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Determination for Habitats Directive Assessment for Variation No. 3 Castlebar Town and Environs Development Plan 2008 – 2014.

Habitats Directive Assessment (HDA) Stage 1 Screening of the proposed Variation No. 3 to the Castlebar Town and Environs Development Plan 2008 – 2014 has been carried out. The proposed variation consists of rerouting a currently proposed road corridor south and east of Castlebar (N5 Westport to Turlough Road Project) in the townlands of Aghadrinagh, Lisnageeha or Antigua, Lisnakirka or Milebush, Balloor, Lightford, Shanvally, Drumaleheen, Kilkenny, Doogary (ED Breaghwy), Liscromwell & Aghalusky and amending the land use zoning accordingly.

Consideration has been given to the direct, indirect and secondary effects on the Natura 2000 network in drafting the proposed Variation No. 3 including habitat loss, disturbance, pollution etc. Any risk to the integrity of the Natura 2000 sites have been considered in the proposed Variation, and the avoidance of these impacts has been prioritised.

The HDA screening report evaluates Variation No. 3 of the Castlebar Town and Environs Development Plan 2008 - 2014 to determine whether the Variation needs to be the subject of Stage 2 HDA. This screening finds that the current Plan has been formulated to ensure that uses, developments and effects arising from permissions based upon the Variation (either individually or in combination with other plans or projects) shall not give rise to significant effects on the integrity of any Natura 2000 site. Therefore, in accordance with the Methodological guidance on the provision of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, it is concluded that Variation No. 3 does not require any further assessment to demonstrate compliance with the Directive.

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Padraig Flanagan

Acting Director of Services

24th October 2012