



Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination under:

**The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
for:**

**Proposed Material Alterations to the
Draft Waterford County Development Plan 2022-2028**

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination is being made by Waterford County Council regarding Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Waterford County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Section 12 (7) (aa) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan warrant the undertaking of SEA.

Such a determination takes into account relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A 'Criteria for determining whether a plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment' of the SEA Regulations, as amended. These criteria are considered in an SEA Screening Report for Proposed Material Alterations that has been prepared to inform this determination.

The SEA Screening Report concludes that most Proposed Material Alterations are determined not to result in likely significant effects. Taking into account the measures that have been already integrated into the Draft Plan that provide for and contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, the SEA Screening Report identifies that all potential effects arising from most Proposed Alterations: either are present already (beneficial) and will be further contributed towards; or will be mitigated so as not to be significant (adverse). In addition, some alterations merely added clarifications or amended context setting text for Plan provisions and these will not result in significant environmental effects. Consequently, these Proposed Material Alterations do not require SEA.

The Proposed Material Alterations identified below¹ are advised as requiring SEA and consideration in an SEA Environmental Report:

Material Alteration No.					
28	128	174	204	228	294
52	129	186	205	231	297
77	149	190	211	241	301
78	161	193	212	243	305
80	162	201	224	270	327
124	169	203	225	284	354

The undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented above. The undersigned hereby determines pursuant to Section

¹ For detail please refer to Proposed Material Alterations document.

12 (7) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that SEA is required for the Proposed Material Alterations listed above and that other Proposed Material Alterations do not require SEA. The SEA will be completed by 25th February 2022.

This determination has been informed by:

- Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Waterford County Development Plan 2022-2028;
- Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report for Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Waterford CDP 2022-2028.
- SEA Environmental Report for the Draft Waterford CDP 2022-2028; and
- AA Natura Impact Report for the Draft Waterford CDP 2022-2028.

The SEA Environmental Report prepared for the Draft Plan will be finalised in advance of adoption of the Plan. An SEA Statement will be prepared following adoption, which will detail how environmental considerations were integrated into the Plan and how consultations on the SEA and associated Plan-preparation process were taken into account. The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and the Appropriate Assessment reports will be finalised in a similar manner at adoption, taking into account how environmental considerations were integrated into the Plan and how consultations were taken into account.

Signed: 

Liam McGree,
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Date: 24th of February 2022