



## Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

### **CP1126 Proposed grid connection and associated electrical infrastructure at Tievebrack 110 kV Station (County Donegal)**

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 grid connection and associated electrical infrastructure at Tievebrack 110 kV Station ('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 is estimated to take 26 weeks, and is located entirely within the existing 110 kV Tievebrack substation, Co. Donegal.

The proposed development is not located within or near any European site. The closest site is the West of Ardara/Maas Road Special Area of Conservation<sup>1</sup> (SAC; site code 197), which is adjacent the proposed development site (c. 0.20 km distant). The nearest Special Protection Area (SPA) is the Lough Nillan Bog SPA<sup>2</sup> (site code 4110; c. 2 km distant). 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.

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<sup>1</sup>NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: West of Ardara/Maas Road SAC 000197. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

<sup>2</sup>NPWS (2020) Conservation objectives for Lough Nillan Bog SPA [004110]. Generic Version 7.0. Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.