



## Habitats Directive Assessment Determination Statement on the proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Variation of the Kerry County Development Plan 2015 - 2021

### Habitats Directive Assessment Report (Stage I Appropriate Assessment Screening Statement)

In accordance with Section 177U of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and on the basis of the objective information provided in the HDA dated September 2015, Kerry County Council as Competent Authority determines that the proposed 1<sup>st</sup> variation to the Kerry County Development Plan 2015 - 2021 individually and in combination with other plans and projects, will not have a significant effect on a European site (Natura 2000 Site). An appropriate assessment, under Section 177V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), is not required.

### Reasons for determination

Following the screening of the Plan for possible significant effects on the Natura 2000 sites detailed in the HDA dated September 2015, no significant effects were identified. It is considered that existing environmental protection policies and objectives in the Kerry County Development Plan 2015 - 2021 will ensure no adverse effects on Natura 2000 sites further to the implementation of the plan.

***This report finds that the proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Variation to the Kerry County Development Plan 2015 - 2021 would not have significant effects on Natura 2000 sites. It is therefore considered that an appropriate assessment is not required.***

Signed: 

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