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KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Orders

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

**Gallowshill Project Athy**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing to construct a Welfare Facility for staff which would provide a canteen, training room, office, toilets, changing facilities and an amenity patio seating area within the site of the existing Civic Amenity Site Gallowshill, Athy.


A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided in the Section 3.1 of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and with drawings provided with the Part 8 application.

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

Key points in the determination

- Two Natura Sites – River Barrow and River Nore SAC (1.1km west) and Ballyprior Grasslands (10.9km west) – occur within the likely zone of impact (15km) of the proposed development.
- There is no direct hydrological links to either site.
- There is no potential for cumulative impacts on the – River Barrow and River Nore SAC Ballyprior Grasslands or any other European Site.

Therefore a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the project appraisal either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.



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