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KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Orders

**Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Part XAB  
Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Part 8**

**Proposed Fire Station, Maynooth**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing to construct a new Three-bay fire station with training tower and associated site works at a location on the Mullen Park/ Griffin Rath Road, off Straffan Road, Maynooth, consisting of the following:

- A single storey Fire Station building with three bays (Total Area 542 sq.m. including first floor water tank storage)
- A Training tower,
- Signage,
- Landscaping,
- Connections to existing services,
- Public footpaths,
- and all associated site development works.

The gross site area of the proposed development is 3,016.2 m<sup>2</sup>.

A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided in Architects Report and Design Statement prepared by Vincent Hannon Architects with full drawings and details provided in the Part 8 file.

Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the guidance contained in the document entitled "*Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities*" (published by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2009) and following an examination of the objective information provided in the AA Screening Report prepared by MKO Environmental and Planning Consultants (the Screening Report), Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the Proposed Maynooth Fire Station, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, does not have the potential to give rise to likely significant effects on European sites, their conservation objectives or integrity, and therefore does not require an Appropriate Assessment.

**Key points in the determination**

- The potential for impacts has been assessed using the source – pathway – effect model.
- One Special Area of Conservation – the Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC Site Code:001398 is approximately 2.3km from the site and it occurs within the potential zone of influence of the proposed development. It is concluded that there is no potential for indirect effect on the aquatic/groundwater dependent habitat and species for which the SAC is designated.
- There is no potential for significant effects on the local groundwater flow regime and subsequently on any associated qualifying interest of the Rye Water Vally Carton SAC Site Code:001398
- Two further European Sites – Ballynafagh Lake SAC (001387) and Ballynafagh Bog SAC (000391) have been considered and are over 14 km from the subject site., It has been concluded that these sites are not within the likely zone of impact and no further assessment is required.
- There is no potential for cumulative impacts on the Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC Site Code:001398 or any other European Site.