



Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

CP0816 Renewal and altering of the existing Glenree – Moy 110 KV Overhead Line [Exempted Development] (County 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 Renewal and altering of the existing Glenree – Moy 110 KV Overhead Line ('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 consists of that works for the purpose of renewing and altering the existing Glenree – Moy 110 KV Overhead Line¹ in the townland of Gorteen, Ballina, Co. Mayo including:

- The renewal and altering of Tower 74 (replacement tower in situ), Poleset 75 (replacement tower ~50m west of current location) and Tower 76 (replacement tower in situ) including its associated conductor;
- The altering of the associated conductor and provision of shieldwire to align with altered towers and polesets; and,
- The altering and removal of associated underground services and cables including the excavation of land for this purpose.

There are no works within or adjacent European sites. The development is not located within or near any European site; the closest such site is the River Moy Special Area of Conservation (SAC; site code 2298)² located c. 2.4 km from the development site. This determination has had regard for these and any other relevant European sites.

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 development, including temporary works, and has not taken account of measures intended to avoid or reduce significant effects on European sites.

Signed:

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¹ Excluding:

-Works for the purpose of extending the compound and installing a bay at the existing Moy 110 kV Station, required under CP0816, for which full planning approval is required.

-Works for the purpose of altering the existing Glenree – Moy 110 kV Line outside the townland of Gorteen, Ballina, Co. Mayo, required under CP1155, for which full planning permission is required.

²NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: River Moy SAC 002298. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.