



MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

Proposed Variation No. 5 to Castlebar Town & Environs Development Plan 2008-2014

Strategic Environmental Assessment Determination.

In accordance with Article 13K (4) of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations, 2004 (as amended), it is determined that the Proposed Variation No. 5 to Castlebar Town & Environs Development Plan 2008-2014 is not likely to have significant effects on the environment.

This determination has been made taking account of relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A of S.I. No. 536 of 2004 (as amended) and the submissions received from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (DAHRRGA) in response to a notice under Article 13K (3) of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended in 2011).

The *SEA Screening Report on the Proposed Variation No. 5 to Castlebar Town & Environs Development Plan 2008-2014* concluded that, as a consequence of the Proposed Variation No. 5 to Castlebar Town & Environs Development Plan 2008-2014, significant effects on the environment are not likely as the proposed variation

Variation No. 5 of the Castlebar Town & Environs Development Plan 2008-2014 Plan was initiated to address the fact that there is inadequate lands zone residential Phase 1 meet the population and housing targets set out in the West Regional Planning Guidelines 2010-2022 and Core Strategy of Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020. The variation also includes re-zoning of lands at Lisnakirka to facilitate a Regional Outdoor Training Facility for outdoor training programmes and separately, re-zoning of residential lands to facilitate the provision of social housing in the immediate future.

In assessing the effects on the environment as a consequence of the Proposed Variation No. 5 to Castlebar Town & Environs Development Plan 2008-2014, it was concluded that positive effects on the environment are deemed likely since the constituent parts of the Proposed Variation No. 5 are legislative measures to give effect to a sustainable urban form as envisaged by the development plan itself therefore the risks to the environment and to human health will be the same as the adopted plan. Therefore, a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required as no significant effects on the environment are deemed likely.

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