



**Variation No. 2 (Newbridge Settlement Plan)
of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied)**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination in accordance with the
EU's Habitats Directive Article 6(3) and
Section 202 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended)**

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination has been made by Kildare County Council regarding Variation No. 2 (Newbridge Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied).

Variation No. 2 (Newbridge Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied), through a series of objectives, will ensure that a planning framework is in place which will guide the future development of Newbridge up to 2029.

Having regard to the contents of the Variation No.2 (Newbridge Settlement Plan) to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied), following an examination, analysis and evaluation of the best available information, and applying the precautionary principle, it can be concluded that the possibility of any significant effects on any European sites, whether arising from the Variation No.2 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied) alone or in combination with other plans and projects, can be excluded. In reaching this conclusion, the nature of Variation No. 2 and its potential relationship with all European sites within the Zone of Influence (Zoi), and their Conservation Objectives, have been fully considered.

This decision has been informed by analysis prepared by ARUP in addition to the Variation No. 2 (Newbridge Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied) screening reports, including the screening of the proposed material alterations and other material pertinent to the European Sites held by the Council.

In conclusion, in accordance with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and Section 202 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended), taking into account all matters relevant, it has been determined that Variation No.2 (Newbridge Settlement Plan) to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied) individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have likely significant effects on a European site and an appropriate assessment is not required.

Signed: Alan Dunney

Director of Service - Planning, Enterprise, Economic Development and Emergency
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Signatory (Approved Officer):

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Dunney'.

Date:

26/10/2026