

Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination

for proposal to

Extend the duration of the current Gorey Local Area Plan 2017-2023

This determination relates to whether the proposal to extend the duration of the current Gorey Local Area Plan 2017-2023 would, or would not necessitate the undertaking of Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment under Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (as amended).

As the competent authority, Wexford County Council intend to extend the lifetime of the Gorey Local Area Plan 2017-2023 for a period of three years. Although the proposal to extend is being screened for the need to undertake SEA and/or AA, it is acknowledged that there is no provision under national legislation for the screening of Extension of Duration of Local Area Plans, however; Wexford County Council consider that it is appropriate to undertake Screening for SEA and AA.

As identified in the AA Screening Report:

- The proposed extension does not introduce any process or content changes to the Plan itself – merely extends the period for which the Plan relates. This extension was considered with respect to the known threats and pressures related to European sites. There are no additional sources for effects introduced by the proposed extension that were not already considered by the existing AA related considerations for the current 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 existing, already in force policies and objectives within the Gorey Local Area Plan with which the proposal 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 Habitats Directive requires the assessment to consider other plans or programmes that might, in combination with the proposal, have the potential to adversely impact upon European sites. There are no provisions in the proposed extension that introduce any sources for effects. Therefore, there are no in-combination effects identified.
- It is concluded that the proposed extension will not give rise to any effects on any European Site, alone or in combination with any other plans, programmes, and projects etc.



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 Appropriate Assessment Report". The undersigned hereby determines that: the proposed extension will not give rise to any effects on any European Site, alone or in combination with any other plans, programmes, and projects etc.; and Stage 2 AA (Natura Impact Statement/Report) is not required for the proposal to extend the duration of the current Gorey Local Area Plan 2017-2023.

Signatory:



Senior Planner

Date:

16/5/22

