMA2, GENMA3, CLMA2-CLMA10, CLMA12-CLMA17, BSMA1-BSMA17, BYMA5-BYMA9, BYMA11-BYMA26, BEMA3, BEMA8, BEMA9, CNMA1-CNMA4, CNMA6-CNMA9, DTMA1-DTMA7, DTMA9-DTMA26, KBMA1, KBMA4-KBMA7 and KBMA9-KBMA12).

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