

Wicklow County Council

Chief Executive Order CE 083/22

Newtownmountkennedy Refurbishment Project

AA Screening Determination

Wicklow County Council is proposing to refurbish the public realm in Newtownmountkennedy, the project area comprises the R772 regional road as it passes through Newtownmountkennedy, the approaches to the urban area from the south and north and junctions with adjoining roads.


According to the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the EU Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) that 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), as transposed into Irish Law, a Report for Screening of Appropriate Assessment (the AA Screening Report) was prepared by O'Connor Sutton Cronin on behalf of Wicklow County Council. The report concluded that the project is not foreseen to give rise to any significant adverse effects on any designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects. This evaluation is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated. Consequently, a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment is not required for the project

Order

For the reasons set out in the AA Screening report, by virtue of the powers vested in me, I hereby order that Wicklow County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the report for Screening for Appropriate Assessment prepared by the consultants, hereby makes the determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment is not required to inform the proposed Newtownmountkennedy Refurbishment Project, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects with respect to any Natura 2000 Sites and its conservation objectives.

Also I hereby order that The AA determination is made available for inspection by the members of the public and make an electronic version of the decision available on the County Council website in accordance with Section 50(1)(f) of the Roads Act 1993 (As amended), and the Consulting Engineers are notified of the Council's determination.

Signed: 

Date: 18/2/2022

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Wicklow County Council
