**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination under:**

**The Planning and Development Acts 2000-2015 for:**

**Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Longford County Development Plan 2015-2021**

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening determination has been made by Longford County Council regarding Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Longford County Development Plan 2015-2021.

Section 12 (7) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether Proposed Variation No. 2 warrants the undertaking of AA.

The Proposed Variation incorporates the following into the County Development Plan:

1. The provisions of the Longford Town and Environs Local Area Plan (LAP) as adopted, at Appendix 1A (replacing current mapping and text); and
2. The provisions of the Urban Regeneration Housing Act, 2015.

The AA screening process has found that:

* With respect to part A of the Proposed Variation, the Longford Town and Environs LAP is being subjected to detailed Stage 2 AA. Taking into account the measures that have been integrated into the Draft LAP, including those that were integrated through the AA process, the Stage 2 AA for the Draft LAP concludes that the Draft LAP will not affect the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. The Stage 2 AA has considered potential effects arising from interactions with other plans and programmes. Taking all of the above into account, it is determined that this part of the Proposed Variation will not affect the integrity of the Natura 2000 network of sites. Consequently further assessment is not required; and
* With respect to part B of the Proposed Variation, the County Development Plan already provides for the development of sites and areas in need of development, regeneration and renewal - this change provides further detail on how what is already provided for in this regard will be achieved. There are no additional effects on European Sites arising from this change (significant, potential or uncertain) that were not envisaged and mitigated by the Stage 2 AA of that Plan including Policy CS 2. That Stage 2 AA process successfully facilitated the integration of mitigation into the Draft Plan in order to contribute towards the protection of the Natura 2000 network of European Sites. Taking into account the measures that have been integrated into the County Development Plan, including those that were integrated through the AA process, the Stage 2 AA for the County Development Plan concluded that the Plan will not affect the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. Taking all of the above into account, it is determined that this part of the Proposed Variation will not affect the integrity of the Natura 2000 network of sites. Consequently further assessment is not required.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signatory (Approved Officer): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_