

Appropriate Assessment Screening Report Determination N60 Road Improvement at Manulla Phase 3 Ground Investigation Works

In accordance with the Habitats Directive, the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) ("the Planning and Development Act") and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended) ("the Habitats Regulations"). Mayo County Council has undertaken an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of relevant European sites, if the proposed Phase 3 Ground Investigation Works for the N60 Road Improvement at Manulla project ("the proposed development") individually or in combination with other plans or projects would be likely to have a significant effect(s) on a European site(s).

The proposed development includes the following works in the study area for the project:

- 14 Trial Pits to a depth of 4.5m below ground level;
- 4 Cable Percussive Boreholes to a depth of approximately 10m below ground level;
- 11 Cable Percussive/Rotary Core Holes to depths ranging from approximately 10m to 30m below ground level, and
- Installation of 6 no. groundwater monitoring standpipes.

All trial pits, cable percussive boreholes and rotary core boreholes locations are at least 10m from any watercourse or drainage ditch.

The AA Screening Report concluded that the proposed development is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site.

Mayo County Council, having considered the AA Screening Report, has determined that the proposed Phase 3 Ground Investigation Works, relating to the N60 Road Improvement at Manulla do not require an AA.

Dated this 19th day of Proguet, 2024.

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