

Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment Determination

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA Screening determination under European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (Statutory Instrument Number (S.I. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No 2000/2011 European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011.

Castlebar Local Transport Plan.

An SEA Screening determination as to whether the Castlebar Local Transport Plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment is being made under the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (Statutory Instrument Number (S.I. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No 200/2011 European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011. The Castlebar Local Transport Plan has been tested against the relevant criteria 'requirements to carry out environmental assessment'. The criteria in Section 9 (1) of the (2004) Regulations (S.I. No. 435) (as amended) states "*subject to sub-article (2), an environmental assessment shall be carried out for all plans and programmes*

(a) *which are prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism and town and country planning or land use, and which set the framework for future development consent of projects listed in Annexes I and II to the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, or "*

(b) *which are not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European site but, either individually or in combination with other plans, are likely to have a significant effect on any such site."*

The Castlebar Local Transport Plan identifies a number of interventions that are assessed as not giving rise to potential environmental effects. In order to be realised, potential projects or proposals arising from the plan will have to comply, as relevant, with various legislation, policies, plans and programmes (including requirements for lower-tier Appropriate Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment and other licencing requirements as appropriate) that form the statutory decision-making and consent granting framework.

The AA Screening of the plan as set out in the accompanying Screening Statement in support of Appropriate Assessment shows that the plan will not result in land use activities that have the potential to result in negative impacts to the qualifying features of interest of European Sites and will have the potential to compromise the achievement of the conservation objective of European Sites. In light of the above findings, it is determined that the **Castlebar Local Transport Plan** does not require full SEA.


In making the determination, the information contained in the accompanying SEA Screening 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) has been 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 the **Castlebar Local Transport Plan** would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

In light of the above findings, it is determined that the **Castlebar Local Transport Plan** does not require full SEA.

Signed _____

Position: _____

Date: _____


Head of Road
12 Dec. 2023