



Comhairle Chontae Liatroma Leitrim County Council

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination under the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended) and Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora, as amended) for:

Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 58 and Section 202 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (SI No. 34), as amended, and Article 6(3) of the European Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC), as amended, this determination is being made by Leitrim County Council relating to the potential for Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 to have likely significant effects on any European Site.

In carrying out this Screening for AA, the following is being taken into account:

- Proposed Variation No. 1;
- Screening for AA Report and associated Screening for AA Determination for Proposed Variation No. 1; and
- Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 1; and
- Screening for AA Report for Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 1.

As is demonstrated and concluded in the Screening for AA Report for Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 1:

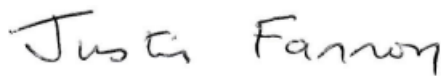
- The source-pathway-receptor model was applied, i.e. the Proposed Material Alterations were examined for sources for potential effects, alongside an examination of pathways for effects of any sources presented in the Proposed Variation to the Qualifying Interests and Special Conservation Interests (i.e., receptors), in view of their Conservation Objectives, of each European site assessed. In applying this model, it was found that no potential sources for any significant effects to any European site considered would arise from the implementation of the Proposed Material Alterations that have not already been considered by the Stage 2 AA undertaken for the existing the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 (the findings of which are provided in the Natura Impact Report accompanying the Plan).
- As such, the risks to the safeguarding of the Conservation Objectives of the Qualifying Interests, Special Conservation Interests of the European sites have been addressed through existing, already in-force policies and objectives within the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 - with which all lower tier plans/projects must comply. In addition, any future projects, plans etc. that may arise will themselves be subject to AA/screening for AA when further details of design and location are known.
- Therefore, it is concluded in this Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report, to inform the competent authority carrying out the AA Screening, that Proposed Material Alterations to

Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 are not foreseen to have any likelihood for any significant effect on any European site, alone or in combination with other plans or projects. Therefore, any likelihood for significant effect to any European site and the Qualifying Interests and Special Conservation Interests therein, as a result of the Proposed Material Alterations, can be ruled out. Consequently, a Stage Two AA (Natura Impact Report) is not required.

The undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented above.

The undersigned hereby determines that any likelihood of any Proposed Material Alteration (either individually or in combination with any other plan or project) having any significant effect on any European site can be excluded in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated. Therefore, Stage 2 AA for the Proposed Material Alterations is not required.

Signatory:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Farnon". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Date:

5th August 2026