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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination
under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Habitats Directive
(Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora,
as amended) for:

Proposed: Masterplan for the enhancement of Seaview Avenue Recreation Area

Wicklow County Council is proposing to develop a Masterplan for the enhancement of Seaview Avenue Recreation Area at Seaview Avenue, Arklow, Co Wicklow.

It is intended to place the plans and particulars for the proposed development on public display in accordance with the requirements of the Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

Having regard to Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora, as amended) and (inter alia) the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government's *Appropriate Assessment of plans and projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities* (2010), Wicklow County Council commissioned Roughan & O'Donovan, Consulting Engineers to consider the proposed masterplan and its potential to significantly affect European sites. Their assessment report has concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the proposed masterplan, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to give rise to impacts which would constitute significant effects on European sites, in view of their Conservation Objectives.

In light of this conclusion, it is the considered opinion of Roughan & O'Donovan, Consulting Engineers as the author of this AA Screening Report, that Wicklow County Council, as the Competent Authority in this case, in completing its AA Screening in respect of proposed masterplan, should find that the proposed masterplan, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on European sites, in view of their Conservation Objectives

For the reasons outlined above, it is recommended that the application for consent for the proposed development does not require an Appropriate Assessment or the preparation of Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

Signed: 
Avril Hill
District Engineer

Date: 20/08/2026

Arklow Municipal District

Order:

That Wicklow County Council, as the Competent Authority, having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by Roughan & O'Donovan, Consulting Engineers and the recommendation of the District Engineer, makes a determination that, when considered either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment will not be required to accompany the proposal for the Masterplan for the Enhancement of Seaview Avenue Recreation Area.

Signed: 

Sorcha Walsh
A/Director of Services
Planning, Economic & Rural Development

Date: 20.08.2026