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Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination under:

**Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004
(SI No. 436 of 2004), as amended by the Planning and Development (Strategic
Environmental Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (SI No. 201 of 2011)**

for:

Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028

An SEA Screening determination as to whether Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 is likely to have significant effects on the environment is being made by Galway County Council under Article 7 (13K) of the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004) as amended by the Planning and Development (SEA) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (SI No. 201 of 2011).

In making the determination, the information contained in the accompanying Screening for SEA Report (including information provided in response to Screening for SEA consultations with environmental authorities and an examination of the need to undertake SEA against relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the above Regulations) is being taken into account. That information has been carefully considered and its reasoning and conclusion agreed with and adopted – allowing a determination to be made that Proposed Variation No. 1 would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

The Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028 has been subject to full SEA, which identified various environmental effects arising from implementation of the Plan, and facilitated the integration of measures into the Development Plan to ensure the appropriate protection and management of the environment with which all lower tier plans/projects must comply. Proposed Variation No. 1 would contribute towards the proper planning and sustainable development of the County and the consequential environmental effects that have been identified by the SEA for the existing Plan. Taking into account the measures that have already been integrated into the existing Plan that provide for and contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, any potential effects arising from Proposed Variation No. 1, would either: be present already (beneficial) and would be further contributed towards, but not to a significant extent; and/or would be mitigated so as not to be significant (adverse).

Furthermore:

- The accompanying Screening for AA Report concludes that the Proposed Variation No. 1 is not foreseen to have any likelihood for any significant effects on any European site, alone or in combination with other plans or projects¹; and
- The appended SFRA Report demonstrates that the Plan, as varied, will continue to be consistent with the Flood Risk Management Ministerial Guidelines.

Taking into account all of the above, it is determined that Proposed Variation No. 1 would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects and, consequently, that SEA is not required to be undertaken on the Proposed Variation.

Signatory:

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Date:

20.11.2025

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20.11.25.

¹ Except as provided for in Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive, viz. There must be: a) no alternative solution available; b) imperative reasons of overriding public interest for the plan to proceed; and c) Adequate compensatory measures in place.