



**Proposed Material Alterations to
Proposed Variation No. 6 (Sallins 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 58(13) of the Planning and
Development Act 2024 (as amended).**

At a Special Meeting of Kildare County Council on Monday 27th July 2026, it was resolved to modify Proposed Variation No. 6 (Sallins Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied) and these modifications constitute material alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6.

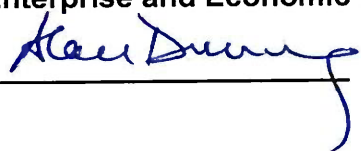
Section 58(13)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended) requires the planning authority to make a determination, in accordance with Part 6 'Environmental Assessments' of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended) if an appropriate assessment is or is not required to be carried out in respect of the modifications that constitutes proposed material alterations of the proposed variation.

Following a detailed examination, analysis and evaluation of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation No. 6 (Sallins Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 (as varied) provided in the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (that accompanies and has informed this determination), and having due regard to the precautionary principle, it can be concluded that the possibility of any significant effects on any European sites, whether arising from the Proposed Material Alterations alone or in combination with other plans and projects, can be excluded. In reaching this conclusion, the nature of the Proposed Material Alterations to Variation No. 6 (Sallins Settlement Plan) and its potential relationship with all European sites within the Zone of Influence (Zol), and their Conservation Objectives, have been fully considered.

This determination has been informed by an analysis prepared by ARUP in the Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Addendum Report, in addition to the Proposed Material Alterations Report to Variation No. 6 (Sallins Settlement Plan).

In conclusion, in accordance with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and Section 58(13) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended) taking into account all matters relevant, it has been determined that the Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6 (Sallins Settlement Plan) of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (as varied), individually or in combination with other plans and projects will not give rise to likely significant effects and therefore, an appropriate assessment is not required.

Signed: Alan Dunney
Director of Service - Planning, Enterprise and Economic Development

Signatory (Approved Officer): 

Date: 31st July 2026