COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHILL DARA 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

Residential Infill Development to Rear of Glandore House, Woodstock Street, Athy, Co. Kildare.

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing a residential infill development Residential Infill Development to Rear of Glandore House, Woodstock Street, Athy, Co. Kildare. The proposed development will involve the construction of 5 no. residential units, and associated works.

A description of the proposed development has been provided in Section 2 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 Screening for Appropriate Assessment report by NMEcology, Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the proposed residential infill development to Rear of Glandore House, Woodstock Street, Athy, Co. Kildare, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, does not have the potential to give rise to likely significant effects on European sites, their conservation objectives or integrity, and therefore does not require an Appropriate Assessment.

Key points in the determination –

- The proposed development site is not located within any Natura 2000 sites, so there is no risk of habitat loss, fragmentation or any other direct impacts.
- The River Barrow and River Nore SAC is c. 250m from the site but all potential pathways surface water and groundwater pathways have been ruled out.
- Foul water from the proposed housing units will discharge to the Athy Waste Water Treatment Plant.

It is therefore highly improbable that a project of this nature and scale will have any measurable impact on the qualifying interests of Natura 2000 sites.

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.

Signed:

Bébhinh O'Shea

Senior Executive Planner

29/7/2022

ORDER: That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority, having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by NMEcology on behalf of Kildare County Council, makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the Residential Infill Development at Rear of Glandore House, Woodstock Street, Athy, Co. Kildare, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

Date: 2/9/2022

Chief Executive