

Variation to the Longford Town Development Plan 2009-2015

Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Final Statement

The Proposed Variation to the Longford Town Development Plan 2009-2015 was subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening under the Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 436 of 2004) as amended and it was determined - after consulting with the environmental authorities - that the Proposed Variation would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening process under the EU Habitats Directive was undertaken on the Proposed Variation and it determined - after consulting with the environmental authorities - that a Stage 2 AA was not necessary and that the Proposed Variation will not have any significant impacts on the Natura 2000 network of sites.

A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) process was also undertaken which integrated flood considerations into the Proposed Variation before it was placed on public display.

Following public consultation, the Variation was made by the Council with non-material modifications.

The SEA process concludes that the Variation - as made - would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects and would be likely to further contribute towards the protection of the environment which is already provided for by the Plan.

The AA process concludes that the Variation will not have any significant impacts on the Natura 2000 network of sites.

The SFRA process concludes that the Variation further contributes towards the Council's compliance with the DEHLG/OPW 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management' Guidelines.