

ADDENDUM I TO THE APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT OF THE DRAFT ARKLOW AND ENVIRONS LOCAL AREA PLAN 2018 – 2024

APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED ALTERATIONS,
AS PROPOSED BY THE MEMBERS OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL ON 6th NOVEMBER 2017

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TO THE 'APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT OF THE
DRAFT ARKLOW AND ENVIRONS LOCAL AREA PLAN 2018 – 2024'

Wicklow County Council

**Draft Arklow Town and Environs
Local Area Plan 2018-
2024 Proposed Material Alterations**

Appropriate Assessment Screening

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1 Introduction

This report is an addendum to the Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report for the Draft Arklow and Environs Local Area Plan (LAP) 2018-2024. This report will detail the Appropriate Assessment Screening of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Arklow and Environs LAP 2018-2024.

The various sections within the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for the Draft Arklow and Environs LAP 2018-2024 should be referred to for background information on the requirements for AA, the AA process, the existing environment of Arklow, distances and links to Natura 2000 sites and the potential for significant effects arising from the Draft Arklow LAP. The AA Screening for the Draft Arklow and Environs LAP 2017-2023 concluded that the LAP would not have a significant effect on the Natura 2000 network and a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment was not required.

2 Material Alterations

There are 16 Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Arklow and Environs LAP 2018-2024. The Material Alterations are outlined within the report 'Proposed Material Alterations to Draft Arklow Town and Environs Local Area Plan 2018'. This should also be read in conjunction with this addendum.

A review of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Arklow and Environs Local Area Plan 2018-2028 was undertaken. The Material Alterations include minor changes to text throughout, amendments to objectives, removal of objectives and the insertion of new objectives. The Material Alterations are listed within the main Material Alteration report and are not repeated here.

3 AA Screening of the Material Alterations to the LAP for Potential Effects on Natura 2000 Sites

The results of the screening exercise of the Proposed Material Alterations for potential effects on Natura 2000 sites, are presented in Table 1. None of the Proposed Material Alterations to the LAP have been considered to have the potential for significant effects on Natura 2000 sites.

Within Table 1 the reference number for each Material Alteration is provided, however the main Proposed Materials Alterations to Draft Arklow and Environs Local Area Plan 2018-2024 report should be referred to for full details of each Material Alteration.

Table 1 Arklow LAP – AA Screening for Potential Effects on Natura 2000 Sites

MA No.	Proposed Material Alteration	Risk of Significant Effect (including combination and cumulative effects)
1	Text Amendments	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts.
2	Proposed change in zoning from Open Space 2 & R10 New Residential to Open Countryside (unzoned)	This Material Alteration relating to zoning does not have potential for significant impacts.
3	Proposed change in zoning from R20 New Residential to T Tourism	This Material Alteration relating to zoning does not have potential for significant impacts.
4	Proposed change in zoning from E1 Employment & LSS Local Shops and Services to R28 New Residential	This Material Alteration relating to zoning does not have potential for significant impacts.
5	Proposed change in zoning from Open Countryside (unzoned) to R Special New Residential & EI Employment H9 To allow for the development of a maximum of 40 dwelling units on the lands zoned 'R Special' at Seabank (west of Sea Road).	As identified in the SEA, the zoning of previously unzoned and undeveloped land has the potential to result in a significant impact on the environment in general. This new area proposed for residential and employment zoning does bring the LAP boundary to within 2km of Buckronev-Brittis Dunes and Fen SAC however it is still of a similar scale of distance to the current LAP boundary and it is considered that this will not give rise to likely significant effects on European sites.
6	Proposed change in zoning from RE Existing Residential to E1 Employment	This Material Alteration relating to zoning does not have potential for significant impacts.
7	Proposed change in zoning from Open Countryside (unzoned) to E1 Employment	As identified in the SEA Addendum the zoning of previously unzoned and undeveloped land has the potential to result in a significant impact on the environment in general. However, it is considered that this will not give rise to likely significant effects on any European sites.

MA No.	Proposed Material Alteration	Risk of Significant Effect (including combination and cumulative effects)	
8	a	Text Amendments	This Material Alteration relating to changed text does not have potential for significant impacts.
	b	VP 14 To seek to prepare an overall Main Street enhancement scheme to improve the street environment for all users, which may include widened footpaths, cycle facilities (where feasible), public realm improvements, and possibly accompanied by reduced speed limits.	This Proposed Material Alteration elaborates on the content already included in the Draft Plan and does not have potential for significant impacts on European sites.
	c	WZ13 To facilitate the development of new opportunities for pedestrian and cycle links from the Waterfront to the town centre.	This Proposed Material Alteration elaborates on the content already included in the Draft Plan. Text does not have potential for significant impacts on European sites.
	d	WZ14 In conjunction with the National Transport Authority, to carry out a feasibility study to investigate the possibility of connecting each side of the Waterfront zone	This Material Alteration relating to changed text does not have potential for significant impacts.
9	a	Map insertion	This Proposed Material Alteration elaborates on the content already included in the Draft Plan and does not have potential for significant impacts on European sites.
	b	Text Amendments	This Proposed Material Alteration elaborates on the content already included in the Draft Plan and does not have potential for significant impacts on European sites.
	c	IT15 To facilitate the implementation of the GDA Cycle Network Plan.	The GDA Cycle Network Plan has been subject to AA. Any future projects which will facilitate implementation of the GDA Cycle Network Plan will be subject to AA Screening as per CDP Objective NH4.
10	Text Amendments	This Proposed Material Alteration elaborates on the content already included in the Draft Plan and does not have potential for significant impacts on European sites.	

MA No.	Proposed Material Alteration	Risk of Significant Effect (including combination and cumulative effects)
11	Text Amendments	This Proposed Material Alteration involves the inclusion of land use zoning descriptions for the 'Mixed Use' development zones, in order to align with other Proposed Material Alterations to the draft plan. Text does not have potential for significant impacts on European sites.
12	Text Amendments	This Material Alteration relating to changed text does not have potential for significant impacts on European sites.
13	Phasing Schedule as Per Appendix D.	The phased delivery of the objectives outlined in the Draft LAP provides for a more sustainable type of development and could further contribute to the environmental protection and management provided for by the Plan. This Material Alteration relating to changed text does not have potential for significant impacts on European sites.
14	Change in zoning to provide for the expansion of the boundary of Action Area 3 so that it encompasses more of the pNHA of Arklow Marsh, as well as some open space. Also, change in zoning of a small area of 'Community and Education' to 'New Residential' as well as change in zoning of small area of 'New Residential' to 'Existing Residential.'	This Material Alteration relating to changed text does not have potential for significant impacts on European sites.
15	Change in zoning type from OS2 Open Space to RE Existing Residential	This Material Alteration relating to changed text does not have potential for significant impacts on European sites.
16	Change in zoning from Open Countryside (unzoned) to T Tourism	As identified in the SEA Addendum, zoning of previously unzoned and undeveloped land has the potential to result in a significant impact on the environment in general. However, this Material Alteration relating to changed text does not have potential for significant impacts on European sites.

4 Conclusion

The likely impacts that will arise from the Material Alterations to the Draft Arklow and Environs Local Area Plan 2018-2024 alone and in combination with other plans and programmes have been examined in the context of a number of factors that could potentially have a significant effect on European sites. It is considered that significant adverse impacts on any European sites arising from the implementation of the LAP are extremely unlikely.

On the basis of the findings of this Screening for Appropriate Assessment of European Sites, it is concluded that the Material Alterations to the Draft Arklow and Environs Local Area Plan 2018-2024 will not have a significant effect on the Natura 2000 network and a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required.