



Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

CP1402 Platin 110kV Station Refurbishment [Exempted Development] County Meath

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 CP1402 Platin 110kV Station Refurbishment [Exempted Development] ('the Development') individually or in-combination with other plans or projects will result in likely significant effects on a European site(s).

The Development will take place entirely within the existing station boundary and comprises the following:

- Offline build of new T105 bay;
- Replacement in situ of T101/2/3/4 bay assets;
- Construction of a new full sectionalizing bay offline;
- Replacement *in situ* of Garballagh bay disconnects; and,
- Replacement of the batteries and Battery room floor tiles inside the Control building.

Analysis of Pathways to European sites

The Boyne Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) [004080]¹ is located approximately 3.5km from the Development. The SPA is designated for its assemblage of wetland habitats as well as waterbird species that can be associated with foraging habitats beyond the European site boundary (also known as 'functionally-linked' habitat). The works associated with the Development will be minor in scale, and temporary in nature and will take place within the existing, fenced boundary only. Any disturbance impact would therefore extend over a very short distance only, and for a limited period of time. For this reason, and due to the availability of substantial areas of alternative suitable habitat along the coast, significant effects on SCI birds using functionally-linked habitat due to visual/noise disturbance can be excluded.

There are no waterbodies within or directly adjacent to the Development. Therefore, likely significant effects from waterborne pollution are excluded.

The River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA is designated for its assemblage of wetland and waterbirds. For the reasons described above for Boyne Estuary SPA, likely significant effects from disturbance of the SCI species of River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA are excluded.

There are no other European sites nearby, or potentially connected to the Development via a source-pathway-receptor link that may result in likely significant effects in view of the applicable site Conservation Objectives.

AA Screening Statement

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

¹ NPWS (2025). Conservation Objectives: Boyne Estuary SPA 004080. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

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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