

**APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING
REPORT FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS**



Screening is used to determine if an AA is necessary by examining:

- If the plan / project is directly connected with / necessary to the management of the European site.
- If the effects will be significant on a European site in view of its conservation objectives, either alone / in combination with other plans / projects.

Planning Authority: OCC

Planning Application Ref. No: N/A

Job Ref. No. 0115429-C

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND LOCAL SITE:			
Proposed development:	Construction of 26 Units at Kylebeg Banagher, Phase 1 to consist of 8 x No. OPD single storey dwellings, Phase 2 to consist of 18 no. x two storey dwellings along with internal access road and all ancillary site development works.		
Site location:	Kylebeg, Banagher		
Site size:	Phase 1&2 = 1.76ha Entire Site = 14.6ac / 5.9ha	Floor Area of Proposed Development:	Phase 1 = 524m ² Phase 2 = 1,656 m ²
Identification of nearby European Site(s):	Middle Shannon Callows SPA and River Shannon Callows SAC All Saints Bog and Redwood Bog		
Distance to European Site(s):	Circa. 6 km as the crow flies to the nearest site.		
The characteristics of existing, proposed or other approved plans / projects which may cause interactive / cumulative impacts with the project being assessed & which may affect European site:	None		
Is the application accompanied by an EIS?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(B) IDENTIFICATION OF THE RELEVANT EUROPEAN SITE(S):			
The reasons for the designation of the European 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		
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 European site synopses and, if applicable, a Conservation Management Plan; all available on www.npws.ie) (ATTACH INFO.)	PLEASE SEE SITE SYNOPSIS SHEET ATTACHED.		
(C) NPWS ADVICE:			
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:	
<i>(The purpose of this is to identify if the effect(s) identified could be significant – if uncertain assume the effect(s) are significant).</i>	
If the answer is 'yes' to any of the questions below, then the effect is significant. <i>(Please justify your answer. 'Yes' / 'No' alone is insufficient)</i>	
Would there be... ... any impact on an Annex 1 habitat? (Annex 1 habitats are listed in Appendix 1 of AA Guidance).	Not likely due to the location and type of development
	The site is sufficient distance from the European site.
... a reduction in habitat area on a European site?	There will be no reduction in the habitat area. The site is sufficient distance from the European site.
... direct / indirect damage to the physical quality of the environment (e.g. water quality and supply, soil compaction) in the European site?	Not likely due to the location and type of development The site is sufficient distance from the European site.
... serious / ongoing disturbance to species / habitats for which the European site is selected (e.g. because of increased noise, illumination and human activity)?	Not likely due to the location and type of development The site is sufficient distance from the European site.
... direct / indirect damage to the size, characteristics or reproductive ability of populations on the European site?	None likely due to the location and type of development The site is sufficient distance from the European site.
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 European sites and identify them]. Simply stating that there are no cumulative impacts' is insufficient.	No other plans known of in the vicinity of the site.
	The site is sufficient distance from the European site.
(E) SCREENING CONCLUSION:	
Screening can result in:	
1.	<i>AA is not required because the project is directly connected with / necessary to the nature conservation management of the site.</i>
2.	<i>No potential for significant effects / AA is not required.</i>
3.	<i>Significant effects are certain, likely or uncertain. (In this situation seek a Natura Impact Statement from the applicant, or reject the project. Reject if too potentially damaging / inappropriate.</i>
Therefore, does the project fall into category 1, 2 or 3 above?	Category 2
Justify why it falls into relevant category above:	There would be no likely significant impact on the European site from the proposed development due to the distance from the site of the proposed development.
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