

**Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination  
under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for:  
Proposed Amendments to the Carlow-Graigucullen Joint Urban Draft Local Area Plan 2024-2030**

A Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination is being made by Carlow and Laois County Council regarding Proposed Amendments to the Carlow-Graigucullen Joint Urban Draft Local Area Plan 2024-2030.

Section 20 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether Proposed Amendments to the Draft Plan warrant the undertaking of AA.

In carrying out this Screening for AA, the Council is taking into account the relevant matters specified under Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), including:

- Screening for AA Report for Proposed Amendments to the Carlow-Graigucullen Joint Urban Draft Local Area Plan 2024-2030;
- Proposed Amendments to the Carlow-Graigucullen Joint Urban Draft Local Area Plan 2024-2030;
- AA Natura Impact Report for the Carlow-Graigucullen Joint Urban Draft Local Area Plan 2024-2030; and
- Carlow-Graigucullen Joint Urban Draft Local Area Plan 2024-2030.

This Screening for AA Report demonstrates that the implementation of the Proposed Amendments will not result in any likely significant effect on any European site.

Following the source-pathway-receptor model, the relevant attributes of European sites were assessed. No source for a likely significant effect to any European site would arise from the Proposed Amendments that have not already been considered by the existing AA process for the Draft Plan.

The risks to the safeguarding and integrity of the qualifying interests, special conservation interests and conservation objectives of the European sites have been addressed through measures that have already been integrated into the Draft Plan and through existing, already in force, policies and objectives within the Carlow and Laois County Development Plans with which the Proposed Amendments and all lower tier plans/projects must comply. In addition, any future projects, plans etc. that may arise will themselves be subject to AA/Screening for AA when further details of design and location are known.

The undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented above and in the Screening for AA Report. It is determined that the Proposed Amendments will not give rise to any likely significant effect on any European site, alone or in combination with any other plans, programmes, and projects etc. and that, consequently, Stage 2 AA is not required for the Proposed Amendments.

**Signatories:**

  
Carlow County Council Director of Services

  
Laois County Council Director of Services

  
Date