



Proposed Variation no. 1 of Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027

Screening Determination for Strategic Environmental Assessment

under SEA Directive 2001/42/EC
as transposed into Irish law under S.I. 456/2025, as amended

Longford County Council, as the Competent Authority for the Draft Variation No. 1 of the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027 has undertaken screening for SEA under Directive 2001/42/EC. The screening assessment was carried out using the criteria for determining the likely significance of effects as set out in Schedule 2 of the Land Use Planning – Strategic Environmental Assessment Regulations 2025 (S.I. 456/2025), as amended.

Following assessment under the above-mentioned criteria and having regard to the nature of the Proposed Variation No. 1 and the potential for likely significant environmental effects from its implementation, Longford County Council has determined that Draft Variation No. 1 will not give rise to likely significant effects on the environment and does not require full SEA.

This determination has been made following consideration of the SEA Screening Report, the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Land Use Planning – Strategic Environmental Assessment Regulations 2025 (S.I. 456/2025), as amended, and consultation feedback from prescribed environmental authorities.

The Proposed Variation no. 1 does not require SEA for the following reasons:

- Since the zoning of all lands included in the 'Strategic Residential Reserve' has been subject to SEA, AA and SFRA as part of the County Development Plan preparation, the conclusions of the respective earlier assessments would not change.
- The impacts of any projects or lower-level plans will be evaluated through the development management process or as part of a lower-tier environmental assessment.
- Any potential environmental impacts will be determined by the nature and extent of individual projects and site-specific environmental factors. Avoidance of conflict is dependent upon the Council managing development in a way which does not conflict with the status of SEOs. Provided that other Plan measures are complied with, any potential conflicts with SEOs would be avoided or mitigated in full.
- The Proposed Variation will be mitigated by provisions already in force so as not to be significant (adverse).

Therefore, on the basis of the above screening conclusions, it is considered that Proposed Variation no. 1 of the CDP would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and does not require full SEA.

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