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Proposed Variation No. 4 to Westport Town & Environs Development Plan 2010-2016.

Appropriate Assessment Determination.

A Screening for Appropriate Assessment has been carried out on the proposed Variation No. 4 to Westport Town & Environs Development Plan 2010-2016. The proposed variation consists of (a) the incorporation of the provisions of the Urban Regeneration & Housing Act 2015 regarding the vacant site levy and renewal & regeneration into the development plan.

Consideration has been given to the direct, indirect and secondary effects on the Natura 2000 network in drafting the proposed Variation No. 4 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. 4 to Westport Town & Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 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 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. 4 does not require any further assessment to demonstrate compliance with the Directive.

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