



Proposed Variation No. 4 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied) to give effect to an updated Landscape Character Assessment (2025) to replace the Landscape Character Assessment (2004)

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.

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening determination has been made by Kildare County Council regarding the Proposed Variation No.4 of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied).

Having regard to the contents of the Variation No.4 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.4 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. 4 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.4 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied) report 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 202 of the Planning and Development Act 2024, taking into account all matters relevant, it has been determined that Variation No.4 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

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