



Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

CP0907 Dalton 110kV Station Busbar Uprate [Exempted Development] (Counties Galway and Mayo)

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 Dalton 110kV Station Busbar Uprate [Exempted Development] ('the 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 development involves works for the purpose of renewing, removing and altering protection equipment at Castlebar 110 kV Station and Cashla 220 kV station. There will be no vegetation removal or instream works required for the proposed works, which are wholly within the existing station fencelines (including temporary works).

The nearest European sites to the proposed development are as follows:

- Cashla 220 kV Station: 4.5 km to the Galway Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code 268)¹ and Inner Galway Bay Special Protection Area (SPA; site code 4031)²
- Castlebar 110 kV Station: 3.7 km to the River Moy SAC (Site Code 2298)³

This determination has had regard for these and any other relevant European sites, including the potential for ex-situ effects on the Qualifying Interests and Special Conservation Interests.

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 project individually or in combination with other plans or projects 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.

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¹ NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Galway Bay Complex SAC 000268. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

² NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Inner Galway Bay SPA 004031. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

³ NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: River Moy SAC 002298. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.