



## Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

### **CP1228 Shannonbridge and Connected Stations Protection Upgrade [Exempted Development] (Counties Offaly, Tipperary, Westmeath).**

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 Shannonbridge and Connected Stations Protection Upgrade [Exempted Development] ('the 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 scope of the works shall occur wholly within the compounds of the Shannonbridge 110/220 kV Station (Co. Offaly), Athlone 110 kV Station (Co. Westmeath) and Thurles 110 kV Station (Co. Tipperary).

The development will consist of works for the purpose of renewing and altering protection equipment on the Athlone – Shannonbridge 110 kV Circuit and at Thurles Station.

The development is not located within or adjacent any European sites. The nearest European site to the development is the River Shannon Callows Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (site code 216)<sup>1</sup>, located c. 0.1 km from the Shannonbridge station. This determination has had regard for the conservation objectives of 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 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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<sup>1</sup> NPWS (2022) Conservation Objectives: River Shannon Callows SAC 000216. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage