



Taisteal Gníomhach
Active Travel

Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí
Offaly County Council

**APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING
REPORT FOR PART VIII APPLICATIONS**

| (A) DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND LOCAL SITE: | | | |
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| Proposed development: | <p>Active Travel works at Hill Street, Cloghan, County Offaly</p> <p>This projects includes improvements to the public realm as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Footpath widening and replacement works. - Widening of existing road to accommodate footpath works. - Installation of 1 number pedestrian crossings. - Junction Tightening Works at Estate T-Junctions to improve pedestrian safety. - Improvements to the Public Lighting Infrastructure. - Improvements to the Surface Water infrastructure. - Land acquisition to accommodate footpath improvement works. - Relocation of ESB Pole to accommodate footpath widening works. - Removal of 4 No Trees tagged T752, T753, T754 and T755 to accommodate footpath improvement works. Tree planting of replacement trees (8 No.) within Hillview Green Area. - Installation of new warning signage and road lining. - Including all associated works. <p>These works are small in scale with a construction period expected to be approximately 12 weeks.</p> | | |
| - | Cloghan, County Offaly | | |
| Site size: | ~ 10000m ² | Floor Area of Proposed Development: | Not Applicable |
| Identification of nearby Natura 2000 Site(s): | <p>Moyclare Bog SAC (000581) Middle Shannon Callows SPA (004096) River Shannon Callows SAC (000216) Ferbane Bog SAC (000575) All Saints Bog and Esker SAC (000566) All Saints Bog SPA (004103) Fin Lough (Offaly) SAC (000576) Ridge Road, SW of Rapemills SAC (000919) River Little Brosna Callows SPA (004086) Dovegrove Callows SPA (004137) Mongan Bog SAC (000580) Mongan Bog SPA (004017) Pilgrim's Road Esker SAC (001776) River Suck Callows SPA (004097) Redwood Bog SAC (002353)</p> | | |

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| Distance to Natura 2000 Site(s): | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Moyclare Bog SAC (000581)</td> <td>- 4.172 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Middle Shannon Callows SPA (004096)</td> <td>- 4.845 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>River Shannon Callows SAC (000216)</td> <td>- 4.853 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ferbane Bog SAC (000575)</td> <td>- 6.428 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All Saints Bog and Esker SAC (000566)</td> <td>- 9.678 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All Saints Bog SPA (004103)</td> <td>- 9.893 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fin Lough (Offaly) SAC (000576)</td> <td>- 10.610 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ridge Road, SW of Rapemills SAC (000919)</td> <td>- 11.111 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>River Little Brosna Callows SPA (004086)</td> <td>- 11.705 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dovegrove Callows SPA (004137)</td> <td>- 11.716 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mongan Bog SAC (000580)</td> <td>- 11.787 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mongan Bog SPA (004017)</td> <td>- 11.833 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pilgrim's Road Esker SAC (001776)</td> <td>- 12.176 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>River Suck Callows SPA (004097)</td> <td>- 12.989 KM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Redwood Bog SAC (002353)</td> <td>- 14.579 KM</td> </tr> </table> | Moyclare Bog SAC (000581) | - 4.172 KM | Middle Shannon Callows SPA (004096) | - 4.845 KM | River Shannon Callows SAC (000216) | - 4.853 KM | Ferbane Bog SAC (000575) | - 6.428 KM | All Saints Bog and Esker SAC (000566) | - 9.678 KM | All Saints Bog SPA (004103) | - 9.893 KM | | | Fin Lough (Offaly) SAC (000576) | - 10.610 KM | Ridge Road, SW of Rapemills SAC (000919) | - 11.111 KM | River Little Brosna Callows SPA (004086) | - 11.705 KM | Dovegrove Callows SPA (004137) | - 11.716 KM | Mongan Bog SAC (000580) | - 11.787 KM | Mongan Bog SPA (004017) | - 11.833 KM | Pilgrim's Road Esker SAC (001776) | - 12.176 KM | River Suck Callows SPA (004097) | - 12.989 KM | Redwood Bog SAC (002353) | - 14.579 KM |
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| The characteristics of existing, proposed or other approved plans / projects which may cause interactive / cumulative impacts with the project being assessed and which may affect the Natura 2000 site: | None | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Is the application accompanied by an EIAR? | Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> | No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (B) IDENTIFICATION OF THE RELEVANT NATURA 2000 SITE(S): | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The reasons for the designation of the Natura 2000 site(s): | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Moyclare Bog SAC (000581) – Habitats - 7110 Active raised bogs, 7120 Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration, 7150 Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion.</p> <p>Middle Shannon Callows SPA (004096) – Birds - A179 Black-headed Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>), A050 Wigeon (<i>Anas penelope</i>), A140 Golden Plover (<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>), A038 Whooper Swan (<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>), A156 Black-tailed Godwit (<i>Limosa limosa</i>), A142 Lapwing (<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>), A122 Corncrake (<i>Crex crex</i>). Habitats – Wetlands.</p> <p>River Shannon Callows SAC (000216) – Birds - A179 Black-headed Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>), A050 Wigeon (<i>Anas penelope</i>), A140 Golden Plover (<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>), A038 Whooper Swan (<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>), A156 Black-tailed Godwit (<i>Limosa limosa</i>), A142 Lapwing (<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>), A122 Corncrake (<i>Crex crex</i>). Habitats - Wetlands</p> <p>Ferbane Bog SAC (000575) – Habitats - 7110 Active raised bogs, 7120 Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration, 7150 Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion.</p> <p>All Saints Bog and Esker SAC (000566) – Habitats - 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (<i>Festuco-Brometalia</i>), 7110 Active raised bogs, Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration, 7150 Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion, 91D0 Bog woodland.</p> <p>All Saints Bog SPA (004103) – Birds - A395 Greenland White-fronted Goose (<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>).</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Fin Lough (Offaly) SAC (000576) – Habitats - 7230 Alkaline fens. **Species** - 1013 Geyer's Whorl Snail (*Vertigo geyeri*).

Ridge Road, SW of Rapemills SAC (000919) – Habitats - 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (*Festuco-Brometalia*).

River Little Brosna Callows SPA (004086) – Birds - A395 Greenland White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons flavirostris*), A052 Teal (*Anas crecca*), A050 Wigeon (*Anas penelope*), A056 Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*), A038 Whooper Swan (*Cygnus cygnus*), A142 Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*), A179 Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*), A140 Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*), A156 Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*), A054 Pintail (*Anas acuta*). **Habitats** - Wetlands

Dovegrove Callows SPA (004137) – Birds - A395 Greenland White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons flavirostris*).

Mongan Bog SAC (000580) – Habitats - 7110 Active raised bogs, 7120 Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration, 7150 Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion.

Mongan Bog SPA (004017) – Birds - A395 Greenland White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons flavirostris*).

Pilgrim's Road Esker SAC (001776) – Habitats - 6210 Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (*Festuco-Brometalia*).

River Suck Callows SPA (004097) – Birds - A395 Greenland White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons flavirostris*), A140 Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*), A050 Wigeon (*Anas penelope*), A142 Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*), A038 Whooper Swan (*Cygnus cygnus*). **Habitats** – Wetlands.

Redwood Bog SAC (002353) – Habitats - 7110 Active raised bogs, 7120 Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration, 7150 Depressions on peat substrates of the Rhynchosporion.

The conservation objectives / qualifying interests of the site and the factors that contributes to the conservation value of the site: (which are taken from the Natura 2000 site synopses and, if applicable, a Conservation Management Plan; all available on www.npws.ie) **(ATTACH INFO.)**

Site Name: Moyclare Bog SAC (Site Code: 000581)
<https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY000581.pdf>

Site Name: Middle Shannon Callows SPA (Site Code: 004096)
<https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY004096.pdf>

Site Name: River Shannon Callows SAC (Site Code: 000216)
<https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY000216.pdf>

Site Name: Ferbane Bog SAC (Site Code: 000575)
<https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY000575.pdf>

Site Name: All Saints Bog and Esker SAC (Site Code: 000566)
<https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY000566.pdf>

Site Name: All Saints Bog SPA (Site Code: 004103)
<https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY004103.pdf>

Site Name: Fin Lough (Offaly) SAC (Site Code: 000576)
<https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY000576.pdf>

Site Name: Ridge Road, SW of Rapemills SAC (Site Code: 000919)
<https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY000919.pdf>

Site Name: River Little Brosna Callows SPA (Site Code: 004086)
<https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY004086.pdf>

Site Name: Dovegrove Callows SPA (Site Code: 004137)

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(C) NPWS ADVICE:


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| Advice received from NPWS over phone: | None Received |
| Summary of advice received from NPWS in written form (ATTACH SAME): | None Received |

(D) ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS:

*(The purpose of this is to identify if the effect(s) identified could be significant – if **uncertain** assume the effect(s) are significant).*

If the answer is 'yes' to any of the questions below, then the effect is significant.
(Please justify your answer. 'Yes' / 'No' alone is insufficient)

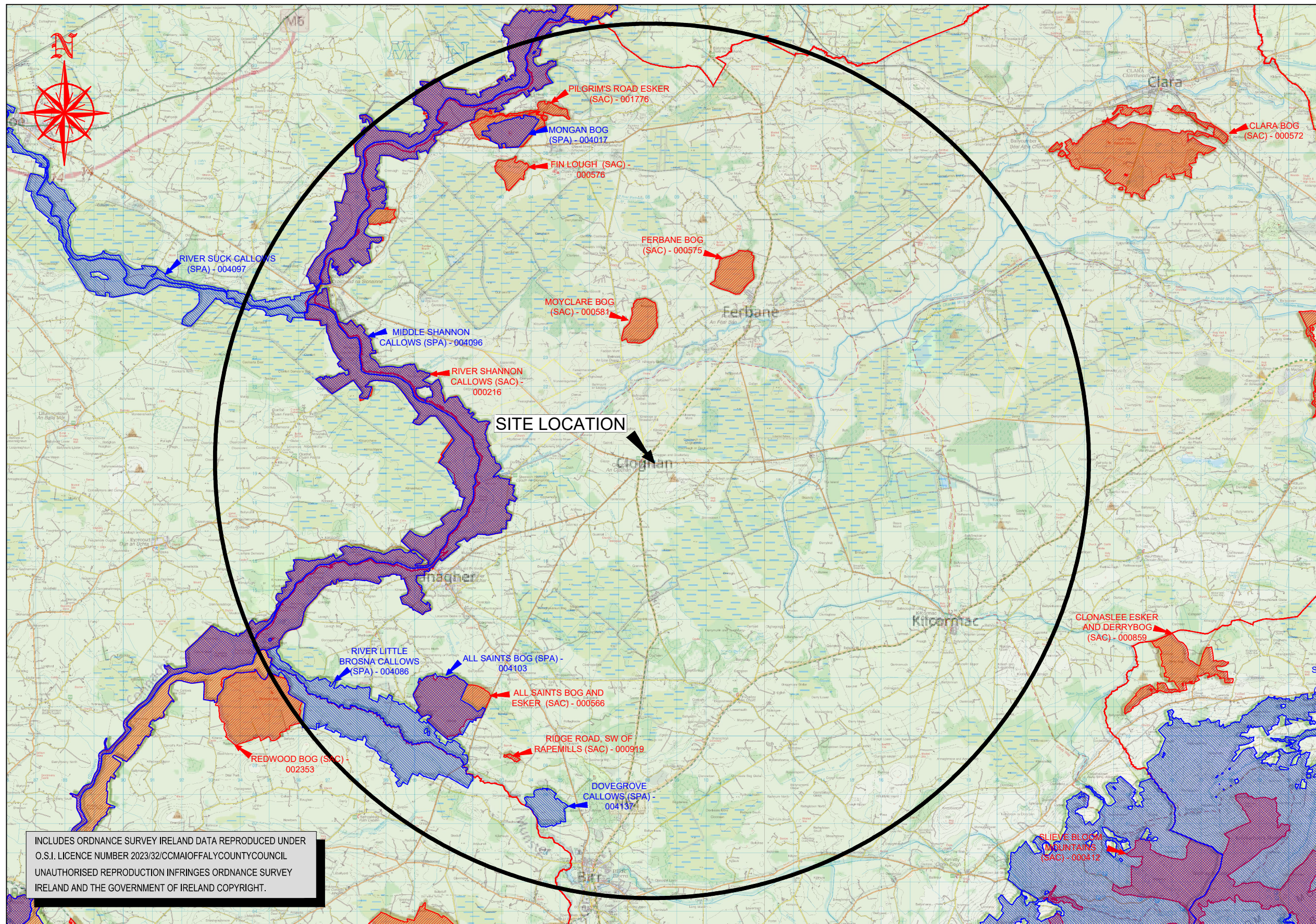
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| Would there be... ... any impact on an Annex 1 habitat? (Annex 1 habitats are listed in Appendix 1 of AA Guidance). | No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. The closest Natura 2000 site is the Moyclare Bog SAC (000581) approximately 4.172 KM to the North of the proposed development. |
| ... a reduction in habitat area on a Natura 2000 site? | No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. There will be no reduction of the habitat area due to the proposed scheme. |
| ... direct / indirect damage to the physical quality of the environment (e.g. water quality and supply, soil compaction) in the Natura 2000 site? | No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. There will be no direct / indirect damage to the physical quality of the environment in the Natura 2000 site due to these works. |
| ... serious / ongoing disturbance to species / habitats for which the Natura 2000 site is selected (e.g. because of increased noise, illumination and human activity)? | No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. There will be no serious / ongoing disturbance to species / habitats for which the Natura 2000 site due to these works. |
| ... direct / indirect damage to the size, characteristics or reproductive ability of populations on the Natura 2000 site? | No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. There will be no direct / indirect damage to the size, characteristics or reproductive ability of populations on the Natura 2000 site due to these works. |

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| <p>Would the project interfere with mitigation measures put in place for other plans / projects. [Look at <i>in-combination effects</i> with completed, approved but not completed, and proposed plans / projects. Look at projects / plans within and adjacent to Natura 2000 sites and identify them]. Simply stating that there are no cumulative impacts' is insufficient.</p> | <p>No - The proposed project will not interfere with mitigation measures put in place for other plans / projects, i.e. Ballycumber TVR Works which are similar in scale and nature to the proposed works in Cloghan.</p> |
| <p>(E) SCREENING CONCLUSION:</p> | |
| <p>Screening can result in:</p> | |
| <p>1.</p> | <p><i>AA is not required</i> because the project is directly connected with/necessary to the nature conservation management of the site.</p> |
| <p>2.</p> | <p><i>No potential for significant effects - AA is not required.</i></p> |
| <p>3.</p> | <p><i>Significant effects are certain, likely or uncertain.</i> (In this situation seek a Natura Impact Statement from the applicant, or reject the project. Reject if too potentially damaging / inappropriate.</p> |
| <p>Therefore, does the project fall into category 1, 2 or 3 above? 2</p> | |
| <p>Justify why it falls into relevant category above:</p> | |
| <p>Proposed Development is not located within SPA or SAC. Works will take place on and around Cloghan Village, Housing Estates, Domestic Dwellings, Agricultural Fields and on the Public Roadway and Footpaths. It is considered due to the distance of the proposed development from the Natura 2000 sites listed above, that there would be unlikely significant affects to the integrity of the Natura 2000 site.</p> | |
| <p>Name:</p> |  |
| <p>Position:</p> | <p>Executive Engineer</p> |
| <p>Date:</p> | <p>9th January 2024</p> |

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL

CLOGHAN ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME - CLOGHAN, COUNTY OFFALY

ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGNATED SITES



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LEGEND

- SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION (SAC) ■
- SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA) ■
- 15Km BOUNDARY FROM THE SITE

NOTE:
THE SAC AND SPA DATA IS DOWNLOADED FROM THE NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (NPWS) WEBSITE (www.npws.ie) THE DATA ON THE WEBSITE IS THE LAST UPDATED ON THE 25/07/2023

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PROJECT
CLOGHAN ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME,
CLOGHAN, COUNTY OFFALY

TITLE
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGNATED SITES

| SCALE | ROAD NO | PROJECT NO | DRAWING NO |
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| NTS | N/A | EDS | 001 |
| DATE | JULY 2023 | DRAWN BY | T.R. |
| CHECKED | | R.M. | |