

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

CP1122, CP1123, CP1124, CP1125 Physical Security of Transmission Stations [Exempted Development] (Counties Dublin, Wicklow, Carlow, Kildare, Louth, Meath, Monaghan, Cavan, Wexford, Waterford, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Cork, Limerick, Cork).

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 Physical Security of Transmission Stations [Exempted Development] ('the proposed developments') 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 developments consist of installing physical security measures in a number of existing 110 kV and 220 kV, and 400 kV stations.

There are no works within or adjacent 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.

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