



Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

CP0816 Ground Investigation Works – North Connacht 110 kV Project (Counties Mayo and 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 Ground Investigation Surveys for the North Connacht 110 kV Project [Exempted Development] ('the proposed works) 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 works consist of:

- Site preparation works;
- Intrusive ground investigation works including installation of combined ground and gas monitoring, mechanically excavated trial pits, and borehole drilling in soil and rock,
- Non-intrusive works including gas and groundwater monitoring at monthly intervals.

The proposed works are located partially within the River Moy Special Area of Conservation (SAC; site code 2298)¹. This determination has had regard for these and any other relevant European sites. There are no works within or adjacent other 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. (2016). Conservation Objectives: River Moy SAC 002298. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.