

Screening Determination as required under Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC)



Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination for the Galway City Noise Action Plan 2024-2028 to be adopted

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Flora and Fauna and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, Galway City Council has undertaken Appropriate Assessment Screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site(s), if the proposed plan, namely the Galway City Noise Action Plan 2024-2028 to be adopted¹, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s).

In this context, particular attention was paid to European Site(s) as listed:

Lough Corrib SAC (Site Code: 000297), Galway Bay Complex SAC (Site Code: 000268), Rahasane Turlough SAC (Site Code 000322), Lough Fingall Complex SAC (Site code 000606), Ross Lake and Woods SAC (Site Code 001312), Connemara Bog Complex SAC (Site code 002034), Inner Galway Bay SPA (Site Code: 004031), Lough Corrib SPA (Site code 004042), Rahasane Turlough SPA (Site Code 004089), Cregganna Marsh SPA (Site Code 004142), Connemara Bog Complex SPA (site Code 004181).

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulation 2011 as amended, Galway City Council has made a determination following examination of the Stage 1 Screening Report prepared by Moore Group – Environmental Services that an Appropriate Assessment is not required. This determination is based on the fact that it can be concluded that the plan, either alone or in combination, will not result in likely significant effects on the Lough Corrib SAC (Site Code: 000297), Galway Bay Complex SAC (Site Code: 000268), Rahasane Turlough SAC (Site Code 000322), Lough Fingall Complex SAC (Site code 000606), Ross Lake and Woods SAC (Site Code 001312), Connemara Bog Complex SAC (Site code 002034), Inner Galway Bay SPA (Site Code: 004031), Lough Corrib SPA (Site code 004042), Rahasane Turlough SPA (Site Code 004089), Cregganna Marsh SPA (Site Code 004142), Connemara Bog Complex SPA (site Code 004181), or any other European site, in view of their conservation objectives.

Therefore it is the determination of Galway City Council that an Appropriate Assessment is not required for the proposed plan that is the Galway City Noise Action Plan 2024-2028 to be adopted¹, on the basis that the plan is not likely, alone or in-combination with other plans or projects, to have a significant effect on any European Sites in view of their Conservation Objectives and on the basis of best scientific evidence.

Signed 
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¹ Incorporating minor amendments following public display of the original Draft Plan