

Roscommon County Council



Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for Outdoor Performance & Public Space at Somers Park, Castlerea



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Screening for Appropriate Assessment:

Table 1: Project Details

Development Consent Type	Part 8 – Local Authority Own Development
Development Location	Somers Park, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon.
Description of the Project	Outdoor Performance & Public Space at Somers Park, Castlerea

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 <u>Errit Lough SAC</u> (Site Code: 000607) Distance from Site: 14.50 km Designated features: Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of Chara spp. (#3140)</p>	<p>No</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 <u>Cloonchambers Bog SAC</u> (Site Code: 000600) Distance from Site: 3.70 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>	<p>No</p> <p>No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely</p>

	<p><u>Corliskea/Trien/Cloonfelliv Bog SAC</u> (Site Code: 002110) Distance from Site: 4.50 km Designated features: Active raised bogs (#7110) Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration (#7120) Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion (#7150) Bog woodland (#91D0)</p> <p><u>Drumalough Bog SAC</u> (Site Code: 002338) Distance from Site: 5.40 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> <p><u>Bellanagare Bog SAC</u> (Site Code: 000592) Distance from Site: 4.50 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> <p><u>Carrowbehy/Caher Bog SAC</u> (Site Code: 000597) Distance from Site: 10.60 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> <p><u>Errit Lough SAC</u> (Site Code: 000607) Distance from Site: 14.50 km Designated features: Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of Chara spp. (#3140)</p>	
3.	Impacts on Forests Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Forests habitats, or within 1km of same?	No

	Sites to consider <u>Corliskea/Trien/Cloonfelliv Bog SAC</u> (Site Code: 002110) Distance from Site: 4.50 km Designated features: Active raised bogs (#7110) Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration (#7120) Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion (#7150) Bog woodland (#91D0)	No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely
4.	Impacts on Grasslands Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Grasslands habitats, or within 1km of same? Sites to consider None	N/A
5.	Impacts on Heath and Scrub Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Heath and Scrub habitats, or within 1km of same? Sites to consider None	N/A
6.	Impacts on Rocky Habitats	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Rocky habitats, or within 1km of same? Sites to consider None	N/A
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)
	<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 None</p>	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 <u>Bellanagare Bog SAC</u> (Site Code: 000592) Distance from Site: 4.50 km Designated features: Euphydryas aurinia (Marsh Fritillary) (#1065)</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely</p>
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 None</p>	N/A
5.	Impacts on Molluscs	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Molluscs, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider None</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely</p>
6.	Impacts on Non-vascular Plants	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Non-vascular plants, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider None</p>	N/A
7.	Impacts on Reptiles	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Reptiles, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider None</p>	N/A
8.	Impacts on Vascular Plants	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include Vascular Plants, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider None</p>	N/A

Special Protection Areas (SPA):

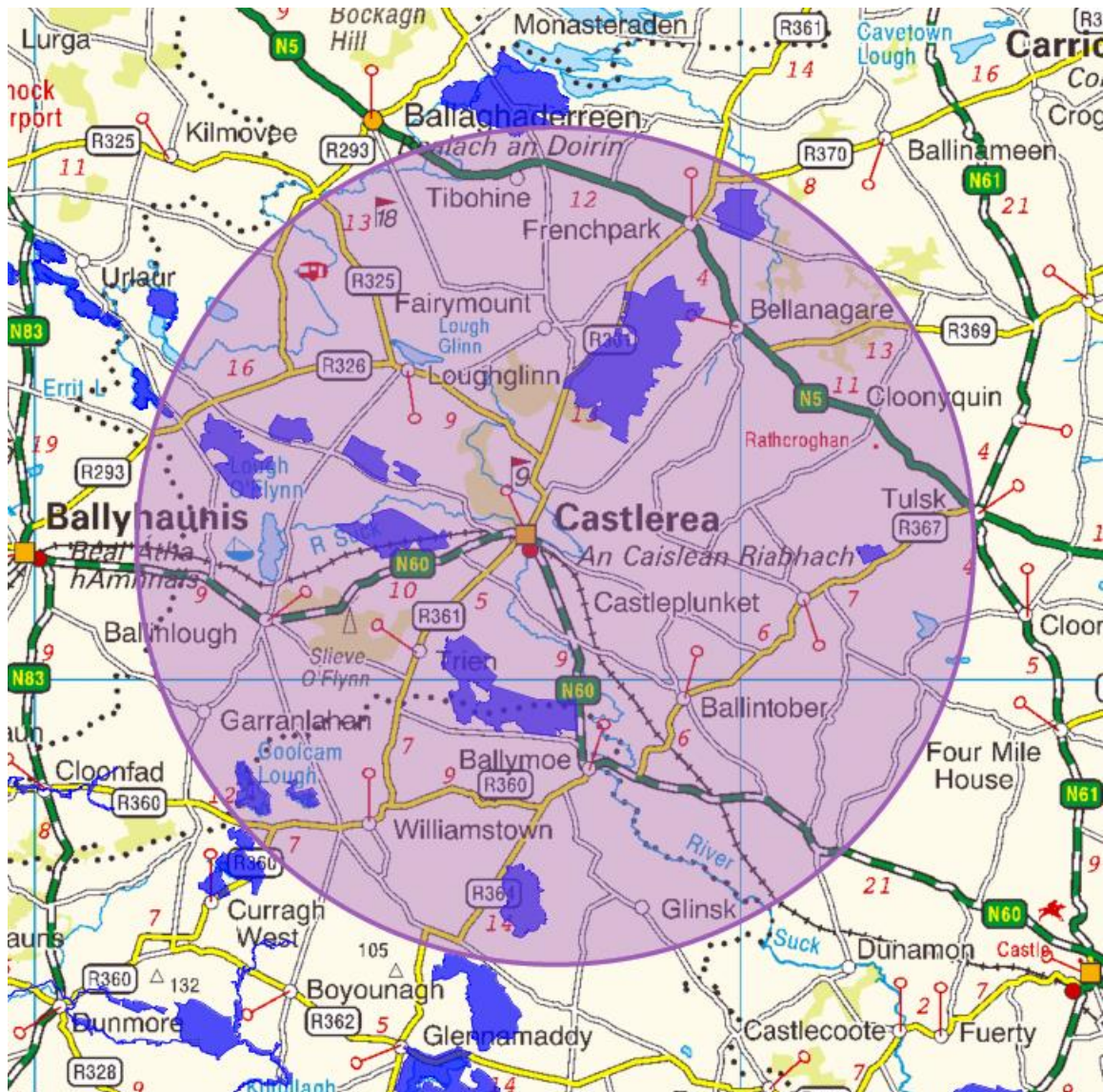
1.	Impacts on Birds	Likely Effects (direct, indirect or cumulative)
	<p>Is the development within a Special Protection Area, or within 1km of same?</p> <p>Sites to consider <u>Bellanagare Bog SPA</u> (Site Code: 004105) Distance from Site: 4.50 km Designated features: Greenland White-fronted Goose (<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>) (#A395)</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No significant impacts on these Natura sites are likely</p>

All designated sites within a 15km radius of the subject site have been considered in this screening for Appropriate Assessment.

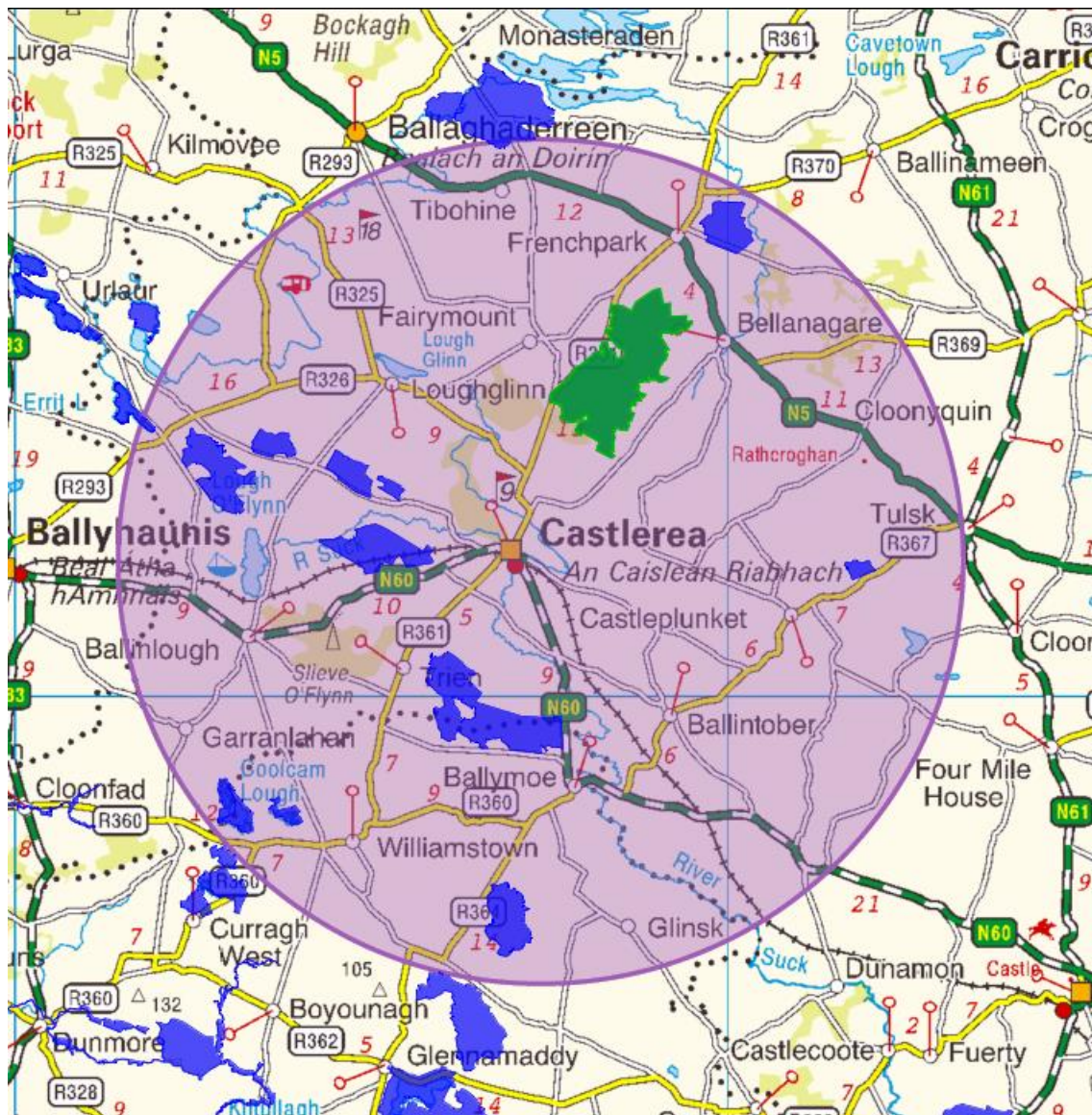
Conclusion Table 2: If the answer to all of these questions is no, significant impacts can be ruled out for Natura 2000 sites. No further assessment is required; proceed to the Habitats Directive Conclusion Statement. Please refer to tables 3 and 4 where the answer to any of these questions is yes.

Screening for Appropriate Assessment - Conclusion Statement

Development Consent Type: Part 8 - Local Authority Own Development
Development Location: Somers Park, Castlerea Co. Roscommon
Natura 2000 sites within impact zone: SAC: 000592, SAC: 000597, SAC: 000600, SAC: 000607, SAC: 002110, SAC: 002338
Description of the Project: Provision of an Outdoor Performance & Public Space at Somers Park, Castlerea to including hard paved surface and path ways with landscaping and associated works.
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 Castlerea Local Area Plan 2016 - 2022 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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SAC (blue) within 15km of Project Area



SAC & SPA within 15km of Project Area