



Grid Implementation Plan
2017-2022
Appropriate Assessment
Determination



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under Regulation 42 (11) of the European Communities

(Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011-2015

EirGrid has prepared a Grid Implementation Plan covering the period 2017-2022. The Implementation Plan has been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment.

EirGrid, as the Competent Authority, has undertaken an Appropriate Assessment of the said Plan under Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats Regulations) 2011-2015, pursuant to Article 6 (3) of the Habitats Directive, taking into account, as appropriate, the matters set out in paragraphs 9-16 in carrying out the Appropriate Assessment.

This document is a determination by the competent authority under Regulation 42 (11) of the European Communities (birds and Natural Habitats Regulations) 2011-2015 having regard to:

- The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) dated December 2018, prepared by Jacobs on behalf of EirGrid, and the detailed assessment of likely impacts and mitigation measures therein;
- The incorporation of all mitigation measures as outlined in the NIS within the Grid Implementation Plan 2017-2022, in order to avoid likely significant effects on European Sites; and
- The fact that any projects arising from the Grid Implementation Plan 2017-2022 shall be required to conform to the policy measures, including mitigation measures, detailed in the NIS and set out in the said Plan;

EirGrid has determined, pursuant Regulation 42 (11) of the European Communities (birds and Natural Habitats Regulations) 2011-2015, taking into account all matters relevant and subject to the full and proper implementation of the mitigation measures outlined in the NIS, that the Grid Implementation Plan 2017-2022 will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Site.

The decision to adopt the Grid Implementation Plan 2017-2022 was made by EirGrid in December 2018.



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