



Determination of the Need for Strategic Environmental 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 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of Draft Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plan 2018-2024 – SEA Screening of Proposed Material Alterations, April 2018' has been prepared and it determines that:

- 24 of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft LAP 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: GENMA1, CLMA1, CLMA8, CLMA9, CLMA11, BSMA15, BSMA16, BYMA1-BYMA4, BYMA10, BEMA1- BEMA7, CNMA4, CNMA5, KBMA2, KBMA3, KBMA8).
- In relation to the remaining 94 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: GENMA2-GENMA3, CLMA2- CLMA7, CLMA10, CLMA12- CLMA17, BSMA1- BSMA14, BSMA17, BYMA5- BYMA9, BYMA11- BYMA26, BEMA8- BEMA9, CNMA1- CNMA3, CNMA6- CNMA9, DTMA1- DTMA25, KBMA1, KBMA4- KBMA7, KBMA9-KBMA12).

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