

(A) Project Details

Cnoc Mhuire Bus Parking Facility

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| Project Ref. No. | |
| Applicant name | Longford County Council |
| Development Location | Cnoc Mhuire Secondary School, Granard, Co. Longford |
| Site size | 1918m ² (0.474 acres) |
| Application accompanied by an EIS (Yes/NO) | No |
| Distance from nearest Natura 2000 site(s) in km | Lough Kinale & Derragh Lough SPA – 4.3 km Derragh Bog SAC – 5.1 km Ardagullion Bog SAC – 5.9 km Lough Sheelin SPA – 7.1 km Moneybeg and Clareisland Bogs SAC – 7.1 km Garriskil Bog SAC – 12.7 km Lough Derravarragh SPA – 13.7 km |

Description of the project/proposed development

Construction of a parking area for School buses on existing lands within the curtilage of Cnoc Mhuire Secondary School Granard. Works will consist of;

- Excavation of existing green areas and construction of a hard-paved surface.
- Alteration of existing field gate entrance into the playing field area to accommodate School Buses.
- Construction of footpath areas for student access to the buses.
- Minor associated works.

(B) Identification of Natura 2000 sites which may be impacted by the proposed development

| | | Yes/No |
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| | | If answer is yes, identify list name of Natura 2000 site likely to be impacted. |
| 1 | <p>Impacts on sites designated for freshwater habitats or species.</p> <p><u>Sites to consider (but not limited to):</u> Lough Ree SAC; Fortwilliam Turlough SAC; Lough Forbes Complex SAC;</p> | <p><i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include freshwater habitats and/or species, or in the catchment (upstream or downstream) of same?</i></p> <p>Derragh Bog SAC – No Ardgullion Bog SAC – No Moneybeg & Clareisland Bog SAC – No Garriskil Bog – SAC – No</p> |

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| 2 | <p>Impacts on sites designated for wetland habitats - bogs, fens, marshes and heath.</p> <p><u>Sites to consider (but not limited to):</u> Ardagullion Bog SAC; Brown Bog SAC; Clooneen Bog SAC; Derragh Bog SAC; Mount Jessop Bog SAC; Lough Ree SAC; Mount Jessop Bog SAC.</p> | <p><i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include wetland habitats (bog, marsh, fen or heath), or within 1 km of same?</i></p> | <p>Derragh Bog SAC – No Ardgullion Bog SAC – No Moneybeg & Clareisland Bog SAC – No Garriskil Bog – SAC – No</p> |
| 3 | <p>Impacts on designated terrestrial habitats.</p> <p><u>Sites to consider (but not limited to):</u> Clooneen Bog SAC; Derragh Bog SAC; Lough Forbes Complex SAC; Lough Ree SAC; Mount Jessop Bog SAC.</p> | <p><i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include woodlands, dunes or grasslands, or within 100m of same?</i></p> | <p>Derragh Bog SAC – No Ardgullion Bog SAC – No Moneybeg & Clareisland Bog SAC – No Garriskil Bog – SAC – No</p> |
| 4 | <p>Impacts on birds in SPAs</p> <p><u>Sites to consider (but not limited to):</u> Ballykenny-Fisherstown Bog SPA; Glen Lough SPA; Lough Kinale and Derragh Lough SPA; Lough Ree SPA</p> | <p><i>Is the development within a Special Protection Area, or within 5 km of same?</i></p> | <p>Lough Kinale & Derragh Bog SPA – No Lough Sheelin SPA – No Garriskil Bog – SAC – No Lough Derravarragh SPA - No</p> |

(C) Identification of Potential Impacts on Habitats and Birds

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| 1 | <p>Impacts on designated rivers, streams, lakes and freshwater dependant habitats and species</p> <p>If 'Yes' is recorded in answer to question 1 in Table B, please answer the following.</p> <p>Does the development involve any of the following:</p> | |
| 1.1 | Works within the boundary of a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) excluding small extensions/alterations to existing buildings. | No |
| 1.2 | Discharge to surface water or groundwater within 5km of SAC. | No |
| 1.3 | Abstraction from surface water or groundwater within 5km of SAC | No |
| 1.4 | Removal of topsoil within 500m of watercourses. | No |
| 1.5 | Infilling or raising of ground levels within 100m of watercourses. | No |
| 1.6 | Construction of drainage ditches within 1km of SAC. | No |
| 1.7 | Installation of wastewater treatment systems; percolation areas; septic tanks within 500m of watercourses. | No |
| 1.8 | Construction within a floodplain or within an area liable to flood. | No |
| 1.9 | Crossing or culverting of rivers or streams within 5km of SAC. | No |
| 1.10 | Storage of chemicals, hydrocarbons or organic wastes within 1km of a watercourse. | No |
| 1.11 | Development of a large-scale which involves the production of an EIAR. | No |

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| 1.12 | Development of quarries/mines. | No |
| 1.13 | Development of windfarms. | No |
| 1.14 | Development of pumped hydro-electric stations. | No |
| 1.15 | Construction of roads or other infrastructure on peat habitats within 1km of rivers, streams, lakes and freshwater-dependant habitats. | No |
| 2 | <p align="center">Impacts on designated wetlands – bogs, fens, marshes and heath</p> <p align="center">If ‘Yes’ is recorded in answer to question 2 in Table B, please answer the following.</p> <p align="center">Does the development involve any of the following:</p> | |
| 2.1 | Works within the boundary of a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), excluding small extensions/alterations to existing buildings. | No |
| 2.2 | Construction of roads or other infrastructure on peat habitats within 1km of bog, marsh, fen or heath habitat within a Natura 2000 site. | No |
| 2.3 | Development of a large scale within 1km of bog, marsh, fen or heath habitat within a Natura 2000 site which involves the production of an EIS. | No |
| 3 | <p align="center">Impacts on other designated terrestrial habits (woodland, grasslands)</p> <p align="center">If ‘Yes’ is recorded in answer to question 3 in Table B, please answer the following.</p> <p align="center">Does the development involve any of the following:</p> | |
| 3.1 | Works within the boundary of a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). | No |
| 3.2 | Development within 200m of Natura 2000 site with woodland, grassland or coastal habitats. | No |
| 3.3 | Development of a large scale within 1km of Natura 2000 site with woodland, grassland or coastal habitats which involves the production of an EIS. | No |
| 4 | <p align="center">Impacts on birds in SPAs</p> <p align="center">If ‘Yes’ is recorded in answer to question 4 in Table B, please answer the following.</p> <p align="center">Does the development involve any of the following:</p> | |
| 4.1 | Works within the boundary of a Special Protection Area (SPA) excluding small extensions/alterations to existing buildings. | |
| 4.2 | Erection of wind turbines within 5km of a SPA. | No |
| 4.3 | Proposed discharges directly to SPA. | No |
| 4.4 | Development of cycleways or walking routes within 100m of SPA. | No |

Conclusion:

If the answer to all of the above is **No**, significant impacts on habitats within Natura 2000 sites can be ruled out.

No further assessment is required in relation to habitats.

If the answer is **Yes**, you will require further information, which should be provided in the form of a Natura Impact Statement which should address the particular issues of concern as identified through the above.

Consideration of potential impacts on protected species within SACs

Currently, one of our Special Areas of Conservation is designated for species as well as for habitats, namely Lough Ree SAC, which includes habitat for otters *Lutra lutra*. Activities could have an impact on this protect species. Please tick if you are concerned that the proposed development could have an impact on these species.

| Species | Relevant Site(s) | Activities which could have impacts on species | Possible Impacts Identified Yes/No |
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| Otter | Lough Ree | Activities that interfere with river banks. | No – No flow path to Lough Ree approx. 66km |

Conclusion:

If the answer to all of the above is **No**, significant impacts on species can be ruled out. If the answer is **Yes**, then further information is likely to be required in relation to potential for impact on that particular species.

| (D) Summary of Impacts | | |
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| Natura 2000 Sites within impact zone | | |
| Qualifying features of Natura 2000 Site (attach site synopsis from National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)) | | |
| (E) Assessment of Likely Significant Effects (from Tables above) | | |
| Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) could affect the Natura 2000 site(s). | | |
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| If there are potential impacts, explain whether you consider if these are likely to be significant. | | |
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| (F) Relevant Advice Received | | |
| Documentation reviewed for making this statement. | | |
| EPA Maps website gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps | | |
| Persons/Bodies consulted with for the making of this statement. | | |
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| (G) SCREENING CONCLUSION STATEMENT | | |
| <i>Selected relevant category for project assessed by ticking box.</i> | | |
| 1 | AA is not required because the project is directly connected with/necessary to the conservation management of the site | |
| 2 | No potential significant affects/AA is not required | ✓ |
| 3 | Significant effects are certain, likely or uncertain. Seek a Natura Impact Statement Reject proposal. (Reject if potentially damaging/inappropriate) | |

Justify why it falls into relevant category above (based on information in above tables)

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