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

#### **Appropriate Assessment Determination.**

A Screening for Appropriate Assessment has been carried out on the proposed Variation No. 5 to Castlebar Town & Environs Development Plan 2008-2014. The proposed variation consists of (a) changes to the phased development of residential land to allow for housing development on lands zoned as Residential Phase 2 in order to meet housing targets set out in the Core strategy of Mayo County Development Plan 2014-2020, (b) changes to the zoning of certain lands at Lisnakirka to make provision for a Regional Outdoor Training Facility for outdoor training programmes which is a necessary expansion to the existing Regional Training Facilities offered in Castlebar and (c) changes to the zoning of certain lands at Lisnakirka from 'Medium Density Residential Phase 2' to 'Medium Density Residential' in order to provide social housing in the immediate future.

Consideration has been given to the direct, indirect and secondary effects on the Natura 2000 network in drafting the proposed Variation No. 5 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 Screening for Appropriate Assessment report evaluates Variation No. 5 to Castlebar Town & Environs Development Plan 2008-2014 to determine whether the Variation needs to be the subject of Appropriate Assessment Stage 2. The Screening for Appropriate Assessment report finds that the current plan has been formulated to ensure that uses, developments and effects arising from planning permissions based upon the Variation (either individually or in combination with other plans or projects) will not give rise to significant effects on the integrity of any Natura 2000 site.

Therefore, in accordance with the Methodological guidance on the provisions of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, it is concluded that Variation No. 5 does not require any further assessment to demonstrate compliance with the Directive.

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