

Roscommon County Council



Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for the Provision of a Vertical Walkway Viewing Structure at Mote Forest Park



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Screening for Appropriate Assessment:

Table 1: Project Details

Development Consent Type	Part 8 – Local Authority Own Development
Development Location	Mote Forest Park, Mote Demesne and Lissanisky, Roscommon
Description of the Project	Provision of Vertical Walkway Viewing Structure at Mote Forest Park

Table 2: Identification of Natura 2000 Sites (SACs and SPAs) which may be impacted by the proposed development

Please answer the following questions in order to determine whether there are any Natura 2000 sites which could potentially be impacted by the proposed development.

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

Impacts on habitats

1.	Impacts on Freshwater Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include freshwater habitats, or in the catchment of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider Lough Ree SAC (Site Code: 000440) Distance from Site: 1.74 km Designated features: Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition - type vegetation (#3150)</p> <p>Ballinturly Turlough SAC (Site Code: 000588) Distance from Site: 6.39 km Designated features: Turloughs (#3180)</p> <p>Lough Funshinagh SAC (Site Code: 000611) Distance from Site: 7.37 km Designated features: Turloughs (#3180)</p> <p>Lisduff Turlough SAC (Site Code: 000609) Distance from Site: 8.55 km Designated features: Turloughs (#3180)</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely</p>

	<p>Fortwilliam Turlough SAC (Site Code: 000448) Distance from Site: 9.65 km Designated features: Turloughs (#3180)</p> <p>Lough Croan Turlough SAC (Site Code: 000610) Distance from Site: 10.96 km Designated features: Turloughs (#3180)</p> <p>Four Roads Turlough SAC (Site Code: 001637) Distance from Site: 11.26 km Designated features: Turloughs (#3180)</p>	
2.	Impacts on Bog Mires and Fens Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Bog Mires and Fens habitats, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider Lough Ree SAC (Site Code: 000440) Distance from Site: 1.74 km Designated features: Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration (#7120),Alkaline fens (#7230)</p> <p>Corbo Bog SAC (Site Code: 002349) Distance from Site: 7.79 km Designated features: Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion (#7150),Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration (#7120),Active raised bogs (#7110)</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely</p>
3.	Impacts on Forests Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)

	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Forests habitats, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider <u>Lough Ree SAC</u> (Site Code: 000440) Distance from Site: 1.74 km Designated features: Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles (#91A0), Bog woodland (#91D0)</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No significant impacts on this Natura site is likely</p>
4.	Impacts on Grasslands Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Grasslands habitats, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider <u>Lough Ree SAC</u> (Site Code: 000440) Distance from Site: 1.74 km Designated features: Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important orchid sites) (#6210)</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No significant impacts on this Natura site is likely</p>
5.	Impacts on Heath and Scrub Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Heath and Scrub habitats, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider None</p>	<p>N/A</p>
6.	Impacts on Rocky Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests</p>	<p>No</p>

	include Rocky habitats, or within 1km of same? Sites to consider Lough Ree SAC (Site Code: 000440) Distance from Site: 1.74 km Designated features: Limestone pavements (#8240)	No significant impacts on this Natura site is likely
7.	Impacts on Dunes Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Dunes habitats, or within 1km of same? Sites to consider None	N/A
8.	Impacts on Coastal Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Coastal habitats, or within 1km of same? Sites to consider None	N/A

Impacts on Species

1.	Impacts on Amphibians	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Amphibians, or in the catchment of same? Sites to consider None	N/A

2.	Impacts on Anthropods	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Anthropods or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider None</p>	N/A
3.	Impacts on Fish	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Fish, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider None</p>	N/A
4.	Impacts on Mammals	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Mammals, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider Lough Ree SAC (Site Code: 000440) Distance from Site: 1.74 km Designated features: Lutra lutra (Otter) (#1355)</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No significant impacts on this Natura site is likely</p>
5.	Impacts on Mollucs	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Mollucs, or within 1km of same?</p>	N/A

	Sites to consider None	
6.	Impacts on Non-vascular Plants	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Non-vascular plants, or within 1km of same? Sites to consider None	N/A
7.	Impacts on Reptiles	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Reptiles, or within 1km of same? Sites to consider None	N/A
8.	Impacts on Vascular Plants	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Vascular Plants, or within 1km of same? Sites to consider None	N/A

Special Protection Areas (SPA):

1.	Impacts on Birds	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Protection Area, or within 1km of same? Sites to consider Lough Ree SPA (Site Code: 004064) Distance from Site: 2.85 km Designated features: Little Grebe (Tachybaptus ruficollis) (#A004), Whooper Swan (Cygnus	No No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely

cygnus) (#A038),Wigeon (Anas penelope) (#A050),Teal (Anas crecca) (#A052),Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos) (#A053),Shoveler (Anas clypeata) (#A056),Tufted Duck (Aythya fuligula) (#A061),Common Scoter (Melanitta nigra) (#A065),Goldeneye (Bucephala clangula) (#A067),Coot (Fulica atra) (#A125),Golden Plover (Pluvialis apricaria) (#A140),Lapwing (Vanellus vanellus) (#A142),Common Tern (Sterna hirundo) (#A193),Wetland and Waterbirds (#A999)

River Suck Callows SPA (Site Code: 004097)

Distance from Site: 8.41 km
Designated features: Whooper Swan (Cygnus cygnus) (#A038),Wigeon (Anas penelope) (#A050),Golden Plover (Pluvialis apricaria) (#A140),Lapwing (Vanellus vanellus) (#A142),Greenland White-fronted Goose (Anser albifrons flavirostris) (#A395),Wetland and Waterbirds (#A999)

Lough Croan Turlough SPA (Site Code: 004139)

Distance from Site: 10.96 km
Designated features: Shoveler (Anas clypeata) (#A056),Golden Plover (Pluvialis apricaria) (#A140),Greenland White-fronted Goose (Anser albifrons flavirostris) (#A395),Wetland and Waterbirds (#A999)

Four Roads Turlough SPA (Site Code: 004140)

Distance from Site: 11.26 km
Designated features: Golden Plover (Pluvialis apricaria) (#A140),Greenland White-fronted

	Goose (<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>) (#A395), Wetland and Waterbirds (#A999)	
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All designated sites within a 15km radius of the subject site have been considered in this screening for Appropriate Assessment.

Conclusion Table 2: If the answer to all of these questions is no, significant impacts can be ruled out for Natura 2000 sites. No further assessment is required; proceed to the Habitats Directive Conclusion Statement.

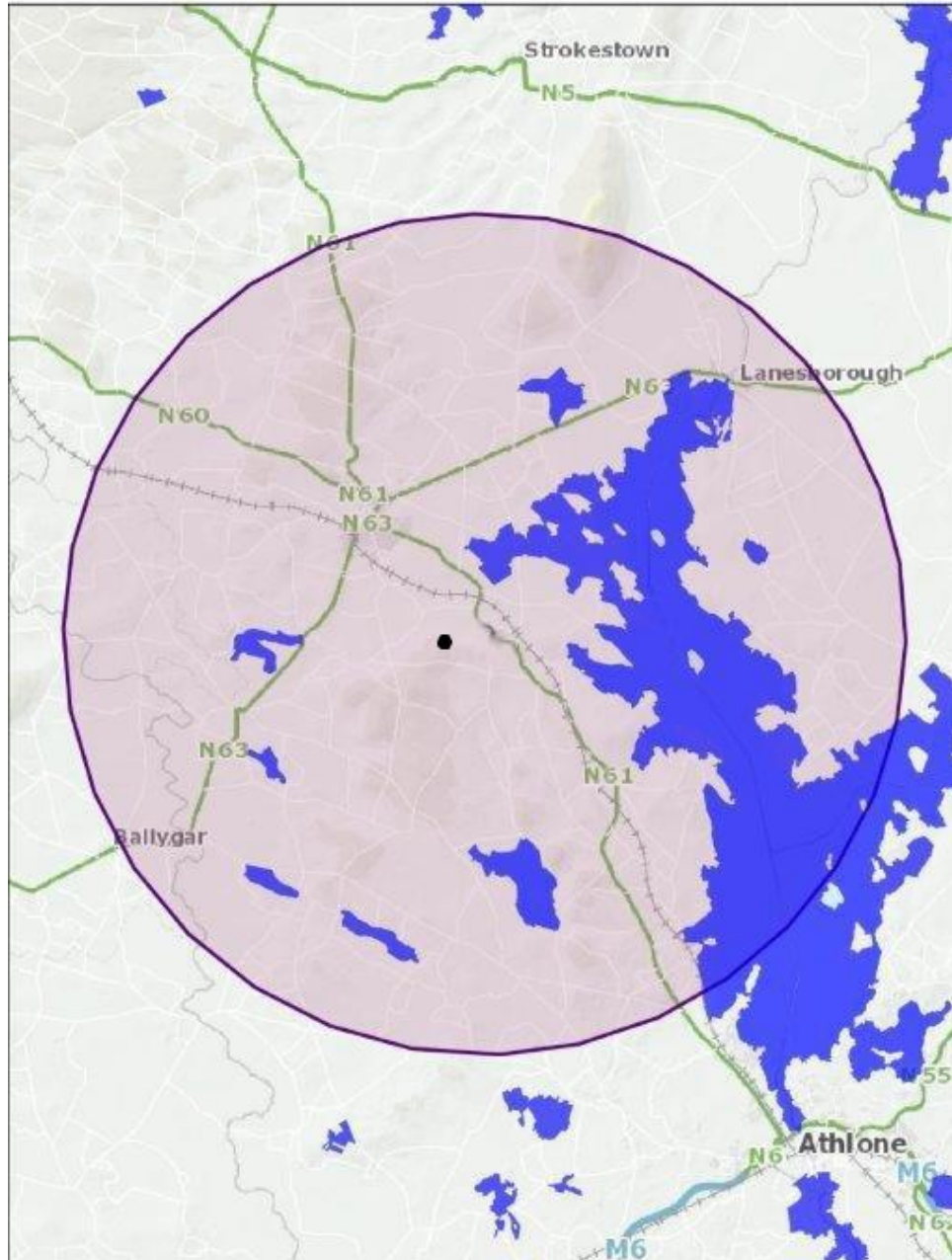
Screening for Appropriate Assessment - Conclusion Statement

Development Type: Part 8 - Local Authority Own Development
Location of Development: Mote Forest Park, Mote Demesne and Lissanisky, Roscommon
Natura 2000 sites within impact zone: SAC:002349, SAC:001637, SAC:000611, SAC:000610, SAC:000609, SAC:000588, SAC:000448, SAC:000440, SPA:004140, SPA:004139, SPA:004097, SPA:004064
Description of the Project: Provision of a Vertical Walkway Viewing Structure at Mote Forest Park
Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) could affect Natura 2000 sites(s): It is not considered that there will be any loss of habitat within any European Sites, nor any loss of any qualifying Annex 1 habitat outside designated sites. There is no evidence that any habitats proposed for removal within the subject lands are used by Qualifying Interests of any European sites. It is not considered therefore that there is any potential for cumulative habitat loss or disturbance impacts.
If there are potential negative impacts, explain whether you consider if these are likely to be significant, and if not, why not: N/A
Conclusion of Screening Assessment: Following an assessment of the proposed development and any potential relationships with European Sites, it is concluded that either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, there would be no likely significant effects on any European Sites. Accordingly, there is no requirement for Appropriate Assessment.
Documentation reviewed for making this statement: Roscommon County Development Plan 2014 – 2020 Roscommon Town Local Area Plan – 2014 – 2020 County Roscommon Heritage Plan 2017 – 2021 NPWS Site Synopsis, mapping and Conservation Objectives for the European Sites identified within this Screening Report.
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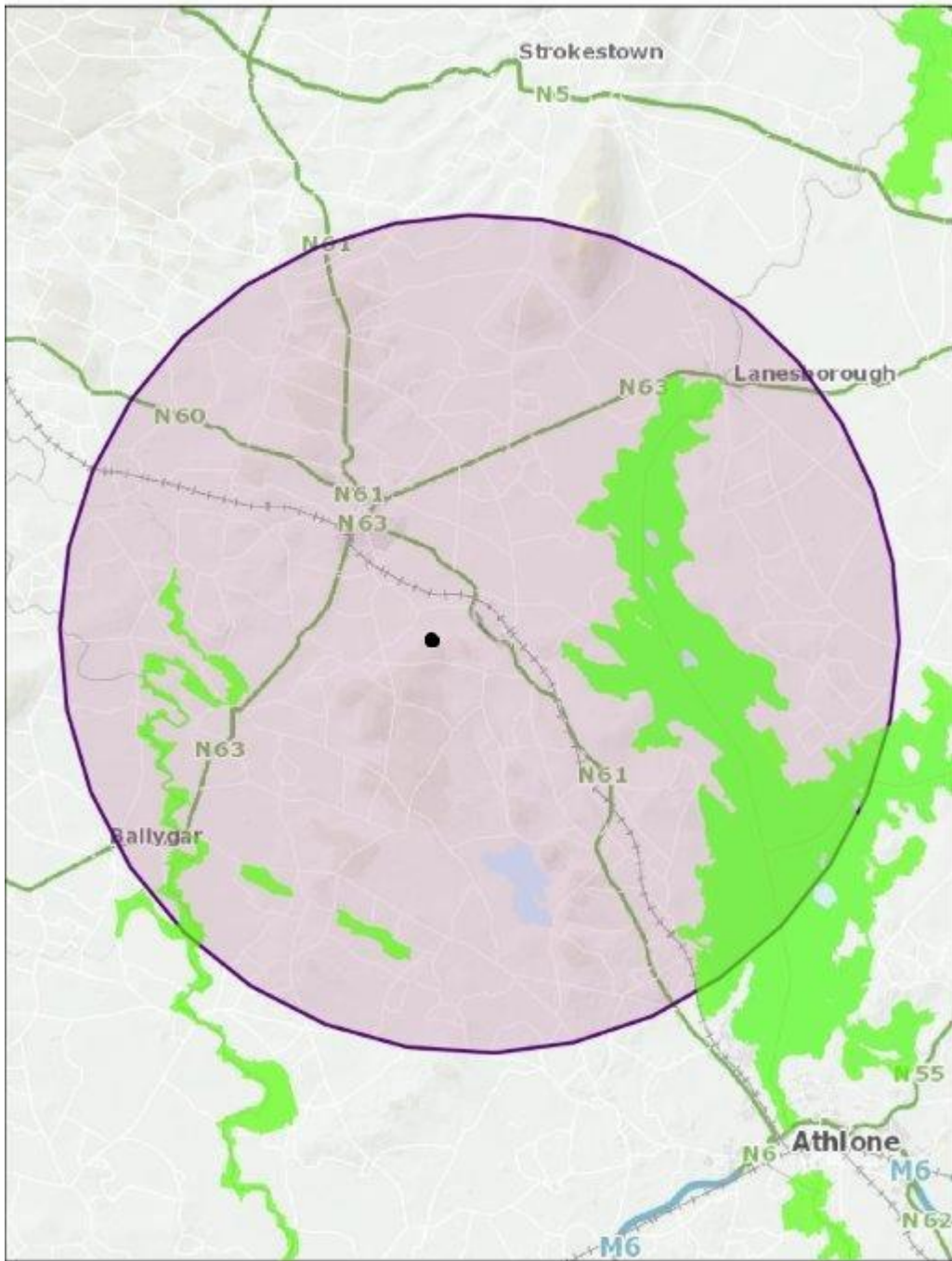
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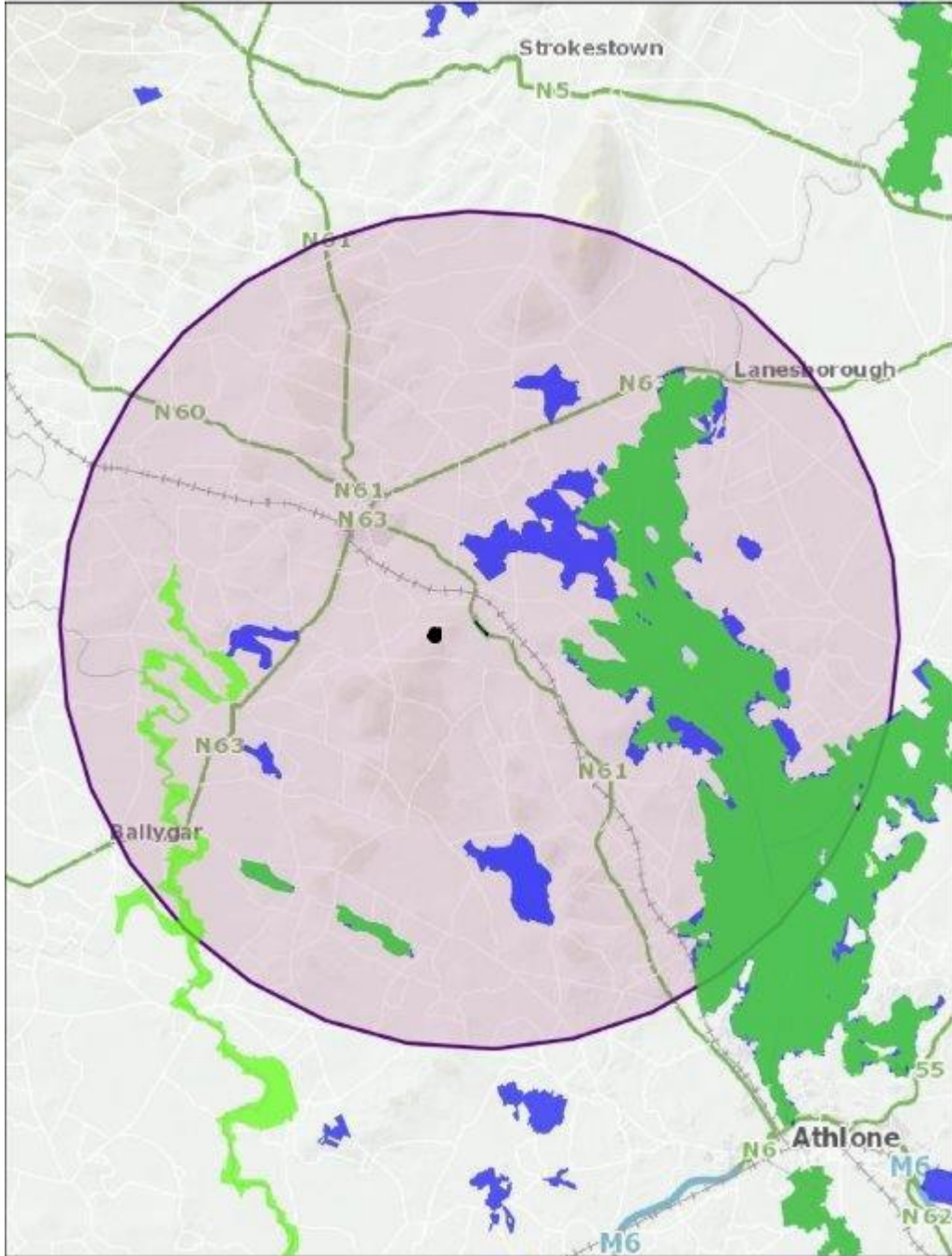
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SAC (blue) within 15km of Project Area



SPA (green) within 15km of Project Area



SAC & SPA within 15km of Project Area