

## **Appendix E**

### **WCC AA Screening Determination**

# Wicklow County Council

Director of Service Order No: 277/2020

## BRAY SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT BRIDGE AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Wicklow County Council is proposing to develop the Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge and road link in Bray, Co Wicklow. The proposed development will include the construction of a road link and bridge that will cater for sustainable modes of transport and will not be accessible by private vehicles. The proposed bridge will be a bowstring arch bridge which crosses the river with a single span of c. 63m. The road link will be approximately 225m in length north and 175m south of the river.

According to the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the EU Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) the effects of any plan or project, alone, or in combination with, other plans or projects on the Natura 2000 Site network, should be assessed before any decision is made to allow that plan or project to proceed.

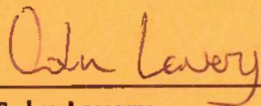
Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) a Report for Screening of Appropriate Assessment was prepared by Arup on behalf of Wicklow County Council. The report has determined that this project, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, does not require any further stages of the Appropriate Assessment process to be undertaken.

The report of Declan O'Brien, Executive Engineer, which is endorsed by Margaret Hartnett, Senior Executive Engineer, recommends that Wicklow County Council, as the Competent Authority and having considered the report for Screening for Appropriate Assessment prepared by Arup, makes the determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the proposed development of the Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge Project, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects with respect to any Natura 2000 Sites and the Directive's conservation objectives.

 ORDER

By virtue of the power vested in me, I hereby order that Wicklow County Council, as the Competent Authority and having considered the Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment Screening report prepared by Arup, makes the determination that the proposed Bray Sustainable Transport Bridge Project would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the proposed project does not require a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment Screening.

Signed:

  
Colm Lavery  
Director of Services  
Transportation, Water & Emergency Services

Dated: 21/10/20