



Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination

Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation (No.1): Kilcullen Settlement Plan of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029.

Under the *Planning and Development Act 2000* (as amended) for the Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation (No.1): Kilcullen Settlement Plan of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029.

At a Special Meeting of Elected Members of Kildare County Council on Monday 27th January 2025, it was resolved to alter the Proposed Variation (No.1): Kilcullen Settlement Plan of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029 and that these alterations constitute a material alteration to the Proposed Variation and Draft Settlement Plan.

A Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) determination is being made by Kildare County Council regarding the Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation (No.1): Kilcullen Settlement Plan of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029. Section 13(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether the Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation and Draft Settlement Plan warrant the undertaking of an AA.

The Screening for AA Report of the Proposed Material Alterations concludes that the Proposed Material Alterations to the *Proposed Variation (No.1): Kilcullen Settlement Plan* of the *Kildare County Development Plan 2023-2029*, either alone 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.

The undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above, agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented above. The undersigned hereby determines, pursuant to Section 13(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required.

This decision has been informed by the Proposed Material Alterations, the Screening for AA Report of the Proposed Material Alterations, and the Screening for AA and AA Report of the Proposed Variation and Draft Settlement Plan.

Signed: _____

Alan Dunney

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Date: 7th February 2025