



Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

CP1153 Oldstreet, Tynagh & Cashla 400kV and 220kV protection Upgrade [Exempted Development] (County Galway).

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 Oldstreet, Tynagh & Cashla 400kV and 220kV protection Upgrade [Exempted Development] ('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:
works for the purpose of renewing and altering protection equipment and relays at:

- Tynagh Bay in Cashla 220kV;
- Cashla and Oldstreet Bays in Tynagh 220kV;
- Tynagh T2001/2 Transformer Bay in Tynagh 220kV;
- Tynagh Bay in Oldstreet 400kV; and,
- Oldstreet T4202 Transformer bay in Oldstreet 400kV.

The proposed development is entirely within the fencelines of existing substations. The proposed development is not located within or near any European site; the closest such site is the Middle Shannon Callows Special Protection Area (SPA; site code 4096)¹ located c. 6.5 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 (2021) Conservation objectives for Middle Shannon Callows SPA [004096]. Generic Version 8.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage