



Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

Proposed Cloncreen - Deep Reinforcements (Counties Offaly, Meath, and Kildare):

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended ('The Regulations'), EirGrid has undertaken Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of relevant European sites, if the proposed Cloncreen Deep Reinforcements ('the proposed development') individually or in combination with other plans or projects would be likely to have a significant effect (s) on a European site(s).

The proposed development relates to reinforcements to existing substations. The proposed development is not within or adjacent any European site. This determination has had regard for all relevant European sites.

Specifically the works are required for the purpose of uprating (repairing, renewing and altering):

- the Bay Conductor on Bay H5 at the Kinnegad 110 kV Station;
- the Bay Conductor on Bay H1 at the Cushaling 110 kV Station;
- the Bay Conductor on Bay H1 at the Maynooth 220 kV / 110 kV Station;
- the Bay Conductor for Cushaling at the Newbridge 110 kV Station;
- the Cushaling – Newbridge 110 kV Circuit between the Bay Conductor for Cushaling and AM126.

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 SI 477 as amended, EirGrid has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects¹ is not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites. The risk of likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded on the basis of objective evidence.

This determination is based on the location, scale, extent and duration of the proposed development, including temporary works, and has not taken account of measures intended to avoid or reduce significant effects on European sites.

Signed: Robert Fennelly, Lead Senior Ecologist, EirGrid

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