



**Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination
under the Habitats Directive and Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the
Carrick-on-Shannon Local Area Plan 2025-2031**

This Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) determination for the Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031 to be adopted¹ is being undertaken in order to comply with Article 6(3) of Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (as amended) (hereafter referred to as the "Habitats Directive") as transposed into Irish legislation through Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Screening for AA is a process that identifies the likely impacts upon a European site of a project or plan, either alone or in combination with other projects or plans and considers whether these impacts are likely to be significant. Where a likelihood for a significant effect to any European site is deemed to be present, then the Plan must proceed to Stage Two AA (i.e., the production of a Natura Impact Report with accompanying mitigation measures addressing the likely significant effects identified at screening) in order to prevent adverse effects to the integrity of any European site. A Screening for AA Report has been prepared to inform this Screening for AA determination and it assesses whether or not a Natura Impact Report is required for the Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031.

The Screening for AA Report identifies that:

- Following the source-pathway-receptor model, the QIs, SCIs and Conservation Objectives of the relevant European sites were assessed in the context of the provisions of the Plan. No source for a likely significant effect on any European site would arise from implementation of the Plan.
- In addition, the Plan fully aligns with the provisions of the existing wider planning framework, including the National Planning Framework, Ireland 2040, the National Climate Action Plan 2024, the Northern and Western Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029, the Roscommon County Development Plan 2022-2028, the Leitrim Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 and the Roscommon Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, all of which have been subject to legislative requirements relating to public consultation and the AA process. With respect to the Leitrim and Roscommon County Development Plans, in particular, the provisions of these plans take precedence over the Local Area Plan. All development proposals put forward in accordance with the Local Area Plan's provisions must also comply with the relevant County Development Plan.
- Therefore, the Plan does not introduce any additional source for an effect that was not already considered by the existing planning framework and associated AA processes.
- Thus, it is concluded in this Screening for AA Report to inform the competent authorities carrying out the AA Screening, that the Plan is not foreseen to have any likelihood for any significant effect on any European site, alone or in combination with other plans or projects – and any likelihood for any significant effect to any European site as a result of implementing Plan can be ruled out.
- This evaluation is made in view of the conservation objectives of the QIs and SCIs for which these sites have been designated. Consequently, Stage Two AA (including the preparation of a Natura Impact Report) is not required.

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 the Habitats Directive and the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the Plan to be adopted² is not foreseen to have any likelihood for any significant effect on any European site, alone or in combination with other plans or projects – and any likelihood for any significant effect to any European site as a result of implementing Plan can be ruled out. Consequently, Stage Two AA (including the preparation of a Natura Impact Report) is determined as not being required.

Signatory: 
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Date: 7th APRIL 2025

¹ Incorporating the Draft Plan and all and any material alterations and associated modifications considered by the AA process.

² Incorporating the Draft Plan and all and any material alterations and associated modifications considered by the AA process.

ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL

Chief Executive's Order

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination
under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Habitats Directive for the
Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031

ORDER NO. PL/388/25

SUBJECT: Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination for the Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031

ORDER: By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Local Government Acts 1925 – 2024

WHEREAS: In order to comply with the requirements of Section 177U of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive as to whether or not a plan or project would affect the integrity of any European site(s), this Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination is being made in relation to the potential for the *Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031* that is being adopted, to have effects on the integrity of European sites.

In making this Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination, Roscommon County Council (and Leitrim County Council as the partner Authority in the preparation of the Joint Local Area Plan) is taking into account matters specified under Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), including the following:

- The Screening for AA Report prepared for the Draft *Carrick-on-Shannon Joint Local Area Plan 2025-2031*;
- The Screening for AA Report prepared for the Proposed Material Alterations;
- The final consolidated Screening for AA Report;
- Written submissions made during the Plan preparation process; and
- Ongoing advice on AA from the Council's agents.

WHEREAS: Having carefully considered the information referred to above I agree with and adopt the reasoning and conclusions presented.

I HEREBY DETERMINE THAT:

- The Plan to be adopted is not foreseen to have any likelihood for any significant effect on any European site, alone or in combination with other plans or projects; or any likelihood for any significant effect to any European site as a result of implementing Plan can be ruled out; and
- Consequently, Stage Two Appropriate Assessment (including the preparation of a Natura Impact Report) is determined as not being required.

Signed: Mark Keaveney
Mark Keaveney,
Director of Services,
Economic, Planning &
Physical Development.

Date: 07-04 April 2025