

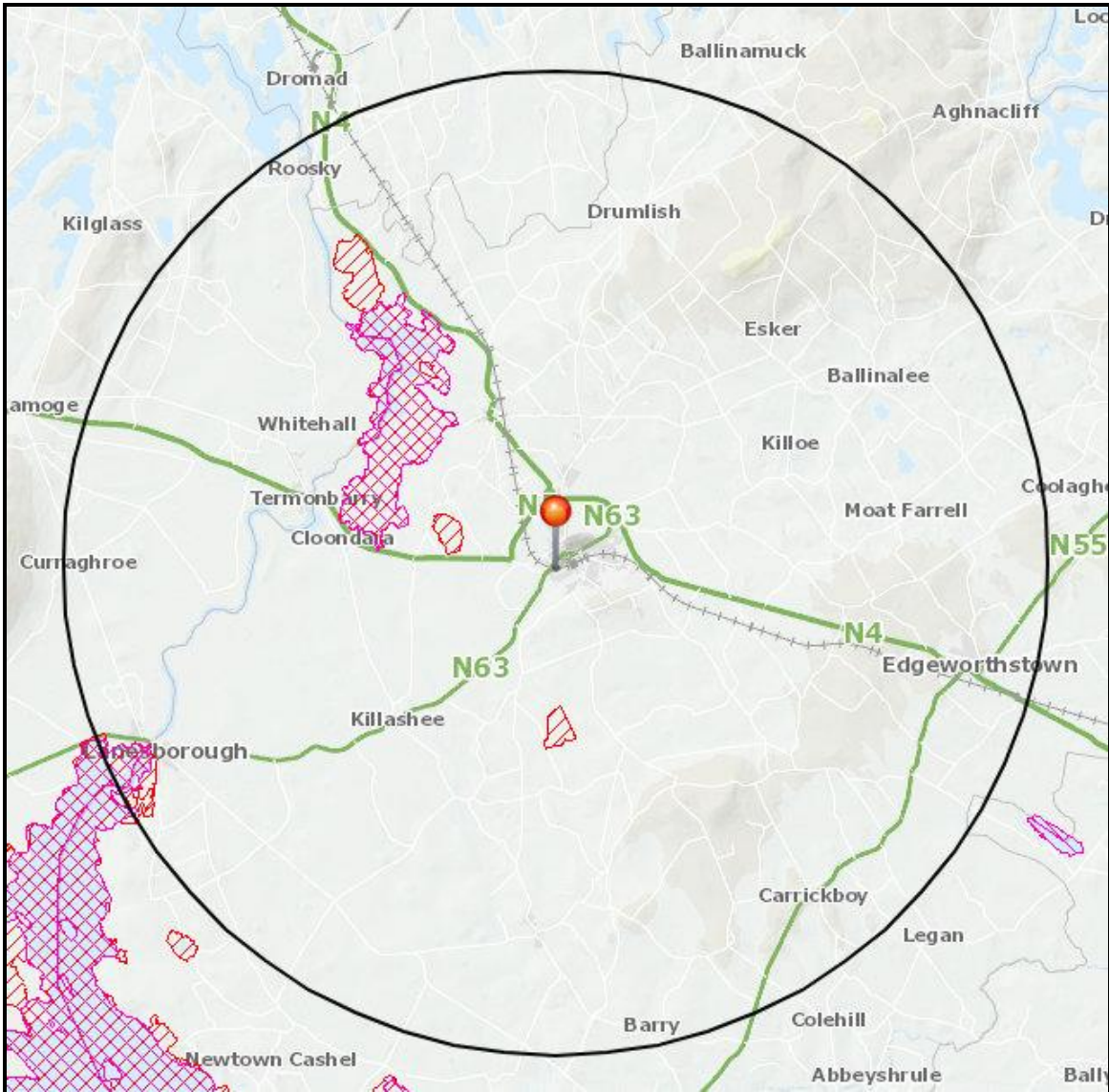
Appropriate Assessment Conclusion Statement

Step 1		Yes	No
Is development required for management of Natura 2000 site?			X
Step 2 - Description of Proposed Development			
Description of Development	Proposed Refurbishment of an Existing Dwelling and Construction of a Second New Dwelling		
Address	24 Congress Terrace, St Michael's Road, Longford.		
Size, Scale, Area, land Take	0.37 ha (site area). There will be no Land Take from any Designated Site.		
Physical changes – excavation/Piling/Dredging etc	No Works within Any Designated Site		
Resource requirements	None from any SAC / SPA		
Emissions and waste	Those associated with construction phase of the development only. There are no watercourses within or adjacent to the site and there will be no emissions from the works to any watercourse or any SAC / SPA.		
Transportation requirements	Those associated with the transporting construction materials. There will be no transportation requirements that could lead to significant effects upon any SAC / SPA.		
Duration of construction/operation/decommissioning	Works will be complete in one year.		

Distance from Natura 2000 Site (or key Features)	<p>There are seven Natura 2000 sites within 15km:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brown Bog SAC is 2.9km west 2. Mount Jessop Bog SAC is 4.4km south 3. Lough Forbes SAC is 4.6km west 4. Ballykenny Fisherstown SPA is 4.6km west 5. Clooneen Bog SAC is 9.5km north-west 6. Lough Ree SAC is 13.5km south-west 7. Lough Ree SPA is 13.5km south-west <p>There is no connectivity between the application site and any of these SACs / SPAs and therefore effects are not likely to occur.</p> <p>The Site Synopses for all these sites are available on the website of the National Parks and Wildlife Service</p>
Other relevant projects/Plans	<p>There are no other plans or projects considered relevant.</p>
Other	<p>N/A</p>
Step 3 – Characteristics of the Site	
Relevant Natura 2000 Sites (Distance Dependant on Project -one off/extension – 1km)	<p>There are seven Natura 2000 site within 15km. The closest of these is Brown Bog SAC and this is 2.9km west. There is no connectivity between the application site and this SAC and therefore impacts upon this site will not occur.</p>
Characteristics (PlanReg report)	<p>The Site is an Existing Domestic Site Dominated by Buildings and Artificial Surfaces</p>

Step 4 – Assessment of Significance					
Potential Significant Effects	Yes				No
	<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Significant</i>			X
		certain	likely	uncertain	
Loss of Habitat Area	% of loss				X
Fragmentation	Duration/Permanence/level in relation to original context				X
Disturbance	Duration/Permanence – distance from site				X
Species Population Density	Timescale for Replacement				X
Water Resource	Relative change				X
Water Quality	Relative change in key elements				X
In-Combination effects	Other Plans or Projects in Vicinity*				X

Summary of advice from NPWS		N/A – No Consultation Required		
Screening Conclusions				
AA is Not Required	Plan or Project directly connected with or necessary to the nature conservation management of the site		No Potential for significant effects	X
AA is required Significant effects Certain/ Likely/ Uncertain	AA is not Required as there is no potential for significant effects			
Who carried out this AA Conclusion Statement	Noreen McLoughlin, MSC, MCIEEM. Consultant Ecologist			



The Application Site (Pinned) in Relation to the Natura 2000 Sites within 15km.
SACs – Red Hatching, SPs – Pink Hatching.