

Roscommon County Council



Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for Proposed Car and Boat Trailer Parking Area at Lackan Townland, Portrunny, Co. Roscommon



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Screening for Appropriate Assessment:

Table 1: Project Details

Development Consent Type	Part 8 – Local Authority Own Development
Development Location	Lackan Townland, Portrunny, Co. Roscommon
Description of the Project	Proposed Car and Boat Trailer Parking Area

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 within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider Lough Ree SAC (Site Code: 000440) Distance from Site: 10m Designated features: Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition - type vegetation [3150] Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important orchid sites) [6210]</p>	<p>No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely</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: 10m Designated features: Active raised bogs [7110]</p>	<p>No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely</p>

	<p>Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120] Alkaline fens [7230] Bog woodland [91D0]</p> <p><u>Corbo Bog SAC</u> (Site Code: 002349) Distance from Site: 7.70 km Designated features: Active raised bogs [7110] Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration [7120] Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion [7150]</p>	No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely
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: 10 m Designated features: Bog woodland [91D0] Alluvial forests with <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> and <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae) [91E0]</p>	No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely
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: 10 m Designated features: Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (<i>Festuco-Brometalia</i>) (* important orchid sites) [6210]</p>	No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely
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 Lough Ree SAC (Site Code: 000440) Distance from Site: 10 m Designated features: Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition - type vegetation [3150] Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important orchid sites) [6210]</p>	No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely
6.	Impacts on Rocky Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Rocky habitats, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider None</p>	N/A
7.	Impacts on Dunes Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Dunes habitats, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider None</p>	N/A
8.	Impacts on Coastal Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Coastal habitats, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider None</p>	N/A

Impacts on Species

1.	Impacts on Amphibians	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Amphibians, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider</p>	N/A

	None	
2.	Impacts on Anthropods	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Anthropods or within 1km of same? Sites to consider None	
3.	Impacts on Fish	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Fish, or within 1km of same? Sites to consider None	
4.	Impacts on Mammals	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Mammals, or within 1km of same Sites to consider <u>Lough Ree SAC</u> (Site Code: 000440) Distance from Site: 10 m Designated features: Lutra lutra (Otter) [1355]	No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely
5.	Impacts on Mollucs	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Mollucs, or within 1km of same? Sites to consider None	No
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

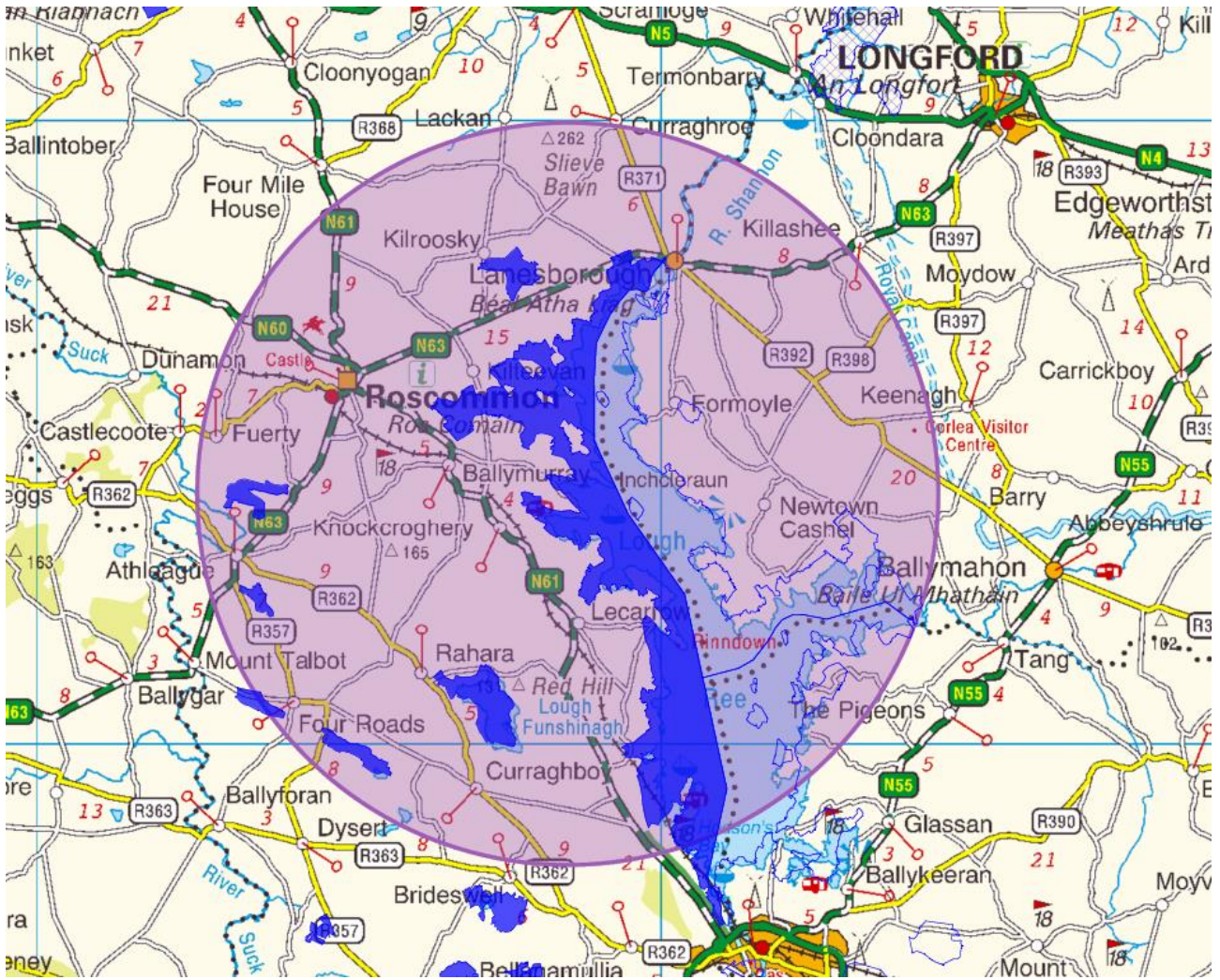
	<p>Designated features: Shoveler (<i>Anas clypeata</i>) [A056] Golden Plover (<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>) [A140] Greenland White-fronted Goose (<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>) [A395] Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]</p> <p><u>Four Roads Turlough SPA</u></p> <p>(Site code 004140)</p> <p>Distance from Site: 14.5 km</p> <p>Designated features: Golden Plover (<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>) [A140]</p> <p>Greenland White-fronted Goose (<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>) [A395]</p> <p>Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]</p> <p><u>River Suck Callows SPA</u></p> <p>(Site code 004097)</p> <p>Distance from Site: 12.6 km</p> <p>Designated features: Qualifying Interests</p> <p>Whooper Swan (<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>) [A038] Wigeon (<i>Anas penelope</i>) [A050] Golden Plover (<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>) [A140] Lapwing (<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>) [A142] Greenland White-fronted Goose (<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>) [A395] Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]</p>	<p>No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely</p> <p>No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely</p>
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All designated sites within a 15km radius of the subject site have been considered in this screening for Appropriate Assessment.

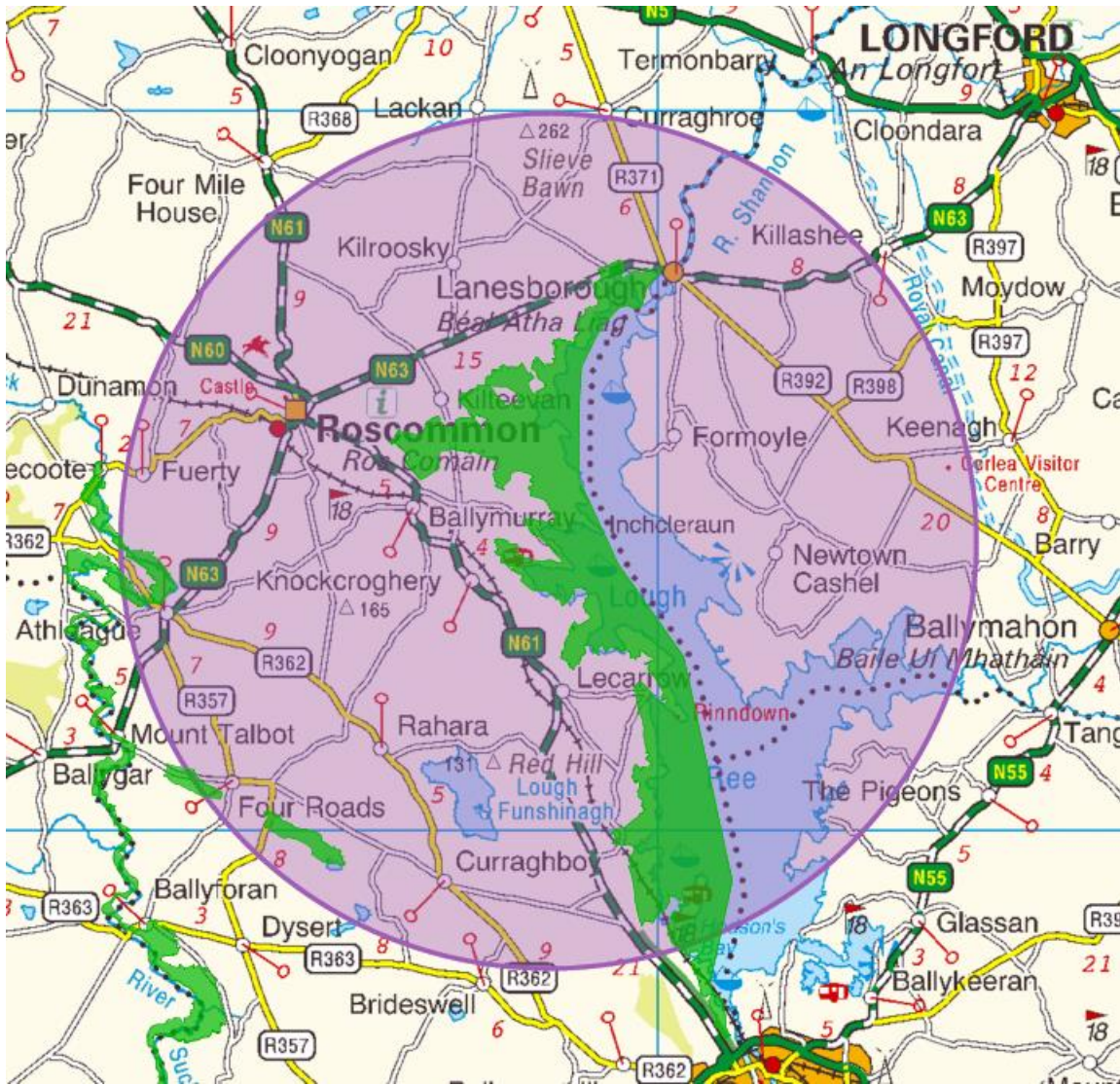
Conclusion Table 2: If the answer to all of these questions is no, significant impacts can be ruled out for Natura 2000 sites. No further assessment is required; proceed to the Habitats Directive Conclusion Statement. Please refer to tables 3 and 4 where the answer to any of these questions is yes.

Screening for Appropriate Assessment - Conclusion Statement

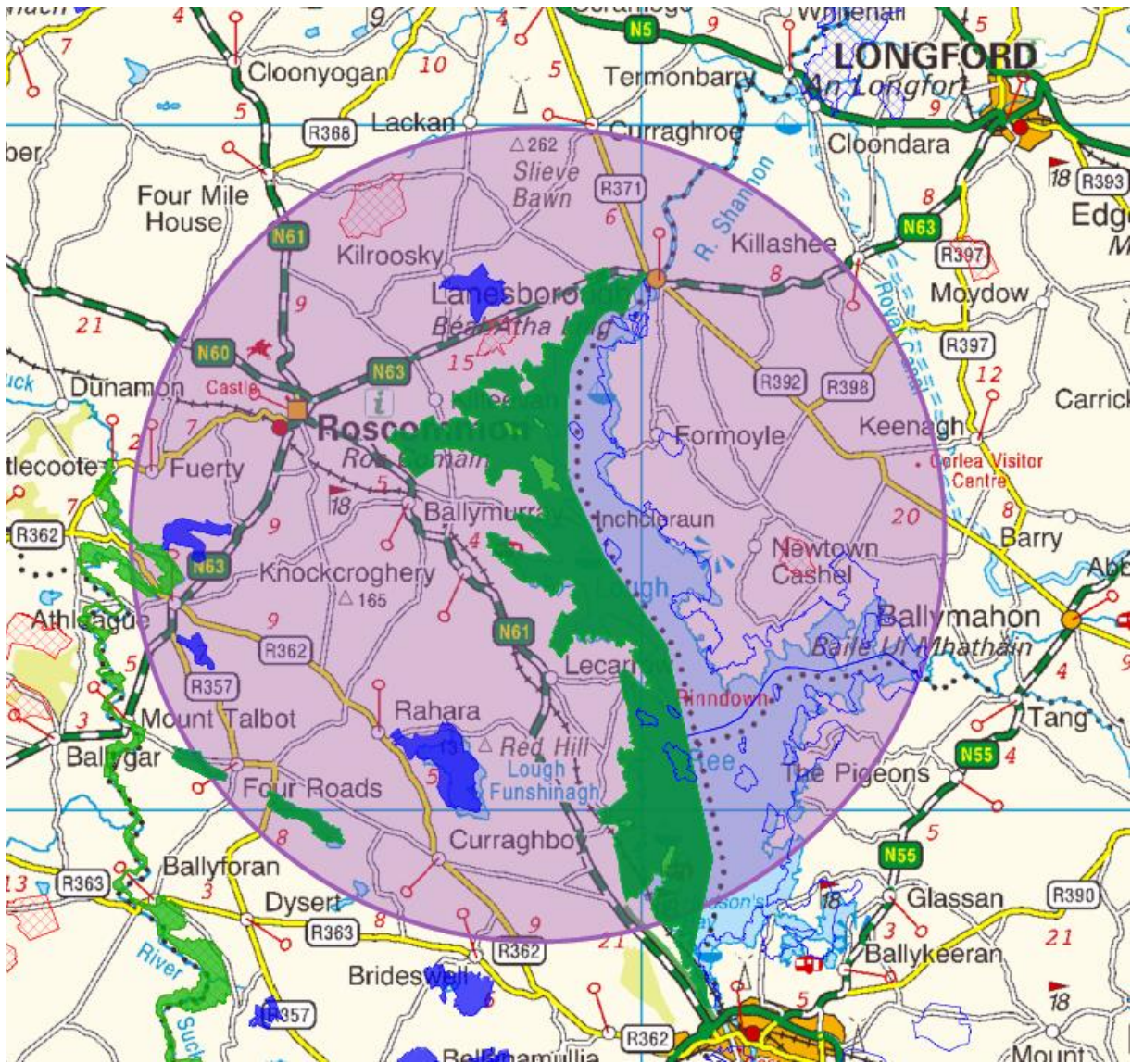
<p>Development Consent Type: Part 8 - Local Authority Own Development</p>
<p>Development Location: Proposed Car and Boat Trailer Parking Area at Lackan Townland, Portrunny, Co. Roscommon</p>
<p>Natura 2000 sites within impact zone: SAC: 000611, SAC: 000610, SAC: 001637, SAC: 000609, SAC: 000588, SAC: 002349, SAC: 000440, SPA: 004064, SPA: 004139, SPA : 004140, SPA: 004097.</p>
<p>Description of the Project: The proposal includes the development of a paved parking area with defined parking spaces to accommodate cars and boat trailers. The existing public footpath will be extended along front boundary of proposed parking area. Public lighting will be provided to proposed parking area. A native hedgerow will be installed around perimeter of site with a dry masonry double-sided stonewall to the front boundary.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>If there are potential negative impacts, explain whether you consider if these are likely to be significant, and if not, why not: N/A</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Documentation reviewed for making this statement: Roscommon County Development 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.</p>
<p>Completed by: John Quigley, Executive Engineer, Regeneration Unit, Community and Enterprise.</p>
<p>Date: 6 December 2021</p>



SAC (blue) within 15km of Project Area



SPA (green) within 15km of Project Area



SAC & SPA within 15km of Project Area