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Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination under: Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004), as amended by the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (SI No. 201 of 2011) and the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for:

Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

An SEA Screening determination as to whether Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 is likely to have significant effects on the environment is being made under Article 7 (13K) of the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004) as amended by the Planning and Development (SEA) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (SI No. 201 of 2011).

In making the determination, the information contained in the accompanying Screening for SEA Report (including information provided by environmental authorities and an examination of the need to undertake SEA against relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the above Regulations) is being taken into account. That information has been carefully considered and its reasoning and conclusion agreed with and adopted — allowing a determination to be made that Proposed Variation No. 1 would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

The existing Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 has been subject to SEA, which identified various environmental effects arising from its implementation. Proposed Variation No. 1 is to provide clarification on text in Chapter 7, regarding access to substandard road.

Furthermore, the accompanying Appropriate Assessment Screening Report concludes that Proposed Variation No.1 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 will not give rise to any effect on any European sites, alone or in combination with any other plans, programmes, and project etc.

Taking into account the measures that have already been integrated into the Development Plan and relevant actions that provide for and contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, any potential effects arising from Proposed Variation No. 1, would either: be present already (beneficial) and would further contribute towards, but not to a significant extent; and/or would be mitigated so as not to be significant (adverse).

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