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Screening Determination for Appropriate Assessment

A Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination is being made by Clare County Council regarding the Draft Shannon Town Centre Masterplan.

The Masterplan will be non-statutory and will not form public policy. The Draft Plan provides a schematic layout and proposal for Shannon Town Centre which would only become binding if the Masterplan is incorporated into the relevant Clare County Development Plan or Shannon Local Area Plan.

Clare County Council has made a determination (Pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive) as to whether the Draft Shannon Town Centre Masterplan would adversely affect the integrity of any European site and therefore warrants the undertaking of AA.

In carrying out this screening, the Council has considered the relevant matters specified under Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), including:

- Existing Clare County Development Plan 2017-2023 as varied (and associated Environmental Assessments as contained in Volume 10; AA Natura Impact Report and Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report);
- Specifically, Volume 3b, Shannon Municipal District of the Clare County Development Plan 2017-2023 (as varied)
- Existing Shannon Local Area Plan 2012-2018 (as amended)

The Draft Plan is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European Site; and following the undertaking of Screening for Appropriate Assessment it has been determined that there is no potential to affect the integrity of any European Site(s). Consequently, it has been determined that Appropriate Assessment of the Draft Shannon Town Centre Masterplan is not required. This process has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements under: European Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora; and European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

In conclusion, in accordance with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive, considering all matters relevant, it has been determined that the Draft Shannon Town Centre Masterplan is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site(s) within, or adjacent to the study area boundary.

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