



**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination  
under the Planning and Development Act (as amended) and Habitats Directive (Directive  
92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora, as  
amended) for:**

**Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6 to the Kilkenny City and  
County Development Plan 2021-2027 (as varied)**

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening determination is being made by Kilkenny County Council regarding Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6 to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021-2027 (as varied). This determination relates to whether the Proposed Material Alterations would or would not necessitate the undertaking of Stage 2 AA under the Planning and Development Act (as amended) and Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora, as amended).

In carrying out this Screening for AA, the Council is taking into account:

- Proposed Variation No. 6;
- AA Natura Impact Report for Proposed Variation No. 6; and
- Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6; and
- Screening for AA Report for Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6.

As identified in the Screening for AA Report for Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6:

- The Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021-2027 (as varied) provides for sustainable development and proper planning within the administrative area of Kilkenny County Council. The purpose of Proposed Variation No. 6 is to integrate a Framework Plan for Ferrybank-Belview into the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021-2027 (as varied). The Framework Plan will put in place a land use framework that will guide the future sustainable development of the Ferrybank-Belview area. The Framework Plan, in conjunction with the existing City and County Development Plan, will inform and manage the future development of Ferrybank-Belview.
- Proposed Variation No. 6 and associated SEA and AA documents were placed on public display and submissions were invited. Submissions were responded to in a Chief Executive's Report and Elected Members decided upon Proposed Material Alterations to the Proposed Variation and these are the subject of this report. The Alterations propose a number of text and map-based changes to the Proposed Variation.
- The Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021-2027 was subject to Stage 2 AA, which facilitated the integration of measures into the Plan to ensure the appropriate protection and management of European Sites with which all lower tier plans/projects must comply. The Proposed Variation is also subject to Stage 2 AA and requires compliance with the measures from the existing County Development Plan and includes additional such measures that must be complied with.
- Considering the above, including the measures that have been integrated into both the Proposed Variation and the existing County Development Plan (as varied), there is no additional source for any likely significant effect on any European site that would be introduced by Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6, that have not already been considered by the Proposed Variation's Stage 2 AA.
- As there is no additional source for any likely significant effect on any European site that would be introduced by Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6, there is no likely significant in combination effect that would result from the implementation of Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6.
- Therefore, it is concluded in this Screening for AA to inform the competent authority carrying out the Screening for AA, that Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6 are not foreseen to

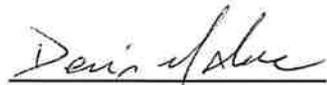
have any likelihood for any significant effect on any European site, alone or in combination with other plans or projects – and therefore any potential for a significant effect to any European site as a result of implementing Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6 can be ruled out.

- This evaluation is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated. Consequently, Stage 2 AA (including the preparation of a Natura Impact Report) is not required.
- This report will be referred to Kilkenny County Council in order to inform the making of a Screening for AA determination in advance of public display of the Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6.

The Planning Authority has carefully considered the AA Screening Report and agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented.

It is hereby determined that Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6 to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021-2027 (as varied) will not give rise to any effects on the ecological integrity of any European Site, alone or in combinations with any other plans, programmes or projects in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated; and that Stage 2 AA (including the preparation of a Natura Impact Report) is not required for Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 6.

**Signatory:**

  
Senior Planner

**Date:**

