

(A) Project Details

Active Travel Project Code	LD/21/00010 (N63 Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme Longford Town)
Applicant name	Longford County Council
Development Location	Ballinalee Road, Templemichael, Longford Town
Site size	2.6ha
Application accompanied by an EIAR (Yes/No)	No
Distance from nearest Natura 2000 site(s) in km	The nearest Natura 2000 sites are Brown Bog SAC (Site Code: 000442) 4.2km east of the proposed and Ballykenny-Fisherstown Bog SPA (Site Code: 004101) 5.86km east of the proposed.

Description of the project/proposed development

Improved cycle and footpath provision along the N63 Ballinalee Road from the Blind Man's Walk junction to the N4.

(B) Identification of Natura 2000 sites which may be impacted by the proposed development (15km External Catchment)

		Yes/No
		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; 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 style="text-align: center;">No</p>
2	<p>Impacts on sites designated for wetland habitats - bogs, fens, marshes and heath.</p>	<p><i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">No</p>

	<u>Sites to consider (but not limited to):</u> Lough Forbes Complex SAC; Clooneen Bog SAC (Co. RS) Brown Bog SAC Mount Jessop Bog SAC Lough Ree SAC	<i>include wetland habitats (bog, marsh, fen or heath), or within 1 km of same?</i>	
3	Impacts on designated terrestrial habitats. <u>Sites to consider (but not limited to):</u> Lough Forbes Complex SAC; Clooneen Bog SAC (Co. RS) Mount Jessop Bog SAC Lough Ree SAC	<i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include woodlands, dunes or grasslands, or within 100m of same?</i>	No
4	Impacts on birds in SPAs <u>Sites to consider (but not limited to):</u> Ballykenny-Fisherstown Bog SPA (5.86km).	<i>Is the development within a Special Protection Area, or within 5 km of same?</i>	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.

(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	X
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)		
Having regard to the proximity of the nearest Natura 2000 site and the nature of the proposed development, it is not considered there would be potential for significant effects on the Natura 2000 network.		
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