

**APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION STATEMENT FOR PART VIII PROPOSALS**

*The Conclusion Statement takes into account referral reports received and Natura Impact Statement received.*

**Offaly County Council/ Town Council.**

**Ref No: 0115429-C**

**A: Description of project and local site:**

Proposed development: The provision of a total of 26 No. Dwellings.

Phase 1 to comprise of 8 No. dwellings (2 no. x 3 bed single storey & 6 x no. 2 bed single storey), Phase 2 to comprise of 18 No. dwellings (18 no. x 3 bed two storey) along with internal access road and all associated site development works

Site location: Kylebeg, Banagher, County Offaly.

Site size: 1.76ha/4.39ac

Floor area of the proposed development: Phase 1 = 524m<sup>2</sup> Phase 2 = 1,656 m<sup>2</sup>

Identification of nearby Natura 2000 site(s): Middle Shannon Callows SPA and River Shannon Callows SAC All Saints Bog and Redwood Bog

Distance to Natura 2000 site(s): Circa. 6km (as the crow flies) to the nearest site.

**B: Identification of the relevant Natura 2000 site(s):**

1. The reasons for the designation of the Natura 2000 site(s): Whooper Swan, Greenland White Fronted Goose, Golden Plover, Corncrake.

Molinia meadows and lowland hay meadows. Green-winged Orchid, Red Hempnettle, Blue Fleabane Greenland White-fronted Geese

2. The conservation objectives / qualifying interests of the site and the factors that contributes to the conservation value of the site: (which are got from the Natura 2000 site synopses and if applicable a Conservation Management Plan; all available on [www.npws.ie](http://www.npws.ie). (ATTACH THIS INFORMATION): The site is of international importance for wintering waterfowl & breeding and it is also botanically diverse with 2 legally protected species of plants and many scarce species.

**C: Relevant Advice Received (i.e. from internal reports / prescribed bodies):**

Over the phone: None received

In written form: (attach same)

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**D: Assessment of Adverse Impacts & Mitigation Measures:**

<p><b>Potential Adverse Impacts on Integrity of Natura 2000 Site.</b>  <i>(direct, indirect, short term, long term, construction, operational, decommissioning, on own &amp; in combination).  (habitat loss; habitat fragmentation; breeding productivity; feeding, migratory &amp; nesting patterns; water quality / quantity; disturbance by noise or human actions.)</i></p>	<p><b>How Adverse Impacts can be Mitigated.</b>  <i>(alternatives may have been proposed)</i>   <i>If adverse impacts have not been shown to be mitigated, state 'Mitigation not demonstrated adequately' below.</i></p>	<p><b>How Mitigation Measures will be secured / implemented / monitored.</b>  <i>(may include timescales)</i></p>
<p>No adverse impacts expected due to distance of relevant European Sites from the proposed development and the type of development.</p>		


**E: Comments / Conclusion:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_