



Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council



**Appropriate Assessment Screening Report Determination
N26 Ballina Bypass Phase 1
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 N26 Ballina Bypass Phase 1 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:

- 21 Trial Pits;
- 15 Cable Percussive Boreholes;
- 5 Geobore S Boreholes
- 5 Follow-on Rotary Core Holes, and
- 42 Peat Probes.

All trial pits, cable percussive boreholes, geobore S boreholes and rotary core boreholes locations are at least 10m from any watercourse or drainage ditch. Several peat probe locations are within 10m of a watercourse but the peat probe ground investigation techniques do not cause uplift of sediment or run off.

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 N26 Ballina Bypass Phase 1 Scheme do not require an AA.

Dated this 4th day of June, 2024.

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