

ADDENDUM I TO THE APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT OF THE DRAFT BRAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PLAN 2018 – 2024

APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED ALTERATIONS,
AS PROPOSED BY THE MEMBERS OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL ON 15th & 22nd JANUARY 2018

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TO THE 'APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT OF THE
DRAFT BRAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PLAN 2018 – 2024'

Wicklow County Council

**Draft Bray Municipal District
Local Area Plan 2018-2024
Proposed Material Alterations**

Appropriate Assessment Screening –
Addendum to Stage 2 Natura Impact
Report

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1 Introduction

This report is an addendum to the Appropriate Assessment (AA) Stage 2 Natura Impact Report (NIR) for the Draft Bray Municipal District Local Area Plan (LAP) 2017-2023. This report details the Appropriate Assessment Screening of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Bray Municipal District LAP 2018-2024¹.

The various sections within the AA NIR for the Draft Bray Municipal District LAP 2017-2023 should be referred to for background information on the requirements for AA, the AA process, the existing environment of Bray, distances and links to Natura 2000 sites and the potential for significant effects arising from the Draft Bray LAP. The NIR for the Draft Bray Municipal District LAP 2017-2023 concluded that the LAP would not have a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the Natura 2000 network either in isolation or in combination with other plans and projects acting in the same area.

2 Material Alterations

There are 30 Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Bray Municipal District LAP 2018-2024. The Material Alterations are outlined within the report “Proposed Material Alterations to the LAP”.

A review of the Proposed Material Alterations for the Draft Bray Municipal District 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 Material Alterations to the Draft Bray Municipal District Local Area Plan 2018-2024 report should be referred to for full details of each Material Alteration.

¹ The NIR was carried out on the Draft LAP in 2017. Material Alterations have been made to the LAP in 2018 therefore this AA Screening is carried out on the renamed Draft Bray Municipal District LAP 2018-2024.

Table 1 Bray 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 Alterations to Maps 4 and 5	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
2	Update of CSO information and subsequent text.	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
3	Addition of a potential small residential development 1km from Knocksink Wood SAC. Associated land use map change.	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment. There is no potential for impacts on European Sites to arise from this amendment.
4	Text alterations for Bray Town centre.	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment. There is no potential for impacts on European Sites to arise from this amendment.
5	Text alteration relating to Former Heiton Buckley's, Dublin Road.	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment. There is no potential for impacts on European Sites to arise from this amendment.
6	Text alteration relating to Former Everest Centre, Dublin Road.	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment. There is no potential for impacts on European Sites to arise from this amendment.
7	Addition of a new section and objectives on education	The proposed additional objectives do not provide for any new development other than what has already been provided for and assessed in the draft plan. Such alterations would therefore not give rise to potential for impacts on European Sites or necessitate a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment. Any new development facilitated by these new objectives would be subject to Appropriate Assessment Screening and stage 2 Appropriate Assessment if necessary

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8	Text additions.	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment. There is no potential for impacts on European Sites to arise from this amendment.
9	Text addition.	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment. There is no potential for impacts on European Sites to arise from this amendment.
10	Text alterations and additions.	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment. There is no potential for impacts on European Sites to arise from this amendment.
11	Text alterations and additions.	These changes provide background and some additional clarification to what is already included, and has been assessed, within the plan. Such alterations would therefore not have potential for significant impacts.
12	Change to an existing objective and the addition of two objectives.	Changes to Objective CW1 and new objectives CW3 and CW4: The change to CW1 provide some additional clarification to what is already included, and has been assessed, within the plan. The new objective CW3 relates to the GDA Cycle Network Plan which has already been subject to Stage 2 AA. CW4 will not result in any changes to what is proposed under the Draft Plan, but rather provides guidance as to how cycle infrastructure should best be implemented. As such, all alterations listed under Recommendation No. 7 would therefore not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
13	Addition of an objective.	This MA elaborates on content already included in the Draft Plan and as such has been assessed in the Draft Plan NIR. The Transport Strategy has already been subject to AA and a NIR concluded that implementation of the same Strategy will not impact on the Natura 2000 network of sites. Therefore, such alterations would therefore not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
14	Text amendments.	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts.

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15	Text addition	<p>The text included highlights the fact that ecological impact assessment and specifically Appropriate Assessment, is best carried out when these routes are designed and therefore provides some background for the reader on the potential sensitive involved in the development of these sites. Therefore, such alterations would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.</p>
16	Text amendments and an associated map change	<p>Changes to the text relating to phasing provides some quantification on the open space required at each phase. However, it is considered that such an alteration would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.</p> <p>Proposed change relating to text amendments to better define the areas of land in question and therefore, such an alteration would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.</p> <p>Proposed change clarifying the need for hydrogeological assessment(s) to inform the development of a SuDS system which would provide adequate groundwater recharge to supply the qualifying habitats of the nearby SAC and therefore, such an alteration would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.</p> <p>Proposed change relating to clarification of open space for private houses. Such an alteration would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment as Objective 10 clarifies what is required of any proposed development relating to maintenance of groundwater regime to provide adequate supply to qualifying habitats of Ballyman Glen SAC.</p> <p>The proposed change in zoning within Action Area 1 would result in development of similar nature, which has already been assessed as part of the Draft Plan and therefore, such an alteration would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.</p>
17	Text addition	<p>This MA clarifies the need for hydrogeological assessment(s) to inform the development of a SuDS system which would provide adequate groundwater recharge to supply the qualifying habitats of the nearby SAC and therefore, such an alteration would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.</p>

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18 (a) (b)	Text amendments and associated map change Table 3.1 alteration in the Draft Plan Removal of subsequent text	This Material Alteration would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
19	Text amendments.	This Material Alteration would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
20	Text addition.	This Material Alteration would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
21	Text addition	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
22	Addition of a new Specific Local Objective	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
23	Addition of a new Specific Local Objective	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
24	Addition of a new Specific Local Objective Alteration to Table 3.1 in the Draft Plan	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
25	Text amendments and addition	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
26	Map alteration	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
27	Map alteration	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
28	Map alteration	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.

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29	Geographic Information System map alteration	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.
30	Addition of an Appendix (D)	This Material Alteration does not have potential for significant impacts and therefore would not necessitate Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.

4 Conclusion

The likely impacts that will arise from the Material Alterations to the Draft Bray Municipal Local Area Plan 2018-2024 alone and in combination with other plans and programmes have been examined in the context of potential for significant effects 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 Bray Municipal Local Area Plan 2018-2024 will not have a significant effect on the Natura 2000 Sites. The proposed development is not directly connected with, or necessary to the conservation management of any Natura 2000 sites. The proposed development, alone or in combination with other projects, is not likely to have significant effects on Natura 2000 sites in view of their conservation objectives.

Therefore, it has been determined by Arup that it is possible to rule out likely significant impacts on any Natura 2000 sites. It is the view of Arup that it is not necessary to undertake any further stage of the Appropriate Assessment process.