



**Proposed Variation No. 3 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 177U of the Planning and  
Development Act 2000 (as amended).**

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening determination has been made by Kildare County Council regarding the Proposed Variation No.3 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as amended).

Having regard to the contents of the Proposed Variation No.3 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as amended), 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 Proposed Variation No.3 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as amended) alone or in combination with other plans and projects, can be excluded. In reaching this conclusion, the nature of Variation (No. 3) and its potential relationship with all European sites within the Zone of Influence (Zol), and their Conservation Objectives, have been fully considered.

This decision has been informed by an analysis by Arup, in addition to the Proposed Variation No.3 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as amended) provided by Kildare County Council 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 177U of the Planning and Development 2000 (as amended), taking into account all matters relevant it has been determined that Proposed Variation No.3 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as amended) individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have likely significant effects on a European site.

**Signed:** *Ger Maher* 24/10/2025 | 2:49 PM BST

**Signatory (Approved Officer): Ger Maher**, Acting Director of Service – Planning, Enterprise, Economic Development and Emergency Services.

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024**