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1. Introduction

1.1 Statement of Purpose

This Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report has been prepared by Ove Arup & Partners Ireland Limited (Arup) on behalf of Kildare County Council (KCC). It provides the information required by KCC (the competent authority), to make a determination as to the likelihood of significant effects on European sites of the Natura 2000 network, in view of their Conservation Objectives, resulting from the implementation of the proposed material alterations (PMAs) to the Draft Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2023-2029 (the ‘draft Plan’), either individually or in combination with other plans or projects.

1.2 Background

The draft Plan was placed on public display from 21 March 2023 – 3 May 2023, accompanied by an AA Screening Report in respect of the draft Plan. This report forms an addendum to the previous AA Screening Report for the draft Plan as published in March and should be read in conjunction with same.

During this public consultation, a 142 submissions and observations were received by KCC, including 13 from public bodies. On foot of public consultation, on 12 June 2023, the Chief Executive’s Report was published, summarising the matters raised in the submissions and observations received and setting out the Chief Executive’s Opinion and Recommendations. At a Special Meeting of the Kildare Newbridge Municipal District on the 18th of July, in accordance with Section 20(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) the Elected Members resolved to materially alter the draft Plan.

1.3 Legislative Context

The preparation of this AA screening report has regard to Article 6 of the Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (as amended) (hereafter referred to as the Habitats Directive). This is transposed in Ireland primarily by Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. 477) (hereafter referred to as the Habitats Regulations).

Articles 6(3) and 6(4) of the Habitats Directive set out the requirement for AA, i.e., an assessment of proposed plans and projects likely to affect European designated sites, namely Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protected Areas (SPAs). Article 6(3) establishes the requirement to screen all plans and projects and to carry out a further assessment if required (i.e., Appropriate Assessment). It states that:

“Any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the [Natura 2000] site but likely to have a significant effect thereon, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, shall be subjected to an appropriate assessment of its implications for the site in view of the site’s conservation objectives. In light of the conclusions of the assessment of the implications for the site and subject to the provisions of paragraph 4, the competent national authorities shall agree to the plan or project only after having ascertained that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site concerned and, if appropriate, after having obtained the opinion of the general public.”

Article 6(4) allows proposed plans and projects to be approved in certain conditions as Article:

“If, in spite of a negative assessment of the implications for the site and in the absence of alternative solutions, a plan or project must nevertheless be carried out for imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature, Member States shall take all compensatory measures necessary to ensure that the overall coherence of the Natura 2000 is protected.

It shall inform the Commission of the compensatory measures adopted. Where the site concerned hosts a priority natural habitat type and/or a priority species the only considerations which may be raised are those relating to human health or public safety, to the beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment or, further to an opinion from the Commission to other imperative reasons of overriding public interest.”

The assessment herein has not considered measures that might prevent or mitigate potential impacts on European designated sites which cannot be included for the purposes of screening, as ruled by the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in *People Over Wind, Peter Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta (C-323/17)*.

1.4 Guidelines

This AA screening report with regard to the applicable guidance in the following documents:

- Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland - Guidance for Planning Authorities. (Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, 2010 revision)
- Appropriate Assessment under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive: Guidance for Planning Authorities. Circular NPWS 1/10 & PSSP 2/10
- Assessment of Plans and Projects Significantly Affecting European sites: Methodological Guidance on the Provisions of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC (European Commission Environment Directorate-General, 2001)
- Managing European sites: The Provisions of Article 6 of the Habitat's Directive 92/43/EEC (MN2000) (EC Environment Directorate-General, 2000)
- Guidance Document on Article 6(4) of the 'Habitats Directive' 92/43/EEC. Clarification of the Concepts of Alternative Solutions, Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest, Compensatory Measures, Overall Coherence. Opinion of the European Commission (European Commission, January 2007)
- Guidelines for Good Practice Appropriate Assessment of Plans under Article 6(3) Habitats Directive (International Workshop on Assessment of Plans under the Habitats Directive, 2011)
- Communication from the Commission on the precautionary principle. European Commission (2000)
- Managing Natura 2000 Sites: The Provision of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC (MN2018) (EC Environment Directorate-General, 2018) and
- Office of the Planning Regulator Practice Note PN01 – Appropriate Assessment screening for Development Management (OPR, 2021).

1.5 Information Sources

Information sources consulted in completing the AA screening exercise for the draft Plan included the following:

- Article 17 reporting from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) on the status of EU protected habitats and species in Ireland¹
- Information from NPWS on European sites including but not limited to the NPWS Designations Viewer², site synopses and conservation objectives documents
- Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland (BoCCI) 2020 – 2026³
- EPA Catchments data⁴
- Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029⁵
- Online land use zoning mapping from the Department of the Housing, Local Government and Heritage⁶

¹ [NPWS Article 17 Reports](#)

² [NPWS Designations Viewer](#)

³ [BoCCI \(Gilbert et al., 2021\)](#)

⁴ [EPA Catchments](#)

⁵ [Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029](#)

⁶ [DoHLGH My Plan Viewer](#)

- Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2012-2018⁷
- Kildare Town Habitat Survey
- Tailte Éireann mapping and aerial photography
- Soils, geology and hydrogeology data from the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI)⁸;
- Various other LAPs for Co. Kildare and
- EPA Maps⁹.

1.6 Methodology – Appropriate Assessment Screening of Plans

Screening is used to identify whether the draft Plan, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on a European site. The screening exercise follows European Commission (2001) guidance, which recommends that screening follow a four-step process as outlined in Figure 1.1, below. These steps have been completed in respect of the draft Plan under the scope of the previous AA Screening Report, published in March 2023 (refer to Section 2.1, below). This report is an addendum to that previous report, which supplements the AA screening exercise in relation to the proposed material alterations to the draft Plan and should be read in conjunction with same.

It is noted that the draft Plan, which is a Local Area Plan, is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European site.



Figure 1.1 AA Screening of Plans

This AA screening exercise follows the source-pathway-receptor (SPR) model, which dictates that in order for an effect to arise, there must be an impact source (e.g. a source of pollution), a pathway for transmission of the impact (e.g. a receiving watercourse) and a receptor that has the potential to be affected by the impact in question.

⁷ [Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2012-2018](#)

⁸ [GSI Map Viewer](#)

⁹ [EPA Maps](#)

2. Appropriate Assessment Screening

2.1 Stage 1 AA Screening of the Draft Plan

As noted above, on 21 March 2023, an AA Screening Report (‘the previous AA Screening Report’) was published alongside the draft Plan for public consultation.

The previous AA Screening Report identified the Zone of Influence of the draft Plan, and five European sites contained within it; namely the Pollardstown Fen SAC, Mouds Bog SAC, Ballynafagh Lake SAC, River Barrow and River Nore SAC and Ballynafagh Bog SAC. It determined that, of these sites, only one of the sites was linked to the draft Plan area via a potential impact pathway; the River Barrow and River Nore SAC, which is hydrologically connected to Kildare Town by the Tully Stream and Armour Stream, via c. 13 km of watercourse, including five confluences, eventually joining the Finnery River, which is part of the SAC.

The previous AA Screening Report systematically screened the objectives of the draft Plan for the potential to give rise to likely significant effects on the River Barrow and River Nore SAC and recommended to the competent authority (KCC) that “all objectives can be screened out from [Stage 2] AA”. The report also noted that the need for project-level AA in relation to:

- All development proposals on land use zoning designation H (Industry and Warehousing), addressing potential impacts on the Armour Stream, which is hydrologically connected to the River Barrow and River Nore SAC; and
- Investigations under the scope of objective IO 2.1, which relates to investigating the feasibility of a new surface water network connecting to eventual outfalls to the Tully and Armour Streams, which are hydrologically connected to the River Barrow and River Nore SAC.

2.2 Stage 1 AA Screening of Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan

Table 2.1 presents the findings of Stage 1 AA Screening in respect of the proposed material alterations (PMA) to the draft Plan. The table provides a description of each PMA. For the detailed text of each PMA, refer to the standalone Proposed Material Alteration Report. As noted above, this document is an addendum to the previous AA Screening Report and should be read in conjunction with same. Where relevant, the table below cross-references the previous AA Screening Report.

Table 2.1 AA Screening of the Proposed Material Alterations (PMA)

PMA No.	Overview of PMA	AA Screening Commentary	Screen In/Out?
Chapter 1: Introduction and Context			
1	The PMA inserts a new appendix, Appendix D – ‘Kildare Town Centre Land Use Survey and Vacancy Survey’, comprising of four maps illustrating building use and identifying vacant buildings; and amends the text in Section 1.2, ‘Composition of the Plan’ to include reference to Appendix D.	This constitutes an addition to the supporting information presented in the draft Plan. It does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report for the draft Plan, published in March, and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
Chapter 2: Spatial Planning Context and Vision for Kildare Town			
2	The PMA amends a paragraph in Section 2.1.1 of the draft Plan, entitled ‘Integrating Climate Considerations into the Kildare Town Local Area Plan’, to update a reference to the Government’s Climate Action Plan (CAP), to refer to the most recent iteration of the plan (CAP 2023) rather than the previous, superseded version (CAP 2021).	This PMA relates to text in the draft Plan that establishes the policy context. It does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report for the draft Plan, published in March, and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
3	The PMA inserts a translation in the Irish language of the vision for Kildare Town, as set out in Section 2.2 of the draft Plan.	The vision statement was assessed in the previous AA Screening Report, published in March. This PMA does not alter the vision statement and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
4	The PMA amends Figure 2-2, ‘Strategic Principles to Achieve the Vision’ in Chapter 2 of the draft Plan, changing one of the Strategic Development Principles from “Enhancing Kildare Town as a Tourist Destination” to “Enhancing Kildare Town as a Tourist Destination and Employment Hub”, acknowledging the role of the draft Plan in increasing local employment opportunities.	The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report for the draft Plan, published in March, and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
5	The PMA makes text amendments to Section 2.2.1, ‘Achieving the Vision’, under the Strategic Development Principle heading ‘Enhancing Kildare Town as a Tourist Destination’. It amends the heading of the section, changing it to ‘Enhancing Kildare Town as a Tourist Destination and Employment Hub’, and makes amendments and additions to the text in this section, to elaborate on the role of the draft Plan in supporting Kildare Town becoming an employment hub.	This aspect of the draft Plan, including the Economy Development Strategy referred to in the amended text, have been assessed in the previous AA Screening Report, published in March (e.g., refer to screening of objective EDO 1.1 in previous report). The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
6	The PMA inserts a new sentence in relation to Strategic Development Principle ‘Ensuring a Vibrant Town Centre’, in Section 2.2.1, ‘Achieving the Vision’; which elaborates on the role of the draft Plan in supporting town centre living.	This constitutes a minor elaboration on the ‘town centre first approach’, already considered in the previous AA Screening Report, published in March (e.g., refer to screening of objective TCO 1.6 in previous report). The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
Chapter 3: Compliance with the Kildare County Core Strategy			
7	The PMA makes two amendments to land use zoning in Map 11.1 and also amends Table 3-7, ‘Residential Development Capacity Audit’.	These constitute minor land use zoning changes from one class of residential zoning to another – both parcels of land remaining residential.	Screen out

PMA No.	Overview of PMA	AA Screening Commentary	Screen In/Out?
	The first land use zoning change is from 'C: New Residential Phase 2' to 'C: New Residential', while the second is from 'C: New Residential' to 'C: New Residential Phase 2'. The corresponding amendment to Table 3-7 results in a reduction in the total residential development area from 47.88 ha to 46.18 ha, and an increase in total units from 1,102 to 1,175.	The likelihood of significant effects can be excluded in relation to these changes, given the scale, scope and context of the planned residential development, coupled with embedded standard best practice for pollution prevention (during construction and operation), the likely dilution effects of any emissions to air, and the lack of hydrological connectivity from the areas in question to European sites. The corresponding changes to Table 3-7 are marginal in relation to the scenario assessed in the previous AA Screening Report, published in March. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	
8 (a) (b) (c)	The PMA amends land use zoning in Map 11.1 to introduce three new sites as 'New Residential C', and amends Table 3-7 accordingly. The three amendments all relate to lands previously zoned in the draft Plan as 'G: National Stud and Green Belt' and 'I: Agriculture'; (a) 1.97 ha changed to 'C(a)*: New Residential'; (b) 1.13 ha changed to 'C(b)*: New Residential'; and (c) 0.67 ha changed to 'C(c)*: New Residential'. The corresponding amendments to Table 3-7 result in an increase in the total residential development area from 47.88 ha to 49.95 ha, and an increase in total units from 1,102 to 1,188 (when PMA No. 7 is also included).	The PMA results in the zoning of greenfield sites for future residential development. The likelihood of significant effects on European sites can be excluded, given the scale, scope and context of planned residential development, coupled with embedded standard best practice for pollution prevention (during construction and operation) and the lack of hydrological connectivity from the sites in question to European sites. These corresponding changes to Table 3-7 are marginal in relation to the scenario assessed in the previous AA Screening Report, published in March. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
Chapter 4: Consolidation of the Town Centre			
9	The PMA changes the title of Chapter 4 from 'Consolidation of the Town Centre' to 'Consolidation and Renewal of the Town Centre'.	This constitutes a minor clarification, which does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
10	The PMA amends text in Section 4.1.2, 'Town Centre Land Use and Vacancy', and adding reference to newly inserted Appendix D, 'Kildare Town Centre Land Use Survey and Vacancy Survey'.	This PMA constitutes a minor clarification and addition of supporting information. It does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
11	The PMA amends Town Centre Objective (TCO) 1.3, changing the term "less desirable uses" to "non-desirable uses" and providing examples of such uses.	This constitutes a minor clarification, which does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of objective TCO 1.3 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
12	The PMA inserts a new TCO (1.7), "To support the establishment of a multidisciplinary stakeholder team to develop a marketing and activation strategy for the town to re-establish the primacy of the town centre and to support the delivery of projects set out in the Kildare Town Renewal Masterplan".	While this is a new objective in the draft Plan, it is administrative in nature and supports the objectives previously set out – and assessed in the previous AA Screening Report, published in March. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
13	The PMA amends text under Section 4.3.3, 'Cycle and Pedestrian Network Enhancements', in relation to a potential bike hire scheme previously referred to, clarifying the potential route of same.	This amendment does not provide for any new proposals not already considered in the previous AA Screening Report, published in March. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

PMA No.	Overview of PMA	AA Screening Commentary	Screen In/Out?
14	The PMA inserts a new TCO (2.5), to “Support and facilitate an extension to the Heritage Centre (Market House) as appropriate, to facilitate the development of additional office, retail, hospitality and performance space and the relocation of the existing ESB substation. Any future extension to the Heritage Centre would be subject to normal planning and design requirements.”	This is a new objective in support of new development not previously assessed. Given the lack of a potential impact pathway (e.g. hydrological connectivity) to any European sites, the potential for likely significant effects can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
15	The PMA inserts a new TCO (2.6), to “Support the completion of a public realm strategy for Kildare Town, as part of the implementation of the Town Renewal Masterplan. Such a strategy shall incorporate a bespoke materials palette, including for pavement, signage and street furniture which will complement and enhance the natural and built environment of Kildare Town”.	This is a new objective in support of the completion of a public realm strategy that, if completed, would inform the design of public realm development/improvement works in the town. This is consistent with other objectives of the draft Plan in relation to public realm/town renewal previously assessed in the AA Screening Report published in March (e.g., TCO 2.1; 2.2; and 2.4). The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
Chapter 5: Economic Development			
16	The PMA inserts an additional bullet point to a list setting out how the Economic Development Strategy for Kildare Town will be achieved, “Promoting and building on the St Brigid brand as a unique selling point for Kildare Town at international / national level”.	This constitutes a minor elaboration of the strategy for the economic development of the town, in relation to tourism marketing/branding. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
17	The PMA amends text under Section 5.5.1, ‘Town Centre and Core Retail Area’, regarding a potential commercial/retail development opportunity at the old Chilling Factory, to clarify that any development application for the site would need to include an Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment.	This amendment has no implications in terms of potential effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
18	The PMA in Section 5.5.4, ‘National Equine Innovation Centre at The Irish National Stud’, is a minor text amendment to clarify that KCC’s Local Enterprise Office established the aforementioned centre.	The PMA is a minor clarification, which does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
19	The PMA amends Economic Development Objective (EDO) 1.3 to clarify that the Council supports the expansion of the National Equine Innovation Centre “as industry needs arise”, and also supports proposals for future “incubation units”.	These constitute minor clarifications/additions to an existing aspirational objective, which in its previous iteration was supportive of development. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of objective EDO 1.3 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
20	The PMA amends EDOs 1.5 and 1.6. The proposed amendments to both objectives set out planning requirements – a detailed design statement in the case of EDO 1.5, and a Traffic and Transport Assessment in the case of EDO 1.6.	These amendments relate to the development of lands provided for under the previous iterations of these objectives, considered under the scope of the previous AA Screening Report, published in March. These amendments introduce explicit planning requirements for future developments of certain classes in certain areas. They do not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of EDOs 1.5 or 1.6 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

PMA No.	Overview of PMA	AA Screening Commentary	Screen In/Out?
21	The PMA amends EDO 1.10 regarding a feasibility study of a transport hub at Cherryville Junction/Kildare Town.	EDO 1.10 was screened in the previous AA Screening Report for the draft Plan, published in March. Beyond what was previously proposed, this PMA provides for collaboration with key stakeholders, with a view to protecting the carrying capacity of the road network. It does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of EDO 1.10 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
22	The PMA amends EDO 2.1 to provide clarification of what is meant by “supporting infrastructure” for tourism.	This constitutes a minor clarification, which does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of EDO 2.1 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
23	The PMA amends EDO 2.2 in relation to signage for tourism facilities, clarifying that KCC will facilitate the provision of “bespoke bilingual (Irish and English)” signage and interpretation, rather than “standardised signage and interpretation” as previously proposed.	This constitutes a minor amendment with no implications for effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of EDO 2.2 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
24	The PMA inserts a new EDO (2.7), to “Facilitate the provision of a range of additional tourist accommodation types in Kildare Town Centre, and support the implementation of a Pilot Project, led by local businesses through a co-operative of landowners, to reactivate vacant properties in the town centre for the use of over-night tourist accommodation supported by the Local Enterprise Office”.	This is a new objective for the draft Plan, which supports development. The PMA has the potential to result in tourist accommodation development in the town centre, including but not limited to the reactivation of vacant properties. Such development would be on lands zoned accordingly under the previous iteration of the draft Plan, as assessed under the scope of the previous AA Screening Report. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
25	The PMA inserts a new EDO (2.8), to “Support and promote eco-tourism facilities to foster greater appreciation for the natural environment of Kildare Town”.	This is a new objective for the draft Plan, which is potentially supportive of development, but aspirational and not indicative of a clear physical output or result. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
26	The PMA amends EDO 3.3 to include “independent retailers” in the classes of retailers supported in the town centre.	This constitutes a minor elaboration. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of EDO 3.3 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
27	The PMA amends EDO 3.6 in relation to the Kildare Tourist Outlet Village, to provide for its continued operation.	This constitutes a minor clarification of an existing objective considered under the previous AA Screening Report, published in March. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of EDO 3.6, and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
28	The PMA inserts a new EDO (3.9), “To restrict the development of standalone coffee / fast food kiosks having regard to impacts on the amenity and character of the area, traffic, clustering of similar uses and impact on the primacy of the town centre”.	The objective relates to the control of retail development in the town centre and do not promote development per se. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

PMA No.	Overview of PMA	AA Screening Commentary	Screen In/Out?
Chapter 6: Homes and Communities			
29	The PMA updates text in Section 6.4.2, ‘Positive Ageing’, to reflect more recent population statistics from the CSO Census of 2022 (as opposed to 2016, used in the previous iteration).	This constitutes a correction to background/supporting information in the draft Plan, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
30	The PMA amends objective HCO 2.5, replacing the term “downsizing” with “right sizing”.	This is a minor change in terminology, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of HCO 2.5 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
31	The PMA inserts a new objective HCO 2.6, to “Support the provision of appropriately designed ‘self-build’ houses on the sites zoned as New Residential* (C*) at a low residential density. A detailed design framework for each site will be required to set out overall layout, siting, access, landscaping, boundary treatments and connection to public services”. It also inserts a new, corresponding site-specific objective to Table 11-4, ‘Land Use Zoning Objectives’ for ‘C: New Residential’ as follows: “Site C(a)*, C(b)* and C(c)*: These lands have been designated for the provision of ‘self-build’ houses at a low residential density in accordance with Table 3-7 Residential Development Capacity Audit and Objective HCO 2.6”.	The PMA supports development of self-build homes on lands rezoned for residential development under PMA No. 8 (see above). The likelihood of significant effects on European sites can be excluded, given the scale, scope and context of planned residential development, coupled with embedded standard best practice for pollution prevention (during construction and operation) and the lack of hydrological connectivity from the sites in question to European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
32	The PMA amends and simplifies text under Section 6.5.1.6, ‘Social and Community Services’.	This constitutes a minor amendment/simplification of text, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
33	The PMA amends objective HCO 3.1, to clarify that “third level and further educational opportunities” are included in educational facilities, and to provide that the “co-location of childcare with educational uses” will be encouraged.	This constitutes a minor clarification and elaboration in relation to an existing objective. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of HCO 3.1 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
34	The PMA amends objective HCO 4.4, to “support the delivery of multi-use sports facilities (including play facilities and swimming pool) on appropriately zoned land within the plan area”.	This amendment supports new development not provided for in the previous iteration of the objective. However, the development in question would be in accordance with the land use zoning assessed under the previous AA Screening Report, published in March, and as proposed for re-zoning, where relevant, under these PMAs. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of HCO 4.4 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
35	The PMA amends objective HCO 4.7, to include “pocket parks and outdoor seating” among the listed facilities to be provided in housing developments taken in charge by KCC, where feasible and appropriate.	This constitutes a minor elaboration, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of HCO 4.7 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

PMA No.	Overview of PMA	AA Screening Commentary	Screen In/Out?
36	The PMA inserts a new objective, HCO4.10, to “Support and facilitate the provision of a skatepark at an appropriate location within Kildare Town”.	This amendment supports new development (a skate park) not provided for in the previous iteration of the draft Plan. However, given the likely nature and context of the envisaged development; and the requirement for any such development to be consistent with the land use zoning assessed under the previous AA Screening Report; the potential for likely significant effects can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
37	The PMA inserts a new objective, HCO 4.11, to “Promote community-managed gardens/allotments at appropriate locations in Kildare Town”.	This amendment supports land use not explicitly provided for in the previous iteration of the draft Plan. However, given the nature and context of this land use; and the requirement for any such use to be consistent with the land use zoning assessed under the previous AA Screening Report; the potential for likely significant effects can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
38	The PMA inserts a new objective, HCO 4.12, to “Support and facilitate the development of a multipurpose community centre on the Dunmurray Road opposite St Conleth’s Graveyard”.	The PMA supports a new development (a community centre) not provided for in the previous iteration of the draft Plan. However, given the likely nature and location of the planned development; and the requirement for such development to be consistent with the land use zoning assessed under the previous AA Screening Report; the potential for likely significant effects can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
39	The PMA inserts a new objective, HCO 4.13, to “Support the provision of community meeting rooms at appropriate locations throughout Kildare Town”.	The proposal for meeting rooms in the PMA could relate to existing buildings and/or new development but does not promote new development per se. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
Chapter 7: Movement and Transportation			
40	The PMA amends text in Section 7.2, ‘Kildare Town Transport Strategy’, to include reference to the relevant provision of the Road Traffic Act 1994.	This constitutes a minor amendment/elaboration, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
41	The PMA amends text in Section 7.3, ‘Active Travel – Walking and Cycling’, to provide more up-to-date information regarding the presence/absence of cycle infrastructure in the town.	This constitutes a minor update to supporting/background information in the draft Plan, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
42	The PMA inserts text in Section 7.1.2, ‘Achieving a Modal Shift’ in relation to modal share targets for Kildare Town.	The PMA provides additional supporting/background information in the draft Plan. It does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

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43	The PMA amends Table 7-1, 'Permeability Measures' in Section 7.3.1, 'Walking', and the corresponding Map 7.1, removing ten of the previously proposed total of 42 measures to promote permeability in the town: PERM 7; PERM 8; PERM 9; PERM 23; PERM 24; PERM 25; PERM 34; PERM 35; PERM 39; and PERM 41.	The PMA removes ten proposed permeability measures – which may otherwise have resulted in a number of new pedestrian/cyclist links and road schemes – in the town. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
44	The PMA amends Table 7-1 and corresponding Map 7.1 to insert a new permeability measure, PERM 43, "Create a new pedestrian / cyclist link along the Grey Abbey Road connecting from the R415".	The PMA promotes a minor development – new pedestrian and/or cyclist infrastructure – on an existing roadway. Given the likely nature, scale and location of the planned development, and considering potential positive impacts in terms of reduced vehicular emissions, the potential for likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
45	The PMA amends Table 7-1 and corresponding Map 7.1 to insert a new permeability measure, PERM 44, "Create a new pedestrian / cyclist link from Tully Road-Hospital Street, as part of the road measure south of Cunnaberry Hill and parallel to the motorway".	The PMA proposes a new pedestrian/cycle link from Tully Road to Hospital Street, primarily on existing roadbed/hardstanding, and traversing lands previously zoned for 'U: Transport and Utilities' and 'K: Commercial' uses. In light of the likely nature and scale of the planned development, the location of the planned route, and the zoning on the lands in question – as previously assessed under the previous AA Screening Report – the PMA is unlikely to result in significant effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
46	The PMA amends Table 7-1 and corresponding Map 7.1 to insert a new permeability measure, PERM 45, "Crossing point to Cherry Avenue Park".	The PMA promotes minor works – a new crossing point – on an existing roadway. Given the likely nature, scale and location of the planned works, the potential for likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
47	The PMA inserts additional text in Section 7.3.1, 'Walking' to provide additional statistics on the envisaged mobility impacts of the previously proposed permeability measures as set out in Table 7-1 of the draft Plan as previously published. It is noted that these are subject to update based on the deletion of permeability measures under PMA No. 43.	The PMA constitutes an elaboration/additional information, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
48	The PMA amends Table 7-2, 'Cycling Measures' in Section 7.3.2, 'Cycling', amending certain measures (Cycle 17; Cycle 19 and Cycle 21) and removing seven others (Cycle 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 46 and 58) of the previously proposed total of 58 measures.	The PMA removes seven proposed cycling infrastructure measures – which may otherwise have resulted in several new or improved elements of cycle infrastructure in the town. It also extends several other measures that are retained. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of the proposed cycling measures and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
49	The PMA amends the descriptions of Cycle 4 and Cycle 9 in Table 7-2, removing "(middle section)" in both cases.	The PMA constitutes a simplification, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of the proposed cycling measures and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

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50	The PMA amends Table 7-2 to insert a new cycling measure, Cycle 59, a greenway proposal described as a “Link between Tully Road and Cherry Avenue Park, south of Cunnaberry Hill and parallel to the motorway”.	The PMA proposes a new cycling measure, similar in terms of route to the proposed permeability measure PERM 44 under PMA No. 45 and proposed road measure RD 6 under PMA No. 62. The link in question would traverse lands zoned for ‘U: Transport and Utilities’ uses. In light of the likely nature and scale of the planned development, the location of the planned route, and the zoning on the lands in question – as assessed under the previous AA Screening Report – the PMA is unlikely to result in significant effects. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
51	The PMA amends objective MTO 1.1 regarding active travel infrastructure in Kildare Town to include “Transport Infrastructure Ireland” in the list of relevant bodies, and to add “(where applicable)” regarding the requirement for consultation with relevant stakeholders.	The PMA constitutes a minor clarification, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of MTO 1.1 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
52	The PMA amends objective MTO 1.3 regarding footpath accessibility to allow that regard is had “to the challenges posed by differing road levels in the historic town centre”.	The PMA constitutes a minor clarification, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of MTO 1.3 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
53	The PMA amends objective MTO 1.7 to clarify the potential route of the bike hire scheme, the feasibility of which is to be investigated under this objective.	This amendment does not provide for any new proposals not already considered in the previous AA Screening Report, published in March. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of MTO 1.7 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
54	The PMA updates text in Section 7.4, ‘Public Transport’, to provide information regarding the impact of the National Transport Authority (NTA)’s <i>National Fares Strategy</i> (January, 2023) on bus and rail fare in Kildare Town.	This constitutes a minor update to supporting/background information in the draft Plan, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
55	The PMA inserts an additional point on Map 7.3 in relation to Measure PT 3, “Improve quality and coverage of bus stops” as set out in Table 7-3, ‘Public Transport Measures’.	The PMA provides for the construction of a new bus stop at a new location in Kildare Town. Given the likely nature and scale of works, and the location, there is no potential of likely significant effects on European sites resulting from this PMA. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
56	The PMA amends Map 7.4 to insert the text “(including coach parking)” after “Bride Street” and under “Potential sites for new off street car park” in the legend.	The PMA constitutes a minor clarification regarding the nature of parking considered at this location, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
57	The PMA amends text in Section 7.4, ‘Public Transport’, removing reference to potential Leap Card integration at Kildare train station in conjunction with the NTA and inserts text in relation to pursuing delivery of extended rail services.	The PMA constitutes a minor amendment in relation to rail fares and extended rail services to promote a modal shift towards rail services. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

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58	The PMA inserts a new objective, MTO 2.2, to “Liaise with the National Transport Authority (NTA), the owners of Kildare Tourist Outlet Village and bus operators to support and facilitate the improvement of bus services provision including the upgrading of existing infrastructure and the provision of the necessary supporting bus infrastructure (bus stops, lay over, turning areas) within the Kildare Tourist Outlet Village.”	The PMA supports potential localised upgrades to existing transport infrastructure. Given the likely nature, scale and location of any potential works, the potential for likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
59	The PMA amends objective MTO 2.2 (re-numbered to MTO 2.3 should the preceding PMA be adopted), to note that any infrastructure/service changes resulting from the objective would be “(subject to consultation / engagement with landowners and bus operators)”.	The PMA constitutes a minor clarification in relation to an objective previously assessed under the scope of the previous AA Screening Report. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of objective MTO 2.2, and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
60	The PMA amends objective MTO 2.4 (re-numbered to MTO 2.5 should PMA No. 58 be adopted) to clarify that “NTA” refers to the National Transport Authority, to stipulate that new bus stops are to be “artistically commissioned”, to provide for Rural Transport Services in the town, and to remove reference to Leap Card integration.	The PMA constitutes minor clarifications and elaborations. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of objective MTO 2.4 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
61	The PMA amends objective MTO 2.5 (re-numbered to MTO 2.6 should PMA No. 58 be adopted) to add to the list of rail improvements to be supported in conjunction with the NTA and Irish Rail “Providing sufficient car-parking having regard to the efficient use of land”.	Provision of car parking under the draft Plan was considered under the scope of the previous AA Screening Report, published in March. Any change in regard to the quantum/area of car parking provided as a result of this PMA would be marginal and delivered in accordance with the land use zoning (as previously assessed) set out in the draft Plan. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of objective MTO 2.5 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
62	The PMA amends Table 7-4, ‘Road Measures’ in Section 7.5, ‘Roads and Streets Measures’, to amend one of the measures (RD 4), remove another (PA 3), and insert a new measure (RD 6). The amendment to RD 4 is comprised of a simplification of the description and the addition of text to note that the implementation of this measure “may require the delivery of RD 6, subject to the results of one-way trials”. Proposed new measure, RD 6, is similar to the deleted PA 3 (previously approved).	The PMA removes a previously proposed road measure, PA 3. However, given that the proposed new road measure, RD 6 (which may or may not be required, subject to the results of one-way trials), is similar to PA 3 in terms of the route, any difference in terms of the nature and scale of development is considered marginal. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of the proposed road measures and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
63	The PMA inserts additional text to Section 7.5, to describe the envisaged mobility impacts of implementing RD 1.	The PMA constitutes an elaboration/additional information, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

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64	The PMA inserts a new subsection in Section 7.5 entitled ‘Outer Relief Road – Long Term Road Corridor’ and inserts a corresponding, new objective, MTO 3.7, to “Preserve the indicative route illustrated on Map 7.4 free from development where possible, in order to provide for the potential delivery of an outer relief road in Kildare Town under future local area plans”. Map 7.4 is updated accordingly.	The PMA provides for the preservation free from development of an indicative route corridor for a potential future outer relief road to the north of Kildare Town. The proposed text notes that in the event that an outer relief road were required in the future, subject to future growth in the town, this would be delivered beyond the lifetime of this draft Plan. This PMA, which is aspirational and will not result in development per se, does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
65	The PMA amends objective MTO 3.6 to provide for the consideration of “a one-way system between Dunmurray Road and Rathbride Road” and “an inner relief road one-way system using Meadow Road and Academy Street, from Melitta Road to Pigeon Lane or to the north of town” as part of the list of possible ancillary road measures to be investigated under this objective.	The PMA provides for the investigation of the possibility of implementing one-way road systems at various locations on the existing road network in the town. It does not propose any new development works per se. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of objective MTO 3.6 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
66	The PMA inserts new objective, MTO 3.8, to “Provide improved turning lanes at the intersection of the Monasterevin Road (R445) and the Nurney Road (R415), where feasible”.	The PMA supports the completion of minor works/new road markings on existing roadways. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
67	The PMA inserts new objective, MTO 4.8, to “Support the provision of charging facilities for Electric Vehicles (EVs) on public and private land in accordance with County Development Plan standards”.	The PMA supports the completion of minor works to install EV charging points in the town in accordance with the standards set out in the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029, which was subject to AA, concluding that the implementation of the Development Plan would not give rise to any likely significant effects on any European site, alone or in combination with other plans or projects. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of the draft Plan and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
68	The PMA inserts new objective, MTO 4.9, to “Promote the use of the De La Salle school site as a public carpark to provide additional capacity within Kildare Town, outside the operating hours of the school particularly during school holidays”.	The PMA promotes using an existing car park to increase parking provision in the town at particular times (outside of the operating hours of the school in question). This constitutes increasing the intensity of use of an existing built asset, and will not result in new car park development per se. It is considered that any increase in traffic volume as a result of this measure would be marginal and would have no implications for European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of the draft Plan, and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
Chapter 8: Built Heritage			
69	The PMA changes the title of Chapter 8 from “Built Heritage” to “Built Heritage and Archaeology” – and provides for all consequential rewording throughout the draft Plan.	The PMA constitutes a change in terminology. It does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of the draft Plan and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

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70	The PMA amends a sentence in Section 8.5, ‘Archaeological Heritage’, removing reference to “environmental evidence ... located to the south of the motorway”.	The PMA constitutes a minor correction/simplification to supporting information in the draft Plan. It does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of the draft Plan and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
71	The PMA amends a citation to a Government Department in Section 8.5.2, ‘Zone of Archaeological Potential’, changing “Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht” to “Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage”.	The PMA is a minor correction. It does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of the draft Plan and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
72	The PMA inserts a new objective, BHO 1.5, to “Support the sensitive incorporation of public amenity and open spaces around monuments, in a manner compatible with the protection and proper management and conservation of the monument, subject to an appropriate management and conservation plan to be prepared by the relevant landowner or stakeholder”.	The PMA inserts a new objective not previously assessed, which promotes sensitively designed public open space. Given the likely nature, scale and location of any minor works arising from this objective, the potential for likely significant European sites can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of the draft Plan and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
73	The PMA inserts a new objective, BHO 1.6, “To support the delivery of a walking trail along the Town Walls within the curtilage of St. Brigid’s Cathedral in an appropriate manner that is sympathetic to the historical context of the site”.	The PMA inserts a new objective not previously assessed, which promotes the delivery of a new public walking trail. Given the likely nature, scale and location of any minor works arising from this objective, the potential for likely significant European sites can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of the draft Plan and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
74	The PMA amends objective BHO 4.2, relating to the protection/preservation of archaeological heritage, to insert the words “and Archaeology”.	The PMA constitutes a minor correction related to the re-naming of the Chapter. It does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of objective BHO 4.2 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
75	The PMA inserts a new objective, BHO 4.6, “To support the repair and conservation of the Kildare Town Walls within the curtilage of St Brigid’s Cathedral”.	The PMA inserts a new objective not previously assessed, which may entail minor conservation works to historic town walls. Given the likely nature, scale and location of any minor works arising from this objective, the potential for likely significant European sites can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of the draft Plan and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
Chapter 9: Natural Heritage and Green Infrastructure			
76	The PMA amends objective NHO 2.4 to include “a Tree Planting Programme and local bee-hive initiative” in a list of initiatives to be supported for the benefit of biodiversity.	While the proposed tree planting programme is likely to have positive effects for biodiversity locally in terms of habitat creation and enhanced connectivity, neither of these new measures has the potential to result in likely significant effects on any European site. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of objective NHO 2.4 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

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77	The PMA inserts a new objective, NHO 2.7, to “Support the relocation of the Kildare Wild Animal Rescue Centre on appropriately zoned land, including but not limited to land identified as Q (1) on Map 11.1”.	The PMA inserts a new objective not previously assessed, providing for the potential relocation of an existing wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre to lands “including but not limited to land identified as Q (1)” on the land use zoning map. PMA No. 90, below, indicates that a site in the Q-zoned lands has been earmarked for the relocated centre. Given the nature of the activity in question, the likelihood of significant effects on a European site resulting from the proposed relocation is considered to be very low. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of the draft Plan and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
78	The PMA amends objective NHO 4.2 to clarify that tree planting proposals for new residential developments should be of “mixed native” species, “to include specimen Oak”.	While the proposed mixed native tree planting is likely to have positive effects for biodiversity at the local level, this measure does not have the potential to result in likely significant effects on any European site. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of objective NHO 4.2 and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
Chapter 10: Infrastructure and Environmental Services			
79	The PMA inserts a new objective, IO 1.3, to “Consult with Uisce Éireann prior to the implementation of any significant Public Realm Works or Transportation Measures contained in the Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2023-2029 to avoid and/or mitigate impacts on existing or planned water and wastewater infrastructure”.	The PMA inserts a new objective for the purpose of protecting material assets (existing water infrastructure) and does not promote development per se. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of the draft Plan and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
80	The PMA inserts a new objective, IO 4.6, to “Consult with the Electricity Supply Board prior to any significant Public Realm Works to ensure opportunities to provide ducting/underground cabling in the most economically efficient way and limit disruption to local services”.	The PMA inserts a new objective for the purpose of optimising provision of electrical services and avoiding disruption of services. It does not promote development per se. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of the draft Plan and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
81	The PMA inserts a new objective, IO 4.7, to “Work in conjunction with ESB Ireland to facilitate enhancements to the boundary treatment and screening surrounding the existing 38Kv substation on Southgreen Road”.	The PMA inserts a new objective for the purposes of providing improved boundary treatment and screening to an existing substation. Given the nature, scale and location of any hard or soft landscaping works resulting from this objective, the potential for likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report published in March in respect of the draft Plan and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
82	The PMA replaces Map 10.2 with an updated map based on recent pluvial flood modelling, and would update Map 10.2(a) accordingly in the event that the PMA is adopted.	The PMA constitutes an update to supporting information to the draft Plan, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

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Chapter 11: Implementation			
83	The PMA deletes a footnote (No. 68) on p. 132 related to the development of the former Magee Barracks site.	The PMA constitutes a minor amendment to supporting/background information in the draft Plan, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
84	The PMA amends Figure 11-2, 'Former Magee Barracks Design Framework', re-allocating part of an area on Hospital Street formerly for community uses to 'residential block'.	The PMA results in the re-allocation of a small area of land from community to residential use at the former Magee Barracks site, which is zoned 'mixed use' in the land use zoning map (Map 11.1). The likelihood of significant effects on European sites can be excluded, given the likely nature and scale, and context of planned residential development, coupled with embedded standard best practice for pollution prevention (during construction and operation) and the lack of hydrological connectivity from the sites in question to European sites. Any resultant change in residential yield would be marginal in relation to the scenario assessed in the previous AA Screening Report, published in March. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
85	The PMA inserts a new subsection, 11.2, 'Southgreen Key Development Area'. The PMA inserts a new heading, three paragraphs of explanatory text and a Figure, 'Figure 11-3, Southgreen Design Framework' setting out KCC's vision for the "orderly and sequential development of this strategic growth area". As illustrated in the design framework (Figure 11-3), the PMA relates to lands proposed for re-zoning under PMA Nos. 7, 110 and 111.	The PMA provides for development on greenfield lands not proposed under the previous iteration of the draft Plan. The likelihood of significant effects on European sites as a result of the development of this area can be excluded, given the likely nature and scale, and context of planned development, coupled with embedded standard best practice for pollution prevention (during construction and operation), having regard to the lack of hydrological connectivity from the area to European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
86	The PMA amends Table 11-2, 'Implementation and Delivery Schedule Residential Lands' to include additional information regarding existing water supply and wastewater drainage infrastructure at the Collaghknock, Grey Abbey View and Rathbride Road sites, as well as likely new/improved water infrastructure required to support planned residential development at these sites, to be delivered in tandem with the planned development.	The PMA provides additional information/elaboration in relation to the delivery of planned residential development at specific sites, as proposed in the previous iteration of the draft Plan and assessed under the scope of the corresponding AA Screening Report, published in March. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
87	The PMA replaces a paragraph of text in relation to zoning designation 'D: Retail Outlet Centre' in Table 11-4, 'Land-Use Zoning Objectives', to clarify KCC's policy regarding provision of food and beverage units at the Kildare Tourist Outlet Village (KTOV).	The PMA constitutes a clarification/elaboration regarding retail/food uses, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of the land use zoning objectives and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

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88	<p>The PMA inserts a site-specific objective, E (1), in relation to zoning designation ‘E: Community and Education’ in Table 11-4: “This site-specific zoning objective provides for the development of individual housing units and/or a nursing home facility to provide for the needs of the elderly, in accordance with Policy SC P6 and Objectives SC O40 and SC O41 of the County Development Plan, in addition to the provision of a childcare facility”. Map 11.1 is updated to show the location of objective E (1).</p>	<p>The PMA inserts a new objective supporting the development of housing and/or a nursing home for the elderly, as well as a childcare facility. This proposed use is consistent with the land use zoning as set out in the previous iteration of the draft Plan, and assessed under the scope of the corresponding AA Screening Report, published in March. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of the land use zoning objectives and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.</p>	Screen out
89	<p>The PMA inserts a site-specific objective, ‘Strategic Reserve [Employment] (SR*)’, in relation to zoning designation ‘SR: Strategic Reserve’ in Table 11-4: “To protect the integrity of the lands to provide for the future strategic expansion of the town for employment purposes (if required).</p> <p>The development of the lands is a long-term vision and do not form part of the Development Strategy of Kildare Town during the lifetime of this Plan. The inclusion of these lands will not in any way infer a future commitment regarding the nature of any future zoning. Such a decision will be considered within the framework of the need for additional zoned lands and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.”</p>	<p>The PMA inserts a new objective, supporting the protection of strategic reserve lands for potential future employment uses. The PMA also has the effect of extending the LAP boundary as set out in the previous iteration of the draft Plan.</p> <p>As noted in the objective, development of these lands, if required, would be delivered beyond the lifetime of this draft Plan. The PMA is aspirational and does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of the land use zoning objectives and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.</p>	Screen out
90	<p>The PMA inserts a site-specific objective, Q (1), in relation to zoning designation ‘Q: Enterprise and Employment’ in Table 11-4: “The south-west corner of the Q lands to the north of the motorway have been designated for the provision of a facility for the Kildare Wildlife Rescue services”.</p>	<p>Refer to screening commentary for PMA No. 77, above. The proposed use provided for by the PMA is consistent with the land use zoning as set out in the previous iteration of the draft Plan and assessed under the scope of the corresponding AA Screening Report, published in March. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of the land use zoning objectives and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.</p>	Screen out
91	<p>The PMA inserts a site-specific objective, F (1), in relation to zoning designation ‘F: Open Space and Amenity’ in Table 11-4: “These lands are designated for the provision of a community sports campus. A detailed design framework is required for the entire area which shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phasing details whereby the site is developed sequentially from the south in tandem with new housing. • Active travel links (walking and cycling) connecting with neighbouring (existing and planned) residential areas, neighbourhood centre, school campuses and community uses. • A vehicular access point from the Southgreen Road, proximate to the built up area; • Retention of mature trees and hedgerows in accordance with Map 9-1 Natural Heritage and Green Infrastructure.” <p>Additionally, the PMA changes the zoning of a land parcel to the north of the town from ‘I: Agricultural’ to ‘F: Open Space and Amenity’.</p>	<p>The PMA inserts a new objective for the development of a community sports campus on lands zoned for open space and amenity use in the draft Plan, including as a result of a zoning change under this PMA. The ‘F: Open Space and Amenity’ zoning designation has been assessed under the scope of the previous AA Screening Report, published in March. Proposed re-zoning under this PMA is considered below. Given the likely nature, scale and location of development works arising from objective F(1), the potential for likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded.</p> <p>The PMA also changes the land use zoning of a parcel of land from retention of the existing agricultural use to allowing for open space and amenity use. The PMA allows for potential future land use change and/or development in accordance with the zoning objective for ‘F: Open Space and Amenity’, “To protect and provide for open space, amenity and recreation provision” and the corresponding permitted in principle/open for consideration uses as set out in the zoning matrix. Given the likely nature and scale of any resultant land use change/development on this site and having regard to the location of the land parcel in question and the associated potential for effect pathways, it is considered that there is no potential for likely significant effects on European sites resulting from this PMA.</p>	Screen out

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		The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of the proposed land use zoning and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	
92	The PMA is a duplication of the site-specific objective from PMA No. 91 on the site itself. The PMA also changes the zoning of another land parcel to the north of the town from 'I: Agricultural' to 'F: Open Space and Amenity'.	<p>The PMA changes the land use zoning of another parcel of land proximate to that discussed in relation to PMA No. 91, above, from retention of the existing agricultural use to allowing for open space and amenity use. The PMA allows for potential future land use change and/or development in accordance with the zoning objective for 'F: Open Space and Amenity', "To protect and provide for open space, amenity and recreation provision" and the corresponding permitted in principle/open for consideration uses as set out in the zoning matrix.</p> <p>Given the likely nature and scale of any resultant land use change/development on this site and having regard to the location of the land parcel in question and the associated potential for effect pathways, it is considered that there is no potential for likely significant effects on European sites resulting from this PMA. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report in respect of the proposed land use zoning and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.</p>	Screen out
93	The PMA amends the wording of land use designation B in the draft Plan from "Existing Residential" to "Existing Residential / Infill" in accordance with Map 11.1.	This is a minor change in terminology, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
94	The PMA amends Table 11-6, 'Land Use Zoning Matrix' to include casinos in the "Amusement Arcade" land use category (now "Amusement Arcade/Casino" and, for the 'A: Town Centre' zoning designation, to change the policy for "Amusement Arcade/Casino" from 'O: Open for Consideration' to 'N: Not Normally Permitted'.	The PMA constitutes a minor change to the permitted uses in the town centre zoning, that is consistent with the corresponding zoning objective as set out in Table 11-4, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
95	The PMA amends Table 11-6, 'Land Use Zoning Matrix' to include bus parking in the "Car Park (other than ancillary)" land use category (now "Car Park (other than ancillary) / Bus Parking")	The PMA constitutes a minor clarification of a land use category, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
96	The PMA changes the policy for "Crèches/Playschool" in the 'N: Neighbourhood Centre' zoning designation from 'O: Open for Consideration' to 'Y: Permitted in Principle'.	The PMA constitutes a minor change to the permitted uses in the 'N: Neighbourhood Centre' zoning designation, that is consistent with the corresponding zoning objective as set out in Table 11-4, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
97	The PMA amends Table 11-6, 'Land Use Zoning Matrix' to include a new land use category, 'Conference / Exhibition Centre' and identify in each case whether the use in question is permitted in principle/open for consideration/not normally permitted/etc. in each land use zoning designation.	The PMA constitutes a minor elaboration of the zoning matrix for the purposes of providing greater clarity on the planning policy for conference/exhibition centre use. The planning policy (i.e., permitted in principle/open for consideration/not normally permitted/etc.) for each zoning designation is consistent with the zoning objectives set out in Table 11-4 in all cases.	Screen out

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	It also adds a corresponding footnote stating that a “A conference centre will be considered in the eastern section of lands zoned Q: Enterprise and Employment only”.	These zoning objectives were set out in the previous iteration of the draft Plan and assessed under the scope of the previous AA Screening Report, published in March. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	
98	The PMA amends Table 11-6, ‘Land Use Zoning Matrix’ to change the planning policy for several land uses (‘Restaurant’, ‘Offices’ and ‘Park/Playground’) on lands zoned ‘D: Retail Outlet Centre’ from ‘N: Not Normally Permitted’ to ‘O: Open for Consideration’. It also adds corresponding footnote for restaurant and office uses in this zoning: “Footnote (Restaurants): Subject to compliance with zoning objective defined in Table 11-4” and “Footnote (Offices): Ancillary only to supporting operations of KTOV”.	The PMA constitutes minor changes to the permitted uses in the ‘D: Retail Outlet Centre’ zoning designation, that is consistent with the corresponding zoning objective as set out in Table 11-4, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
99	The PMA amends Table 11-6, ‘Land Use Zoning Matrix’ to change the planning policy for ‘Restaurant’ use on lands zoned ‘E: Community and Education’ from ‘N: Not Normally Permitted’ to ‘O: Open for Consideration’. It also adds a corresponding footnote for restaurant use in this zoning: “Only when ancillary to a community use”.	The PMA constitutes a minor change to the permitted uses in the ‘E: Community and Education’ zoning designation, that is consistent with the corresponding zoning objective as set out in Table 11-4, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
100	The PMA amends Table 11-6, ‘Land Use Zoning Matrix’ to change the planning policy for ‘Offices’ use on lands zoned ‘Q: Enterprise and Employment’ from ‘O: Open for Consideration’ to ‘Y: Permitted in Principle’.	The PMA constitutes a minor change to the permitted uses in the ‘Q: Enterprise and Employment’ zoning designation, that is consistent with the corresponding zoning objective as set out in Table 11-4, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
101	The PMA amends Table 11-6, ‘Land Use Zoning Matrix’ to change the planning policy for ‘Restaurant’ use on lands zoned ‘G: National Stud and Green Belt’ from ‘N: Not Normally Permitted’ to ‘O: Open for Consideration’. It also adds a corresponding footnote for restaurant use in this zoning: “To be provided within the established visitor amenities area of the Irish National Stud only”.	The PMA constitutes a minor change to the permitted uses in the ‘G: National Stud and Green Belt’ zoning designation, that is consistent with the corresponding zoning objective as set out in Table 11-4, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
102	The PMA adds footnotes regarding ‘Shop – Convenience’ use in the ‘B: Existing Residential’ zoning designation, where “No single unit shall exceed 100sqm. of net retail space, except within the area north of the rail line between east of Green Road and west of Dunmurray Road which shall not exceed 150sqm of net retail space”; and the ‘C: New Residential’ zoning designation, where “No single unit shall exceed 100sqm. of net retail space, except within the area north of the rail line between east of Green Road and west of Dunmurray Road which shall not exceed 150sqm of net retail space”.	The PMA elaborates conditions of convenience shop use in residentially zoned areas. The PMA is consistent with the corresponding zoning objectives as set out in Table 11-4, with no implications in terms of effects on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
103	The PMA amends Table 11-6, ‘Land Use Zoning Matrix’ to include a new land use category, ‘Indoor Recreational & Amenity Facilities’ and identify in each case whether the use in question is permitted in principle/open for consideration/not normally permitted in each land use zoning designation.	The PMA constitutes a minor elaboration of the zoning matrix for the purposes of providing greater clarity on the planning policy for indoor recreational and amenity facility use.	Screen out

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	It also adds a corresponding footnote clarifying that “This land use relates to play centres such as indoor play/adventure centres, bowling alleys, trampoline parks.”	The planning policy (i.e., permitted in principle/open for consideration/not normally permitted) for each zoning designation is consistent with the zoning objectives set out in Table 11-4 in all cases, as set out in the previous iteration of the draft Plan, and assessed under the scope of the previous AA Screening Report, published in March. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	
104	The PMA inserts a new land use zoning designation, ‘M: Tourism’ to Tables 11-4 and 11-6 and Map 11.1, with the corresponding zoning objective “To provide for tourism and leisure facilities”. The proposed text to be inserted to Table 11-4 includes a statement that “The primary use within this zone is for the provision of a hotel and its ancillary uses only”. The PMA inserts a column in Table 11-6, ‘Land Use Zoning Matrix’ for this new zoning designation. The only permitted in principles use is ‘Guest House/Hotel/Hostel’. Open for consideration uses are ‘Emergency residential accommodation’, ‘Park / Playground’, ‘Pub’, ‘Restaurant’ and ‘Utility Structures’. The PMA includes footnotes clarifying that pub/restaurant use in this zoning designation “will only be considered ancillary to the overall function of a hotel”. Map 11.1 is updated accordingly.	The PMA provides for the delivery of hotel and ancillary uses in Kildare Town. Given the location of the new zoning designation (particularly the absence of hydrological connection to European sites), and the likely nature and scale of any resultant hotel development, there is no potential for likely significant effects on any European site resulting from this PMA. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
Proposed Changes to Map 11.1: Land Use Zoning			
105	The PMA changes a c. 0.7 ha parcel of land formerly zoned ‘H: Industry and Warehousing’ to ‘E: Community and Education’.	The PMA provides for a small area of re-zoning on a site that is currently brownfield. Given the nature and location of the site and the nature and scale of the planned use, the potential for likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded. Further, the planned use under the PMA is less intensive and less likely to generate pollution than the previously proposed use. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
106	The PMA changes a c. 6.3 ha parcel of land formerly zoned ‘I: Agriculture’ to ‘Q: Enterprise and Employment’.	The PMA provides for the development of a formerly greenfield site. Given the location of the site (with no hydrological connectivity to European sites) and the likely nature and scale of the planned use, the potential for likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
107	The PMA changes a c. 0.9 ha parcel of land formerly zoned ‘F: Open Space and Amenity’ to ‘E: Community and Education’.	The PMA provides for the development of relatively small, predominantly greenfield site. Given the location of the site (with no hydrological connectivity to European sites) and the likely nature and scale of the planned use, the potential for likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

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108	The PMA changes a c. 3.6 ha parcel of land formerly zoned 'C New Residential Phase 2' to 'Q: Enterprise and Employment'.	The PMA provides for the re-zoning of a site from residential to enterprise/employment use. Given the location of the site (with no hydrological connectivity to European sites) and the likely nature and scale of the planned use, the potential for likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
109	The PMA changes a c. 2.5 ha parcel of land formerly zoned 'Q: Enterprise and Employment' to 'E: Community and Education'.	The PMA provides for the re-zoning of a site from enterprise/employment to community/education use. Given the location of the site (with no hydrological connectivity to European sites) and the likely nature and scale of the planned use (very similar in terms of environmental effects to the previous zoning), the potential for likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
110	The PMA changes a c. 5.2 ha parcel of land formerly zoned 'F: Open Space' to 'C: New Residential Phase 2'.	The PMA provides for the development of formerly greenfield site. Given the location of the site (with no hydrological connectivity to European sites) and the likely nature and scale of the planned use, the potential for likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
111	<p>The PMA changes a c. 13 ha parcel of land formerly zoned 'I: Agriculture' and 'SR: Strategic Reserve' to 'F: Open Space and Amenity'. It also inserts a new, site-specific objective to Table 11-4 for zoning designation F, as follows: "F (1) These lands are designated for the provision of a community sports campus. A detailed design framework is required for the entire area which shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phasing details whereby the site is developed sequentially from the south in tandem with new housing. • Active travel links (walking and cycling) connecting with neighbouring (existing and planned) residential areas, neighbourhood centre, school campuses and community uses. • A vehicular access point from the Southgreen Road, proximate to the built up area; • Retention of mature trees and hedgerows in accordance with Map 9-1 Natural Heritage and Green Infrastructure." 	The PMA provides for development/land use change on formerly greenfield (agricultural) lands. Given the location of the site (with no hydrological connectivity to European sites) and the likely nature and scale of the planned use, the potential for likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded. Regarding site-specific objective F (1), refer to PMA No. 91, above. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
112	The PMA changes land use zoning on a parcel of land as follows: 'G: National Stud and Green Belt' to 'F: 'Open Space and Amenity'; 'G: National Stud and Green Belt' to 'F: Open Space and Amenity'; and 'S: Equine Industry' to 'F: Open Space and Amenity'.	The PMA provides for the re-zoning of a parcel of land from a mix of national stud, green belt and equine industry uses to open space and amenity use.	Screen out

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		Given the location of the site (with no hydrological connectivity to European sites) and the likely nature and scale of the planned use (very similar in terms of environmental effects to the previous zonings), the potential for likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	
PMA 113: Amendments Related to CSO Census 2022			
113	The PMA makes 21 amendments to update the draft Plan in light of the publication of results of the CSO Census 2022. It has the effect of making updates, additions and clarifications to text throughout the draft Plan to reflect up-to-date population statistics from the CSO and a new statistical geography, the Built-Up Area (BUA), established under the Census.	The amendments under this PMA have been reviewed, and none are deemed to have any implications in terms of the likely effects of the draft Plan on European sites. The PMA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out
PMA 113: Amendments to Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)			
114	The PMA makes numerous alterations to the SFRA for the draft Plan, as previously published in March. The alterations include text amendments for the purpose of clarification and provision of further information, particularly in relation to pluvial flood modelling. The addition of the following requirement in Section 6.6 is noted: “All development proposals should incorporate surface water management in compliance with the Greater Dublin Drainage Strategy (GSDSDS), in particular Volume 2 Chapter 6 Stormwater Drainage Design Criteria, and CIRIA SuDS Manual (C753) and with Nature-Based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas Best Practice Interim Guidance Document (2021, DHLGH).”	The addition of the requirement in relation to surface water management for development proposals may be expected to promote attenuation of surface water quality and quantity, with potential positive ecological impacts locally. Notwithstanding this, the PMA to the SFRA does not affect the conclusions of the previous AA Screening Report and will not result in likely significant effects on any European site.	Screen out

2.2.1 In-combination Effects

Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive requires an assessment of a plan to consider other plans or programmes that might, in combinations with the plan or project, have the potential to adversely impact upon European designated sites. A wide range of plans and projects are of relevance to the draft Plan as outlined in Appendices B.1 and B.2 to the previous AA Screening Report. In the preparation of this report, regard has been had to relevant plans and projects, including those listed in the appendices to the previous report. It is considered that there is no potential for likely significant effects on European sites arising as a result of the draft Plan with PMAs, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects.

2.2.2 Conclusion of Stage 1 AA Screening of Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan

It is considered that none of the PMAs to the draft Plan have the potential to result in likely significant effects on any European site in view of its Conservation Objectives, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects. It is, therefore, considered that the PMAs do not require further assessment or trigger the requirement for Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment (or the preparation of a corresponding Natura Impact Report).

3. Conclusion & Recommendation

This Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report provides the information required by the competent authority, KCC, to make a determination as to the likelihood of significant effects on European sites of the Natura 2000 network, in view of their Conservation Objectives, resulting from the implementation of the proposed material alterations (PMAs) to the Draft Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2023-2029 (the 'draft Plan'), individually or in combination with other plans or projects.

This report has systematically screened the PMAs to the draft Plan for the potential to give rise to likely significant effects on European sites, in view of their Conservation Objectives. This report forms an addendum to the previous AA Screening Report published alongside the draft Plan for public display in March 2023, and should be read in conjunction with same.

It is recommended that KCC may determine that the proposed material alterations to the Draft Kildare Town Local Area Plan 2023-2029, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, **will not give rise to likely significant effects** and there is, therefore, no potential for adverse effects on the integrity on any European sites of the Natura 2000 network, in view of their Conservation Objectives.