



**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination under the
Planning and Development Act 2024, as amended, for:**

Proposed Variation 8A to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening determination has been made by Kilkenny County Council regarding Proposed Variation 8A.

Section 58 (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 (as amended), requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether the Proposed Variation warrants the undertaking of AA.

Variation No. 8A to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan is intended to reflect the requirements of the Government's National Planning Framework Implementation Guidelines, in relation to Kilkenny City.

The AA screening process has found that the proposed Variation does not require any further assessment to demonstrate compliance with the Directive in accordance with the methodological guidance on the provisions of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

Taking into account the findings of the AA process that are detailed in an AA Screening Report that accompanies this Determination, Kilkenny County Council have determined that the likelihood of the proposed Variation (either individually or in combination with any project or other plan) having significant effects on a European site can be excluded (in view of their conservation objectives), and it is not considered necessary to undertake any further stages of the Appropriate Assessment process.

Signed 
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Date

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