



Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

CP0817 Proposed Flagford Sliabh Bawn 110 kV Line Uprate (County Roscommon).

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 Flagford Sliabh Bawn 110 kV Line Uprate ('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 consists of uprating the existing Flagford - Sliabh Bawn 110 kV OHL from 200mm² Aluminium-Conductor Steel-Reinforced cable (ACSR) "Wolf" conductor to 430mm² ACSR "Bison" conductor. Works to achieve the uprate include:

- Replacement of steel towers at 10 locations;
- Replacement of wooden polesets at 55 locations;
- Replacement of stay arrangements at 6 locations; and,
- Replacement of a hardware, insulators, and signage etc.. at various locations

There are no works within or adjacent European sites. The proposed development is not located within or near any European site; the closest such site is the Annaghmore Lough (Roscommon) Special Area of Conservation (SAC; site code 1626)¹ located c. 4.5 km from the proposed 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 proposed 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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¹NPWS (2019) Conservation Objectives: Annaghmore Lough (Roscommon) SAC 001626. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.