Donegal County Council – Amendment (consisting of 40 No. material alterations) to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024, and Determinations that a Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Appropriate Assessment are required.	**28th March 2018**
Planning Committee	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	**Outcome**
Leader & Champion	• We will establish key relationships with Government agencies and potential strategic partners in NI and external to it which helps us to deliver our vision for this Council area.
Protect the environment in which we live	• All environments in the area will benefit from pro-active decision making which protects the natural features, characteristics and integrity of the Borough;
Lead Officer	Sharon Mulhern
Cost:	N/A

For Decision

1.0 Background

1.1 Donegal County Council (DCC) wrote to the Council (received 15th February 2018 - See Appendix 1 & 2) advising of:

- An amendment (consisting of 40 No. material alterations) to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2012-2018; and
- Determinations that a Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Appropriate Assessment are required for a number of the proposed material alterations.

2.0 Detail

2.1 DCC is preparing a new County Donegal Development 2018-2024. It will replace the existing Development Plan (2012-2018).

2.2 A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report and a Stage 1 Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) of the 40 proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan were undertaken in tandem in December 2017.

2.3 The consultation includes the following documents:

2.4 **Proposed Material Alteration to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024;** this document contains a schedule outlining the 40 proposed material alterations. These relate mainly to the insertion of new Plan objectives, policies, or maps (see Appendix 5).

Strategic Environmental Assessment

2.5 **Determination of the need for SEA of the proposed Material Alterations;** The SEA Determination found that 14 of the 40 proposed material alterations were not considered to give rise to any significant effects on the environment (Ref: 2-9, 14-18 and 31). In relation to the remaining 26 it was not possible to conclude that there would be no significant effects on the environment, therefore it was necessary to undertake an SEA for these (Ref: 1, 10-13, 19-30, 32-40) (see Appendix 3).

2.6 **SEA Addendum to Part D: Environmental Report;** this is an addendum to the original SEA of the draft Plan. This report assess the likelihood of significant effects on the environment resulting from the proposed material alterations to the draft Plan (see Appendix 6).

2.7 **In conclusion;** the SEA found that all of the 26 proposed material alterations assessed had the potential conflict with the status of the draft Plan's Strategic Environmental Objectives. However, they were likely to be mitigated to an acceptable level through other objectives and policies contained within the draft Plan

Appropriate Assessment

2.8 **Determination of the need for AA of the proposed Material Alterations**; The Determination found that 6 of the 40 proposed material alterations were not considered to give rise to any significant effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, therefore a Stage 2 AA was not required (Ref: 3, 7, 16, 25, 27 & 31). In relation to the remaining 34 it was not possible to conclude beyond reasonable scientific doubt that there would likely be no significant impacts on the integrity of any of the Natura 2000 network of European, therefore it was necessary to proceed to a Stage 2 AA for these (Ref: 1, 2, 4-6, 8-15, 17-24, 26, 28-30 & 32-40) (see Appendix 4).

2.9 **Addendum to AA Natura Impact Report (NIR)**; this is an addendum to the original AA of the draft Plan. This report assess the likelihood of significant effects on European sites (Natura 2000 network) resulting from the proposed material alterations to the draft Plan (see Appendix 7(a), (b) & (c)).

2.10 **In conclusion;** the AA concludes a finding of no significant effects following Stage 2 of the AA process in relation to the proposed material alterations to the draft Plan. Any potential impact on the Natura 2000 network has been mitigated against through amendments to the existing policies and objectives and the

addition of a number of policies as identified in the NIR. As a result, there is no need to proceed to Stage 3 of the AA process.

2.11 The closing date for the submission of comments was Thursday 8th March 2018. Council planning officials have written to DCC to advise that it was not possible to present the consultation to the Council's Planning Committee before that date, and asked if they would accept comments outside of the consultation period. We await a response.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 None

3.0 Other Implications

3.1 None

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Elected Members note the content of the attached and agree to the Head of Planning submitting a response on behalf of Council.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Letter to Council, received on 15th February 2018 (attached).

Appendix 2: Public Notice of proposed material alterations (attached).

Appendix 3: Determination of the need for SEA of the proposed Material Alterations (attached).

Appendix 4: Determination of the need for AA of the proposed Material Alterations (attached).

Appendix 5: Proposed Material Alteration to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 (attached).

Appendix 6: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Addendum to Part D: Environmental Report (attached).

Appendix 7(a): Addendum to Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report (text only) (attached).

Appendix 7(b): Addendum to Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report: **Maps** (see link below):
http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/viewdevelopmentplans/materialalterationstothedraftcdp2018-2024/Appendix%20B%20Maps%20of%20Proposed%20Material%20Alterations.pdf

Appendix 7(c): Addendum to Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report: **Buffer Zone maps** (see link below):
http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/viewdevelopmentplans/materialalterationstothedraftcdp2018-2024/Appendix%20C%20Maps%20of%20Settlements%20with%2015km%20Buffer%20zones.pdf

Appendix 1

Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

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Ref No: CPU/243

8th February 2018

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Causeway Coast and
Glens Borough Council

To: Prescribed Authorities

Re: Amendment (consisting of 40 No. Material Alterations) to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 together with the Determinations that a Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Appropriate Assessment are required.

A Chara,

In accordance with Section 12 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and Article 13G of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), Donegal County Council propose to make material alterations to the draft County Donegal Development Plan 2012-2018. Donegal County Council has determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Appropriate Assessment of the proposed material alterations to the draft development plan are required.

The Proposed Material Alterations are available for public consultation during the period **9th February 2018 to 8th March 2018** during which time, submissions or observations can be made. To this end, I enclose a copy of the public notice together with a copy of the following documents in connection with the proposed material alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024:

1. Proposed Material Alteration to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024
2. Strategic Environmental Assessment Addendum to Part D: Environmental Report
3. Addendum to Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report
4. Determination of the need for SEA of proposed Material Alterations
5. Determination of the need for AA of proposed Material Alterations

Submissions or observations with respect to the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan, 2018-2024 and associated reports may be made in writing between **Friday 9th February 2018 to Thursday 8th March 2018** (both dates inclusive) to the Planning Authority at: The Central Planning Unit, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal and marked **"Material Alterations to Draft County Donegal Development Plan**

2018-2024". Submissions or observations may also be emailed to donegalcdp@donegalcoco.ie Submissions made via email must include the full name and address of the person making the submission. Submissions shall be taken into consideration before the making of the Plan.
Note: Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. hard copy or email.
The final date for the receipt of submissions is Thursday 8th March 2018.

Mise le meas,

Paul Christy,
Senior Executive Planner,
Central Planning Unit,
Directorate of Community, Enterprise and Planning Services.

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Appendix 2

Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended);
Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations, 2004; and
Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations, 2011

DRAFT COUNTY DONEGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2024

-Proposed Amendments (Consisting of 40 No. Material Alterations)-

Together with the Determinations that a Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Appropriate Assessment are required.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Part II, Chapter I, Sections 12 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended), and Article 13G of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) –

1. Donegal County Council proposes to make **Material Alterations** to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024.

2. Donegal County Council has determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Appropriate Assessment of the proposed material alterations to the Draft Development Plan are required.

3. Reports containing information on: (a.) the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the proposed material alterations (Strategic Environmental Assessment); and (b.) the likely significant impact of the proposed material alterations upon Natura 2000 sites (Appropriate Assessment) have been prepared.

4. A copy of the Proposed Material Alterations, the Determination that the assessments referred to at No.2 above are required, and the reports referred to at No.3 above may be inspected and/or purchased for a fee of €10.00 during the period **9th February 2018 to 8th March 2018** at the following locations:

    - The Planning Office, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford.
    - Letterkenny Public Services Centre, Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny.
    - Milford Public Services Centre, Main St., Milford.
    - An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Public Services Centre, Gweedore Road, An Clochán Liath.
    - Carndonagh Public Services Centre, Malin Road, Carndonagh.
    - Donegal Town Public Services Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town.

    Alternatively the abovementioned can be inspected online at www.donegalcoco.ie and at the Library facilities in the County during their respective normal opening hours.

5. Submissions or observations with respect to the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan, 2018-2024 and associated reports may be made in writing between **Friday 9th February 2018 to Thursday 8th March 2018** (both dates inclusive) to the Planning Authority at: The Central Planning Unit, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal and marked **"Material Alterations to Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024"** Submissions or observations may also be emailed to donegalcdp@donegalcoco.ie Submissions made via email must include the full name and address of the person making the submission. Submissions shall be taken into consideration before the making of the Plan.
   Note: Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. hard copy or email. **The final date for the receipt of submissions is Thursday 8th March 2018.**

Mr. Liam Ward
Director of Service, Community, Enterprise and Planning Services
Donegal County Council
Lifford
Co. Donegal
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Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

An tAcht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú);
Na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Measúnacht Straitéiseach Timpeallachta) 2004;
agus
Na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Measúnacht Straitéiseach Timpeallachta) (Leasú), 2011

DRÉACHTPHLEAN FORBARTHA CONTAE DHÚN NA NGALL 2018 - -2024

-Leasuithe beartaithe (ar a bhfuil 40 Athrú Ábhartha)-

Chomh maith le Cinnithe maidir leis an ghá atá le Measúnacht Straitéiseach Timpeallachta agus Measúnacht Iomchuí.

TABHAIR FAOI DEARA, de bhun Cuid II, Caibidil I, Ailt 12 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú) agus Alt 13G de na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2001 (ar na leasú) -

1. Go bhfuil sé beartaithe ag Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall **Athruithe Ábhartha** a dhéanamh ar Dhréachtphlean Forbartha Contae Dhún na nGall 2018-2024

2. Go bhfuil cinneadh déanta ag Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall go bhfuil gá le Measúnacht Straitéiseach Timpeallachta agus Measúnacht Iomchuí ar na hathruithe ábhartha atá beartaithe don Dréachtphlean Forbartha.

3. Go bhfuil tuairiscí ullmhaithe, ina bhfuil eolas ar: (a) na héifeachtaí suntasacha ar dócha a bheith ann don timpeallacht de bharr na n-athruithe ábhartha beartaithe a chur i bhfeidhm (Measúnacht Straitéiseach Timpeallachta); agus (b) an tionchar suntasach ar dócha a bheith ag na hathruithe ábhartha ar shuíomhanna Natura 2000 (Measúnacht Iomchuí).

4. Gur féidir cóip de na hAthruithe Ábhartha Beartaithe, an Cinneadh go bhfuil gá leis na measúnachtaí a ndéantar tagairt dóibh in Uimhir 2 thuas, agus na tuairiscí a ndéantar tagairt dóibh in Uimhir 3 thuas, gur féidir sin a scrúdú agus/nó a cheannach ar chostas €10.00 i rith na tréimhse ón **9 Feabhra 2018 go dtí an 8 Márta 2018** sna háiteanna seo a leanas:

    - An Oifig Pleanála, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, Teach an Chontae, Leifear.
    - Ionad Seirbhíse Poiblí Leitir Ceanainn, Bóthar N. T. Uí Bhléine, Leitir Ceanainn
    - Ionad Seirbhíse Poiblí Bhaile na nGallóglach, An Phríomhshráid, Baile na nGallóglach.
    - Ionad Seirbhíse Poiblí an Chlocháin Léith, Bóthar Ghaoth Dobhair, An Clochán Liath.
    - Ionad Seirbhíse Poiblí Charn Domhnach, Bóthar Mhálanna, Carn Domhnach.

- Ionad Seirbhíse Poiblí Bhaile Dhún na nGall, Droim Lonachair, Baile Dhún na nGall.

Nó mar mhalairt air sin, gur féidir an t-ábhar thuas a scrúdú ar líne ar www.donegalcoco.ie agus sna hionaid leabharlainne sa Chontae le linn na ngnáthuaireanta oscailte atá acu.

5. Gur féidir aighneachtaí nó tuairimí maidir leis na hAthruithe Ábhartha Beartaithe ar Dhréachtphlean Forbartha Contae Dhún na nGall 2018-2024 agus na tuarascálacha gaolmhara a dhéanamh i scríbhinn idir **An Aoine 9 Feabhra, 2018 agus Déardaoin 8 Márta 2018** (an dá dháta sin san áireamh) chuig an Údarás Pleanála ag: An tAonad Lárphleanála, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, Teach an Chontae, Leifear, Contae Dhún na nGall agus é marcáilte "Athruithe Ábhartha ar Dhréachtphlean Forbartha Contae Dhún na nGall 2018 - 2024". Is féidir aighneachtaí agus tuairimí a chur trí ríomhphost fosta chuig donegalcdp@donegalcoco.ie. Aon aighneacht a dhéantar trí ríomhphost, caithfear ainm agus seoladh iomlan an duine atá ag déanamh na haighneachta sin a bheith scríofa air. Cuirfear aighneachtaí san áireamh sula nglacfar leis an Phlean.
Nóta: Bheimis buíoch duit ach d'aighneacht a dhéanamh trí aon mhodh amháin ie. cóip chrua nó ríomhphost. **Is é an dáta deireanach le haighneachtaí a fháil ná an Déardaoin 8 Márta 2018.**

Liam Mac an Bhaird
Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí Pobail, Fiontar agus Pleanála
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Appendix 3

Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

Determination of the Need for Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018- 2024.

At the adjourned meeting of Donegal County Council on 13th December 2017 and in accordance with section 12(5) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Members of Donegal County Council considered the Draft Plan and the Chief Executive's Section 12(4) Report on submissions or observations made during the public consultation process, and decided to amend the Draft Plan. The amendments include a total of 40 proposed Material Alterations

As required by section 12(7)(aa) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), a determination shall be made if a Strategic Environmental Assessment or Appropriate Assessment or both such assessments, as the case may be, is or are required to be carried out as respects one or more than one proposed Material Alteration of the Draft Development Plan.

To this end, a report entitled 'SEA Screening of Proposed Material Alterations', December 2017' has been prepared and it determines that:

(i) 14 of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP 2018-2024 are not foreseen to give rise to any significant effects on the environment and consequently, a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required for those Material Alterations (Proposed Material Alteration Refs 2-9, 14-18 and 31).

(ii) In relation to the remaining 26 proposed Material Alterations it is not possible to conclude that there is likely to be no significant effects on the environment, taking account of relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended) and therefore it is necessary to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment in regards to those proposed Material Alterations (Proposed Material Alterations Refs 1, 10-13, 19-30, 32-40).

Paul Christy
Senior Executive Planner
21st December 2017

Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

Cinneadh maidir leis an Ghá le haghaidh Measúnacht Straitéiseach Chomhshaoil ar na hAthruithe Ábhartha atá molta do Dhréacht-Phlean Forbartha Contae Dhún na nGall 2018 - 2024

Ag an chruinniú ar athló de Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ar an 13 Nollaig 2017, agus de réir Alt 12(5) den Acht Pleanála & Forbartha 2000 (mar a leasaíodh), rinne Comhaltaí Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall plé ar an Dréacht-Phlean agus ar Thuairisc Alt 12(4) de chuid an Phríomh-Fheidhmeannaigh i dtaca le breathnúcháin agus aighneachtaí a rinneadh le linn an phróisis chomhairliúcháin phoiblí, agus shocraigh siad ar an Dréacht-Phlean a leasú. Tá 40 Athrú Ábhartha beartaithe san iomlán i measc na leasuithe sin -

Mar atá riachtanach de réir Alt 12(7)(aa) den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000 (mar a leasaíodh), déanfar cinneadh cé acu tá, nó nach bhfuil, gá le Measúnacht Straitéiseach Chomhshaoil nó Measúnacht Iomchuí, nó an dá cheann acu sin, de réir mar is cuí, a dhéanamh maidir le ceann amháin, nó níos mó, de na hAthruithe Ábhartha ar an Dréacht-Phlean Forbartha.

Chuige seo, tá tuairisc ullmhaithe dar teideal 'Scagadh MSC ar Athruithe Ábhartha Beartaithe, Nollaig 2017' agus cinnítear ann:

(i) Nach bhfuiltear ag dréim go mbeidh aon éifeacht shuntasach ar an timpeallacht ag éirí as 14 cinn de na hAthruithe Ábhartha ar an Dréachtphlean Forbartha Contae 2018 - 2024, agus dá bhrí sin nach bhfuil gá le Measúnacht Straitéiseach Chomhshaoil do na hAthruithe Ábhartha beartaithe sin (Tagairtí 2-9, 14-18, agus 31).

(ii) I dtaca leis na 26 cinn eile d'Athruithe Ábhartha atá beartaithe ní féidir a bheith cinnte gur dócha nach mbeidh aon éifeacht shuntasach ar an timpeallacht, ag cur san áireamh critéir ábhartha atá leagtha amach i Sceideal 2A de na Rialacháin Pleanála agus Forbartha (Measúnacht Straitéiseach Chomhshaoil) 2004 (mar a leasaíodh), agus mar sin de gur gá Measúnacht Straitéiseach Chomhshaoil a dhéanamh maidir leis na hAthruithe Ábhartha beartaithe sin (tagairtí: 1, 10-13, 19-30, 32-40).

Paul Christy
Pleanálaí Sinsearach Feidhmiúcháin
21 Nollaig 2017

Appendix 4

Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

Determination of the Need for Appropriate Assessment of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018- 2024.

At the adjourned meeting of Donegal County Council on 13th December 2017 and in accordance with section 12(5) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Members of Donegal County Council considered the Draft Plan and the Chief Executive's Section 12(4) Report on submissions or observations made during the public consultation process, and decided to amend the Draft Plan. The amendments include a total of 40 proposed Material Alterations.

As required by section 12(7)(aa) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), a determination shall be made if a Strategic Environmental Assessment or Appropriate Assessment or both such assessments, as the case may be, is or are required to be carried out as respects one or more than one proposed Material Alteration of the Draft Development Plan.

To this end, a report entitled 'AA Screening of Proposed Material Alterations', December 2017' has been prepared and it determines that:

- 6 of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP 2018-2024 are not foreseen to give rise to any significant adverse effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects and consequently, a Stage 2 AA is not required for those Material Alterations (Proposed Material Alterations Refs 3, 7, 16, 25, 27, 31).
  This evaluation is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated.
- In relation to the remaining 34 proposed Material Alterations it is not possible to conclude beyond reasonable scientific doubt that there is likely to be no significant impacts on the integrity of any of the Natura 2000 network of European sites arising from those Material Alterations. Therefore it is necessary to proceed to Stage 2 AA in regards to 34 of the proposed Material Alterations (proposed Material Alteration Refs: 1, 2, 4-6, 8-15, 17-24, 26, 28-30, 32-40).

Paul Christy
Senior Executive Planner
21st December 2017

Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

Cinneadh maidir leis an Ghá le haghaidh Measúnú Iomchuí ar na hAthruithe Ábhartha atá molta do Dhréacht-Phlean Forbartha Contae Dhún na nGall 2018 - 2024

Ag an chruinniú ar athló de Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ar an 13 Nollaig 2017, agus de réir Alt 12(5) den Acht Pleanála & Forbartha 2000 (mar a leasaíodh), rinne Comhaltaí Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall plé ar an Dréacht-Phlean agus ar Thuairisc Alt 12(4) de chuid an Phríomh-Fheidhmeannaigh i dtaca le breathnúcháin agus aighneachtaí a rinneadh le linn an phróisis chomhairliúcháin phoiblí, agus shocraigh siad ar an Dréacht-Phlean a leasú. Tá 40 Athrú Ábhartha beartaithe san iomlán i measc na leasuithe sin.

Mar atá riachtanach de réir Alt 12(7)(aa) den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000 (mar a leasaíodh), déanfar cinneadh cé acu tá, nó nach bhfuil, gá le Measúnacht Straitéiseach Chomhshaoil nó Measúnacht Iomchuí, nó an dá cheann acu sin, de réir mar is cuí, a dhéanamh maidir le ceann amháin, nó níos mó, de na hAthruithe Ábhartha ar an Dréacht-Phlean Forbartha.

Chuige seo, tá tuairisc ullmhaithe dar teideal 'Scagadh MI ar Athruithe Ábhartha Beartaithe, Nollaig 2017' agus cinnítear ann:

- Nach bhfuiltear ag dréim go mbeidh aon dochar suntasach ar shuíomhanna Eorpacha ag éirí as 6 cinn de na hAthruithe Ábhartha, ina n-aonar nó i gcomhar le pleananna eile nó tograí eile, agus dá bhrí sin nach bhfuil gá le Céim 2 MI do na hAthruithe Ábhartha sin (Athruithe Ábhartha Beartaithe: Tagairtí 3, 7, 16, 25, 27, 31). Tá an mheasúnacht seo déanta mar gheall ar chuspóirí caomhnaithe na ngnáthóg nó na speiceas a bhfuil na suíomhanna seo ainmnithe ar a son.
- Maidir leis na 34 Athrú Ábhartha eile atá beartaithe ní féidir a bheith cinnte, thar amhras réasúnta eolaíochta, gur dócha nach mbeidh aon dochar suntasach ar shláine aon cheann den ghréasán de shuíomhanna Eorpacha Natura 2000, ag éirí as na hAthruithe Ábhartha sin. Mar sin de, is gá dul ar aghaidh chuig Céim 2 MI maidir le 34 cinn de na hAthruithe Ábhartha beartaithe (tagairtí: 1,2, 4-6, 8-15, 17-24, 26, 28-30, 32-40). 1, 2, 4-6, 8-15, 17-24, 26, 28-30, 32-40).

Paul Christy
Pleanálaí Sinsearach Feidhmiúcháin
21 Nollaig 2017

Appendix 5

Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018- 2024

February 2018

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background and Consultation Period

The Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 and Environmental Report were published for a period of consultation from 19th May 2017 to 1st September 2017 and written submissions and observations were invited in relation to it. A total of 312 submissions were received and a Chief Executive's Report in relation to the submissions was prepared in October 2017 and submitted to the Elected Members of Donegal County Council for their consideration.

In accordance with section 12(5) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) the Members of Donegal County Council considered the Draft Plan and the Chief Executive's Report, (and other associated documents) at their adjourned meeting on 13th December 2017 and decided to amend the Draft Plan. The amendments include a total of 40 Proposed Material Alterations and these are listed in section 2 of this document. The Proposed Material Alterations are now available for public consultation during the period 9th February 2018 to 8th March 2018 (inclusive).

Submissions and observations in relation to the Proposed Material Alterations or associated Strategic Environmental Assessment or Appropriate Assessment (as relevant) are invited during this time. Note that matters outside of the Proposed Material Alterations cannot be considered.

Submissions can be made in writing to the Central Planning Unit, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal or by email to donegalcdp@donegalcoco.ie and should be headed 'Proposed Material Alterations to the CDP 2018-2024'.

1.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment

Pursuant to section 12(7)(aa) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Planning Authority has determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) is required to be carried out as respects a number of specified Proposed Material Alterations. The determinations in relation to SEA and AA can be viewed on the Councils website.

Consequently, an 'Addendum to the Environmental Report (Strategic Environmental Assessment)' and an 'Addendum to Appropriate Assessment- Natura Impact Report' accompany this document of Proposed Material Alterations. Submissions or observations may also be made in relation to these reports.

1.3 Next Steps

Following the completion of the consultation period, a Chief Executive's Report shall be prepared in accordance with section 12(8) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in order to give the response of the Chief Executive to the issues raised in the submissions. The Members will consider the report and shall, by resolution make the plan with or without the Proposed Material Alterations or subject to a modification which is minor in nature and therefore not likely to have significant effects on the environment or adversely affect the integrity of a European site.

2 Schedule of Proposed Material Alterations

The following pages list the Proposed Material Alterations and identify whether each Proposed Material Alteration is mapped or is the subject of assessment in relation to SEA and AA.

Ref	Chapter/section in the Draft CDP	Proposed Material Alteration	Accompanied by Map (Yes/ No)	SEA (Yes/No)	AA (Yes/No)
Part A: The Strategic Plan					
1	Chapter 2: Core Strategy (i) Table 2.3, Section 2.3.3 (ii) Table 15.2 of Part C (iii) Layer 3 Settlement Framework maps contained in Part C.	(i) Amend Table 2.3, Section 2.3.3 so as to insert Portnablagh as a named town within 'Layer 3 Rural Towns and open Countryside.' (ii) Amend Table 15.2 of Part C so as to insert Portnablagh as Map 15.60; and (iii) Insert an additional Settlement Framework map (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 1') for Portnablagh into the Layer 3 Settlement Framework maps contained in Part C of the Draft CDP.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 1')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
2	Chapter 2: Core Strategy; insertion of new objective as CS-O-17 in section 2.10	Insert a new objective as CS-O-17 to read as follows: It is an objective of the Council to promote sustainable development and transportation strategies in urban and rural areas including the promotion of measures to: (i) Reduce energy demand in response to the likelihood of increases in energy and other costs due to long-term decline in non-renewable resources; (ii) Reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions; and (iii) Address the necessity of adaptation to climate change.'	No	No	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')

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3	Chapter 2: Core Strategy; insertion of new objective as CS-O-18 in section 2.10	Insert a new objective as CS-O-18 to read as follows: To review the location and extent of lands zoned 'Strategic Residential Reserve' to ensure the appropriate supply of long term housing landbank.	No	No	No
4	Chapter 2: Core Strategy; amendment of policy CS-P-5 in section 2.11	Amend policy CS-P-5 so that it reads as follows (new text shown in blue lettering): It is a policy of the Council to guide development of towns in a sequential manner, outwards from the core area in order to maximise the utility of existing and future infrastructure provision, promote the achievement of sustainability, avoid 'leap-frogging' to more remote areas and to make better use of under-utilised land. This policy shall not apply to small scale business enterprises (excluding retail development) of circa 1 to 5 employees. Retail development on an out-of-centre site will be considered only in exceptional circumstances where the applicant can demonstrate and the planning authority is satisfied that there are no sites or potential sites either within the centre or on the edge of the centre that are (a) suitable, (b) available and (c) viable.	No	No	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
Part B: Objectives and Policies of the Plan					
5	Chapter 6: Housing; insertion of new objective as HS-O-9 in the Housing Strategy, section 6.1.5	Insert new objective as HS-O-9 to read as follows: It is an objective of the Council to explore opportunities to deliver necessary social housing to meet the needs of the County's rural population.	No	No	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')

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6	Chapter 6: Housing; insertion of new policy HS-P-2 in the Housing Strategy, section 6.1.6	Insert new policy as HS-P-2 to read as follows: It is a policy of the Council to consider opportunities to deliver necessary social housing at locations around (i) rural schools; (ii) smaller settlements and; (iii) traditional clachan settlement patterns; subject to wastewater services being appropriately delivered and maintained by Donegal County Council as part of a social housing scheme and subject to all other relevant objectives and policies of the plan, including environmental considerations and compliance with the Habitats Directive.	No	No	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
7	Chapter 6: Housing; amendment of policy UB-P-5 in section 6.2.3	Amend policy UB-P-5 so that it reads as follows (new text shown in blue lettering): It is the policy of the Council to guide urban residential development in a sequential manner, outwards from the core area in order to maximise the utility of existing and future infrastructure provision, promote the achievement of sustainability, avoid 'leap- frogging' to more remote areas and to make better use of underutilised land subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (where applicable). Housing development on an out-of-centre site will be considered only in exceptional circumstances where the applicant can demonstrate and the planning authority is satisfied that there are no sites or potential sites either within the centre or on the edge of the centre that are (a) suitable, (b) available and (c) viable.	No	No	No

Ref	Chapter/section in the Draft CDP	Proposed Material Alteration	Accompanied by Map (Yes/ No)	SEA (Yes/No)	AA (Yes/No)
8	Chapter 6: Housing; Insertion of new policy as UB-P-29 in section 6.2.3	Insert new policy as UB-P-29 to read as follows: It is a policy of the Council that holiday home development will be considered within the settlement framework areas without the application of a restriction in terms of the balance between holiday homes and permanent homes (policy UB-P-24), subject to environmental and heritage designations and amenity considerations and where the applicant can demonstrate that the site is a brownfield site within the urban fabric of a settlement framework and its development for holiday home purposes is of a size and scale that would not be detrimental to the character of the settlement. A brownfield site is one that has been previously built upon. It excludes parks, recreation grounds, private or public open space, allotments, forestry lands/buildings agricultural lands and land where the remains of the previous use have blended into the landscape, or have been superseded by landuse zonings or lands of conservation value or amenity use.	No	No	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
9	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Amendment of Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) in relation to lands at Derrykillew, Ballyshannon	Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 9') so as to change the identification of the site of planning permission ref. no. 14/51400 from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Acceptable for Augmentation.'	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 9')	No	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
10	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) in relation to lands at Derrykillew, Ballyshannon	Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 10') to change the identification of lands in part of: Derrykillew, Croaghbressy, Carricknahorna, Cashelard, Corlea, Doobally, Behy, Knader, Coolcholly, Tullyhorky from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Open to Consideration'.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 10')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')

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11	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) In relation to lands at Altnapaste, Ballybofey	Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 11') to change the identification of lands in the Altnapaste, Ballybofey area from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Open to Consideration.'	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 11')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
12	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) in relation to lands at Meenbog, Ballybofey	Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 12') to change the identification of lands in the Meenbog, Ballybofey area from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Open to Consideration'.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 12')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
13	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Map 8.2.1: Wind Energy In relation to lands at Drumenan/Killymasney, Newmills, Letterkenny	Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 13') to change the identification of lands in the Drumenan/Killymasney, Newmills, Letterkenny area from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Open to Consideration.'	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 13')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
14	Chapter 10: Marine Resource and Coastal Management; amendment to objective MRCM-O-1 at section 10.2	Amend objective MRCM-O-1 so that it reads as follows (new text shown in blue lettering): To maximise the social and economic potential of Donegal's marine sector by: ▪ Supporting the fishing and seafood sector by maintaining and improving harbour infrastructure (in accordance with the Councils Marine Services Capital Investment Programme) and facilitating seafood processing industries and ancillary service developments.	No	No	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')

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		▪ Consolidating and strengthening our Marine Leisure sector by, protecting the recreational and environmental quality of our coastal areas, maintaining and upgrading existing and providing new marine access infrastructure (in accordance with the Councils Marine Services Capital Investment Programme), facilitating ancillary onshore marine leisure developments, and marketing our marine tourism product. ▪ Facilitating developments which enable the sustainable harnessing of the offshore energy resource. ▪ 'Supporting the offshore primary production sector of the aquaculture industry, subject to adequate environmental assessments and safeguards being provided to the satisfaction of the Council and to the avoidance of the development giving rise to an overbearing visual impact in the locality in which it is proposed.'			
15	Chapter 10: Marine Resource and Coastal Management; amendment to policy MRCM-P-1 at section 10.3	Amend policy MRCM-P-1 so that it reads as follows (new text shown in blue lettering, text for deletion shown in strikethrough): It is a policy of the Council to safeguard and enhance the roles of Killybegs, Greencastle, ~~and~~ Burtonport, and Inver as centres of fleet activity, seafood processing and ancillary services, and, to facilitate the diversification of such locations into new areas of appropriate investment and employment opportunities, including marine related economic activity.	No	No	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')

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Part C: Objectives and Policies of the Towns					
16	Map 12.1B, Letterkenny Land Use Zoning Map	Amend Map 12.1B (Land Use Zoning Map for Letterkenny) so as to change the zoning of lands at Kiltoy, Letterkenny from 'Primarily Residential' to 'Strategic Residential Reserve' (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 16').	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 16')	No	No
17	Map 13.1A, Buncrana Land Use Zoning Map	Amend Map 13.1A (Land Use Zoning Map for Buncrana) so as to change the zoning of lands at Clonbeg, Buncrana from 'Strategic Residential Reserve' to 'Residential (Phase 1)' (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 17').	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 17')	No	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
18	Map 13.1A, Buncrana Land Use Zoning Map	Amend Map 13.1A (Land Use Zoning Map for Buncrana) so as to change the zoning of lands at Cockhill Road, Buncrana from 'Amenity/Recreation' to 'Residential (Phase 1)' (as shown in Appendix A, Map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 18').	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 18')	No	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
19	Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport) – Map 15.7	Amend Map 15.7 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 19') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport).	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 19')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')

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20	An Bun Beag-Doirí Beaga (Derrybeg)– Map 15.8	Amend Map 15.8 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 20') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of An Bun Beag-Doirí Beaga (Derrybeg).	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 20')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
21	An Fál Carrach (Falcarragh) – Map 15.10	Amend Map 15.10 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 21') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of An Fál Carrach (Falcarragh).	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 21')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
22	Ardara – Map 15.11	Amend Map 15.11 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 22') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Ardara.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 22')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
23	Dunfanaghy – Map 15.14	Amend Map 15.14 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 23') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Dunfanaghy.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 23')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')

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24	Glenties - Map 15.15	Amend Map 15.15 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 24') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Glenties.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 24')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
25	Lifford – Map 15.17	Amend Map 15.17 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 25') so as to extend the town centre boundary of Lifford.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 25')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	No
26	Lifford – Map 15.17	Amend Map 15.17 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 26') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Lifford.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 26')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
27	Raphoe – Map 15.21	Amend Map 15.21 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 27') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Raphoe.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 27')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	No

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28	Anagaire (Annagry) – Map 15.22	Amend Map 15.22 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 28') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Anagaire (Annagry) and also to include an area of amenity along the coastline.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 28')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
29	Carrigans – Map 15.27	Amend Map 15.27 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 29') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Carrigans.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 29')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
30	Castlefinn- Map 15.29	Amend Map 15.29 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 30') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Castlefin.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 30')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
31	Convoy- Map 15.32	Amend Map 15.32 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 31') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Convoy	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 31')	No	No
32	Creeslough – Map 15.33	Amend Map 15.33 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 32') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Creeslough.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 32')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')

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33	Gort an Choirce (Gortahork)– Map 15.42	Amend Map 15.42 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 33') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Gort an Choirce (Gortahork).	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 33')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
34	Killea – Map 15.43	Amend Map 15.43 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 34') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Killea.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 34')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
35	Killygordon – Map 15.44	Amend Map 15.44 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 35') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Killygordon	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 35')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
36	Loch an Iúir Loughanure – Map 15.47	Amend Map 15.47 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 36') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Loch an Iúir (Loughanure)	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 36')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')

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37	Manorcunningham – Map 15.48	Amend Map 15.48 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 37') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Manorcunningham	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 37')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
38	Muff- Map 15.51	Amend Map 15.51 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 38') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Muff	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 38')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
39	St. Johnston – Map 15.59	Amend Map 15.59 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 39') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of St Johnston	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 39')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')
40	Insertion of new map at Culineen, Redcastle	Insert new map as map 15.60 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 40') and identify lands at Culineen, Redcastle currently in area identified as 'Open Countryside' and zone for 'multiple residential development'.	Yes (See Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 40')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Environmental Report.')	Yes (See accompanying 'Addendum to Natura Impact Report.')

APPENDIX A

Mapping associated with the Proposed Material Alterations

Appendix 6

Strategic Environmental Assessment of Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024

Addendum to Part D: Environmental Report

In accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Donegal County Council is preparing a new County Donegal Development Plan 2018–2024 (hereinafter referred to as the Draft CDP). This will replace the existing County Donegal Development Plan 2012–2018 (as varied). The Draft CDP is being prepared under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to provide for sustainable development and improvement of the environmental, social, economic and cultural assets of the County.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a systematic and effective process for ensuring that environmental issues are taken into account at every stage in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and review of plans, programmes and strategies. This document comprises the SEA of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 436 of 2004) (as amended by SI No. 201 of 2011). This document is an Addendum to 'Part D: Environmental Report of the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018–2024' and should be read in conjunction with the Environmental Report as well as the Draft CDP, the Stage 2 AA Natura Impact Report (NIR), the Addendum to the NIR and the proposed Material Alterations.

As part of the SEA process a Screening Report was prepared in December 2017 to determine whether any one or more of the proposed Material Alterations (40 no.) could be likely to have significant effects on the environment as a result of implementation of the Draft CDP in Accordance with Schedule A of the SEA Regulations (as amended). The Screening exercise concluded that 26 no. of the proposed Material Alterations that would be likely to effect the environment, either individually or cumulatively. It is therefore necessary to carry out an SEA in regards to the 26 no. proposed Material Alterations

The Environmental Report sets out how the SEA was carried out for the review of the County Donegal Development Plan, and includes a description of the current environment along with an assessment of the effects of implementing the policies and objectives of the Draft CDP, necessary changes and considerations and mitigation and monitoring proposals going forward. This Addendum to the Environmental Report outlines the assessment of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP and identifies mitigation and monitoring proposals for 26 of the proposed 40 Material Alterations.

Similarly, an Appropriate Assessment (AA) of the proposed Material Alterations has been undertaken in tandem to determine whether any one or more of the proposed Material Alterations could have significant effects on the Natura 2000 network of European sites (commonly known as Natura 2000 sites) within the zone of influence of the Plan (within the County or within 15km of the Plan area), either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, and consider whether these impacts are likely to be significant in accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (92/443/EEC). The AA is contained in an Addendum to the Natura Impact Report, and the conclusions and recommendations arising from the Natura Impact report have been incorporated into this SEA process.

1.2 Legislative Context

The Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 436 of 2004) (as amended by SI No. 201 of 2011) transpose the European Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive 2001/42/EC into Irish Law. The former Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government issued guidelines in November 2004 on the implementation of the SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) entitled 'Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment'.

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 is a mandatory requirement pursuant to Article 13B of the aforementioned SEA Regulations, and has been drafted pursuant to the SEA Regulations and in accordance with the SEA Guidelines. The SEA guidelines outline the SEA process and set out the following requisite steps as outlined in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1: Steps in the SEA Process

Scoping: Consultation with Statutory bodies and other interested parties on the scope and level of detail to be considered in the assessment	**Completed**
Preparation of Environmental Report: An assessment of the likely significant impacts on the environment as a result of the Plan.	**Completed**
Consultation on the Draft County Donegal Development Plan and associated Environmental Report and Appropriate Assessment.	**Completed**
Evaluation of submissions and observations made on the Draft County Donegal Development Plan, Environmental Report and Appropriate Assessment.	**Completed**
Considerations of Managers Report on submissions and observations made on the Draft County Donegal Development Plan, Environmental Report and Appropriate Assessment and considered at an adjourned Council meeting on 13th December 2017.	**Completed**
Publication of proposed Material Alterations to Draft County Development Plan and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment.	**Current Stage**
Preparation of an SEA Statement identifying how environmental considerations and consultation have been integrated into the Adopted County Development Plan.	**To be Completed**

1.3 The Process of Strategic Environmental Assessment

The Strategic Environmental Assessment of the proposed Material Alterations shall follow the same assessment process as set out in Section 8.2 and Table 8.4 of the Environmental Report for reasons of clarity and consistency. Each material alteration to an objective, policy, text change and mapping change shall be examined and an assessment shall be made as to whether or not the proposed alteration shall have an effect (as set out in Table 1.2 below) on each Strategic Environmental Objective, as set out in Table 1.3 below.

Table 1.2: Categories for Assessment

Probable Conflict with status of SEOs-unlikely to be mitigated to an *acceptable level	**Potential Conflict** with status of SEOs – likely to be mitigated to an *acceptable level	**Uncertain** interaction with status of SEOs	**Neutral** interaction with status of SEOs	**No Likely** interaction with status of SEOs	**Likely to Improve** the status of the SEOs

*An acceptable level means where the conflict with the status of the SEO would be rendered benign or reduced through mitigation measures and thereby become acceptable in terms of well established principles of proper planning and sustainable development.

Table 1.3: Strategic Environmental Objectives

Environmental Component	SEO code:	Strategic Environmental Objective
Biodiversity, Fauna and Flora	BIO1	Ensure compliance with the Habitats Directive by protecting all Natura 2000 sites and habitats of species (SACs and SPAs) within the County and within a surrounding 15km buffer including cross border linkages, or a wider zone of influence where potential impact is considered possible, including Freshwater Pearl Mussel catchment areas.
Biodiversity, Fauna and Flora	BIO2	Conserve and enhance the diversity of habitats and protected species and promote the sustainable management of these areas within the County and within a surrounding 15km buffer including cross border linkages, or a wider zone of influence where potential impact is considered possible.
Biodiversity, Fauna and Flora	BIO3	Protect the marine environment within the County and within a surrounding 15km buffer including cross border linkages, or a wider zone of influence where potential impact is considered possible, and promote integrated coastal zone management strategies.
Biodiversity, Fauna and Flora	BIO4	Protect macro-corridors and contiguous areas of habitat within the County and within a surrounding 15km buffer including cross border linkages, or a wider zone of influence where potential impact is considered possible.
Population	POP1	Facilitate a good quality of life based on high-quality residential, working and recreational environments.
Population	POP2	Facilitate more sustainable travel patterns.
Human Health	HH1	Minimise noise, vibration and emissions from traffic, industrial processes and extractive industry.
Soil (Including Minerals)	SL1	Protect and maintain the quality of soils.
Soil (Including Minerals)	SL2	Protect and conserve geological sites.
Soil (Including Minerals)	SL3	Give preference to the re-use of brownfield lands, rather than developing greenfield lands.
Soil (Including Minerals)	SL4	Minimise the amount of waste to landfill
Water	WR1	Protect and enhance the status of aquatic ecosystems and, with regard to their water needs, terrestrial ecosystems and wetlands directly depending on the aquatic ecosystems, in accordance with the relevant River Basin Management Plan (RBMP).
Water	WR2	Protect the quality of surface and drinking water quality as sources of drinking water, assets for amenity, and recreation and ecosystem purposes.
Water	WR3	Promote sustainable water use based on a long-term protection of available water resources.
Water	WR4	Reduce progressively discharges of polluting substances to waters.
Water	WR5	Manage the risk of coastal, estuarine and fluvial flooding. Manage the risk of droughts.
Coast/Marine Resource	CM1	Avoid coastal erosion and promote coastal protection.
Coast/Marine Resource	CM2	Manage the coastal zone as an environmental and tourist resource.

Coast/Marine Resource	CM3	Protect Designated Shellfish Waters.
Air/Climatic Factors	AC1	Support implementation of National Climate Strategy 2007-2012.
Air/Climatic Factors	AC2	Reduce all forms of air pollution.
Air/Climatic Factors	AC3	Promote and support a shift from fossil fuel dependent energy to more sustainable energy. Promote and support a shift from fossil fuel dependant vehicles to more sustainable modes of travel.
Material Assets	MA1	Maintain and improve the availability and quality of community related infrastructure, services and facilities and ensure the prudent management of environmental resources.
Material Assets	MA2	Avoid flood risk and/or coastal erosion in selecting sites for development.
Cultural Heritage	CH1	Promote the protection and conservation of the cultural, including architectural and archaeological, heritage.
Landscape	LD1	Conserve and enhance valued natural, historic and cultural landscapes and features within them and avoid adverse impacts.

2 Strategic Environmental Assessment of Proposed Material Alterations

The Strategic Environmental Assessment of 26 no. of the proposed 40 no. Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 (Draft CDP) arising since the issue of the Chief Executives Report on Friday 20th October 2017 and following the adjourned Council meeting on 13th December 2017 are set out in Table 2.1 below. The Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP identified 26 no. of the 40no. proposed Material Alterations as likely to effect the environment and therefore an SEA of necessary. Where a potential conflict with the status of Strategic Environmental Objectives is found to be likely, proposed mitigation is set out in a row below each assessment.

Of the 26 no. proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP identified as requiring an SEA, all of these Material Alterations tested had Potential Conflict with the status of the SEOs but were likely to be mitigated to an acceptable level through other objectives and policies contained within the Draft Plan.

Table 2.1: Assessment of Material Alterations identified as requiring an SEA through the Screening Report

Ref	Proposed New/Amended, Objective/Policy/text/mapping (Material Alteration to the Draft Plan.	Probable Conflict with status of SEOs- unlikely to be mitigated to an *acceptable level	Potential Conflict with status of SEOs- likely to be mitigated to an *acceptable level	Uncertain interaction with status of SEOs	Neutral interaction with status of SEOs	No likely interaction with status of SEOs	Likely to improve the status of SEOs
1	Chapter 2: Core Strategy (i) Amend Table Section 2.3.3 so as to insert Portnablagh as a named town within 'Layer 3 Rural Towns and open Countryside.' (ii) Amend Table 15.2 of Part C so as to insert Portnablagh as Map 15.60; and (iii) Insert an additional Settlement Framework map (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 1') for Portnablagh into the Layer 3 Settlement Framework maps contained in Part C of the Draft CDP.		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, WR5, CM1, CM2, MA2	SL1, SL3, WR1, WR2, WR3, WR4, CM3, AC2, AC3, MA1, CH1, LD1	POP1, POP2	HH1, SL2, SL4, AC1	
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
10	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 10') to change the identification of lands in part of: Derrykillew, Croaghbressy, Carricknahorna, Cashelard, Corlea, Doobally, Behy, Knader, Coolcholly, Tullyhorky from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Open to Consideration'.		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, HH1, SL1, SL2, WR1, WR4, LD1		POP1, POP2, SL3, SL4, WR2, WR3, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3, MA1, MA2		AC1, AC2
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11	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A, 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 11') to change the identification of lands in part of: Altnapaste, Ballybofey from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Open to Consideration'.		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, HH1, SL1, SL2, WR1, WR4, LD1		POP1, POP2, SL3, SL4, WR2, WR3, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3, MA1, MA2		AC1, AC2
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan within Chapter 7, Chapter 8, and Appendix 3 of Part B of the Draft CDP							
12	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 12') to change the identification of lands in the Meenbog, Ballybofey area from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Open to Consideration'.		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, HH1, SL1, SL2, WR1, WR4, LD1		POP1, POP2, SL3, SL4, WR2, WR3, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3, MA1, MA2		AC1, AC2
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan within Chapter 7, Chapter 8, and Appendix 3 of Part B of the Draft CDP							
13	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 13') to change the identification of lands in the Drumenan/Killymasney, Newmills, Letterkenny area from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Open to Consideration.'		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, HH1, SL1, SL2, WR1, WR4, LD1		POP1, POP2, SL3, SL4, WR2, WR3, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3, MA1, MA2		AC1, AC2
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19	Map 15.7 Amend Map 15.7 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 19') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport).		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1, CM3,		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
20	Map 15.8 Amend Map 15.8 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 20') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of An Bun Beag-Doirí Beaga (Derrybeg).		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1, CM3		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
21	Map 15.10 Amend Map 15.10 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 21') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of An Fál Carrach (Falcarragh).		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1, CM3		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							

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22	Map 15.11 Amend Map 15.11 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 22') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Ardara.		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1, CM3		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
23	Map 15.14 Amend Map 15.14 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 23') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Dunfanaghy.		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1, CM3		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
24	Map 15.15 Amend Map 15.15 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018;map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 24') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Glenties.		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR2	SL2, SL4, WR3, WR4, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							

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25	Map 15.17 Amend Map 15.17 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018;map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 25') so as to extend the town centre boundary of Lifford.		BIO1, BIO2, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR2	SL2, SL4, WR3, WR4, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	BIO3,WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
26	Map 15.17 Amend Map 15.17 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018;map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 26') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Lifford.		BIO1, BIO2, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR2	SL2, SL4, WR3, WR4, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	BIO3,WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3,		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
27	Map 15.21 Amend Map 15.21 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 27') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Raphoe.		POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR2	SL2, SL4, WR3, WR4, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							

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28	Map 15.22 Amend Map 15.22 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 28') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Anagaire (Annagry) and also to include an area of amenity along the coastline.		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1, CM3		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
29	Map 15.27 Amend Map 15.27 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 29') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Carrigans.		POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR2	SL2, SL4, WR3, WR4, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
30	Map 15.29 Amend Map 15.29 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 30') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Castlefin.		POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR2	SL2, SL4, WR3, WR4, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							

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32	Map 15.33 Amend Map 15.33 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 32') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Creeslough		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
33	Map 15.42 Amend Map 15.42 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018;map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 33') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Gort an Choirce (Gortahork).		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
34	Map 15.43 Amend Map 15.43 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018;map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 34') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Killea.		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							

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35	Map 15.44 Amend Map 15.44 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018;map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 35') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Killygordon		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
36	Map 15.47 Amend Map 15.47 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018;map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 36') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Loch an Iúir (Loughanure)		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
37	Map 15.48 A mend Map 15.48 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018;map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 37') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Manorcunningham		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1,		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							

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38	Map 15.51 Amend Map 15.51 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 38') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Muff		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
39	St. Johnston – Map 15.59 Amend Map 15.59 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 39') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of St Johnston		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2, CM3	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							
40	Insert new map as map 15.60 (as shown in Appendix A, of 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Development Plan, February 2018; map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 40') and identify lands at Culineen, Redcastle currently in area identified as 'Open Countryside' and zone for 'multiple residential development'.		BIO1, BIO2, BIO3, BIO4, POP1, POP2, SL1, SL3, WR1, WR4, WR5, CM1, CM2	SL2, SL4, WR2, WR3, AC1, AC2, AC3, MA1, MA2, CH1, LD1	HH1, CM3		
Mitigation shall be through implementation of objectives and policies contained throughout the Draft Plan and in particular within Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of Part B, and Chapter 15 of Part C of the Draft CDP							

3 Conclusion

This document comprises the SEA of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018–2024 (the Draft CDP) and comprises an Addendum to 'Part D: Environmental Report of the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018–2024' and should be read in conjunction with the Environmental Report as well as the Draft CDP, the Stage 2 AA Natura Impact Report (NIR), the Addendum to the NIR and the proposed Material Alterations.

The Screening Report prepared in December 2017 concluded that 26 no. of the 40 no. proposed Material Alterations would be likely to effect the environment as a result of implementation of the Draft CDP in Accordance with Schedule A of the SEA Regulations (as amended). These 26 no. proposed Material Alterations have been subjected to SEA as a result of the earlier screening exercise.

Taking into account the measures which have been already integrated into the Draft Plan which provide for and contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, it is determined that all potential effects arising from the proposed Material Alterations either are present already and will not change or will be mitigated so as not to be significant; none of the Material Alterations had a probable conflict with the status of any of the SEOs, where it was unlikely that the proposed Material Alterations could be mitigated to an acceptable level. All 26 proposed Material Alterations identified a potential conflict with the status of SEOs however it is considered that all of these could be mitigated to an acceptable level through existing objectives and policies contained within the Draft Plan, and these are identified in Table 2.1 ;Assessment of Material Alterations identified as requiring an SEA through the Screening Report' contained within this report. 22 of the proposed Material Alterations were identified as having uncertain interaction with the status of SEOs, 26 as having neutral, 1 as having no likely interaction and 4 as being likely to improve

The proposed amendments contained within the document entitled 'Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2012-2018 (February 2018)', along with this Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Appropriate Assessment of the proposed Material Alterations shall be made available for public consultation during a 4 week period from 9th February 2018 to 8th March 2018 (inclusive).

Addendum to Appropriate Assessment (AA)

Natura Impact Report of Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024

In Line with the Requirements of Article 6 (3) Of the EU Habitats Directive

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

February 2018

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Donegal County Council is preparing a new County Donegal Development Plan 2018–2024 (hereinafter referred to as the Draft CDP). This will replace the existing County Donegal Development Plan 2012–2018 (as varied). The Draft CDP is being prepared under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to provide for sustainable development and improvement of the environmental, social, economic and cultural assets of the County.

This document is an addendum to the *Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report of Draft County Donegal* Development *Plan 2018 – 2024 (May 2017)*. The Draft CDP, along with an Appropriate Assessment and a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Draft CDP and the Chief Executive's Report, was considered by Elected Members of Donegal County Council at an adjourned Council meeting on 13th December 2017. The Members resolved to make the Plan subject to a number of proposed alterations, some of which are 'Material Alterations'.

As part of the iterative process of preparing the Draft County Development Plan, the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP are subject to Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment. The *Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report of Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018 – 2024 (May 2017)* examined and evaluated the likely significant effects of the Draft CDP on the Natura 2000 network in the zone of influence of the plan. This Addendum report assesses the likelihood of significant effects resulting from proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP. It supplements and should be read in conjunction with the Natura Impact Report (NIR) in support of Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment of the Draft CDP, and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

The findings and content of this addendum, in conjunction with the *Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report of Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018 – 2024 (May 2017)* will inform the Appropriate Assessment of the final County Development Plan at adoption stage. A Statement of Appropriate Assessment, along with a conclusion statement, will be included in the written statement of the County Development Plan, when made.

1.2 Brief Description of Process

Stage 1 Screening of the Draft CDP was completed and the 'Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 Final Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA)' report issued in August 2016. The Screening Report was circulated to relevant statutory authorities as part of regional, national and transboundary consultations. These included

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
- Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Department of Communications, Climate Change and Natural Resources
- Development Applications Unit, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs
- National Parks and Wildlife Service, Glenveagh National Park
- National Parks & Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and the Gaeltacht Affairs
- Leitrim and Sligo County Councils
- Strategic Planning Division, Department of the Environment, Northern Ireland
- Northern Ireland Environment Agency
- Fermanagh & Omagh District Council
- Derry City & Strabane District Council
- Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Screening of the Draft CDP highlighted the significant number of protected species and habitats within County Donegal, with European sites comprising approximately 18.5% of all land cover of the County. Potentially significant affects of the Plan on European sites, either alone or in combination with other projects or plans, have been assessed in the context of the European sites' qualifying interests and possible effects on the integrity of the Natura network. In light of the information collated above, and exercising the precautionary principle, it could not be concluded beyond reasonable scientific doubt on the basis of the screening assessment that there would be no significant affects on European sites within the zone of influence of the Plan.

It was therefore concluded that the Draft CDP should proceed to Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, including the preparation of a Natura Impact Report (NIR).

A NIR was prepared in May 2017 to support the AA of the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 and concurrently a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was prepared in compliance with the requirements of the SEA Directive. The Appropriate Assessment Report and Natura Impact Report concluded a Finding of No Significant Effects following the completion of Stage 2 of the process. Any potential significant impact on European sites and the integrity of the Natura 2000 network was mitigated against through amendments of existing policies and objectives, and the addition of a number of additional policies and as a result, there was no requirement to proceed to Stage 3 of the AA Process.

Comments on the environmental assessments (AA and Environmental Report) were invited during a period of public consultation from 19^{h} May 2017 to 1st September 2017. A total of 312 submissions were made including 20 submissions by prescribed authorities, 275 submissions by the general public, 8 by elected members and groupings of elected members and a number of cross-directorate comments. Following a review of these submissions a number of material alterations were recommended in the Chief Executive's Report and proposed by the Elected Members at an adjourned Council meeting on 13th December 2017. In total there are 40 proposed material alterations to the Draft County Development Plan which are to be assessed in accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) in this addendum report. As described in Section 3.1 of this Report, 6 of these material alterations were screened out at Stage 1 AA Screening and the remaining 34 were brought forward to Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.

2 Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP

Descriptions of the material alterations are set out in the document *Proposed Material Alterations to Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2108-2024 (February 2018)*. A total of 40 material amendments to the Draft CDP have been proposed, of which 34 require an appropriate assessment of their likely significant effects on the conservation objectives of European sites i.e. on SACs or SPAs, and on the integrity of the Natura network of European sites before any decision can be made to allow that plan or project to proceed.

Appropriate Assessment (AA) must be fully integrated with the various stages of the development plan process in order to ensure that the Plan does not have significant adverse effects on European Sites. AA is an iterative process helping to inform the policies and objectives of the Draft CDP, and allows alternatives to be appraised early in the planning process, particularly in relation to the Natura 2000 network of sites. The legislative context and the process of AA has been fully set out in the NIR of the Draft CDP.

The proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP detail changes to the scope of the Plan as well as the policies and objectives contained within. A detailed account of the proposed material alterations to the Draft CDP are set out in Table A.1 in Appendix A of this Report and accompanying Maps are contained in Appendix B.

In summary, some of the material alterations relate to changes in settlement framework or land use zoning maps for a number of towns or villages, including the addition of one settlement as a rural town. Other alterations are intended to ensure that housing land supply is consistent with the Housing Land Requirement (HLR) provided for in the Draft CDP, and to encourage the sustainable growth of towns in a sequential manner outwards from the core so as to make best use of existing and planned infrastructure and to consolidate and strengthen urban form. The alterations to settlement framework boundaries will not result in any net increase in population uplift as set out in the Draft CDP.

Other alterations relate to consideration of lands for Natural Resource Development (Wind Energy). Sites have been proposed for consideration for wind energy development, and one site for augmentation to existing windfarms. Site selection is guided by evidential-led methodology as set out in the Wind Energy Guidelines, and lands proposed are not within European sites.

Several objectives and policies have also been added or amended. These relate primarily to housing (in particular provision of social housing), supporting the marine sector, promotion of measures to reduce energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions; and adaptation to climate change. A number of these material alterations are likely to have positive environmental affects and explicitly require compliance with the Habitats Directive and environmental considerations.

3 Addendum to Appropriate Assessment

3.1 Stage 1 AA Screening

Stage 1 Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) of the proposed Material Alterations (40 no.) to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018–2024 (Draft CDP) was carried out in December 2017 (*Addendum to Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening of Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024*).

The purpose of the screening exercise is to determine whether the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP 2018-2024 could have significant effects on the Natura 2000 network of European sites within the zone of influence of the Plan, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, and consider whether these impacts are likely to be significant. In undertaking the screening assessment the precautionary principle has been applied. Due to the strategic nature of the Draft CDP, the likely impacts arising due to the material alterations on European sites may be uncertain. In such circumstances the material alterations are brought forward for detailed consideration in Stage 2 AA.

It has been concluded that six (6 No.) of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP 2018-2024 are not foreseen to give rise to any significant adverse effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects and consequently, a Stage 2 AA is not required for those Material Alterations (Material Alterations Reference Numbers 3, 7, 16, 25, 27 and 31 in Table A.1). This evaluation is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated.

Notwithstanding the above, in relation to the remaining 34 proposed Material Alterations it has not been possible to conclude beyond reasonable scientific doubt that there is likely to be no significant impacts on the integrity of any of the Natura 2000 network of European sites arising from these Material Alterations. Therefore it is necessary to proceed to Stage 2 AA in regards to 34 of the proposed Material Alterations. The findings of the AA Screening of Material Alterations in relation to the need to proceed to Stage 2 AA is stated in Table A.1 of Appendix A in relation to each proposed material alteration.

3.2 Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment

The Appropriate Assessment of the Material Alterations in this addendum follows the same assessment process as set out in the Natura Impact Report (NIR) of the Draft CDP. Using the same methodology, an impact screening matrix (Table D.1 of Appendix D of this Report) sets out the assessment of each Material Alteration so as to determine the probability of significant impacts on the Natura 2000 network of European sites.

The impact screening matrix presents a detailed assessment under the following key headings:-

- CDP Policy/Objective
- European site that may be affected
- Potential Impact of policy/objective
- Risk of Significant Impact
- Potential for 'In Combination Impacts'
- Risk of Significant Combination Impacts
- Mitigation

Where further actions have been identified these are listed in 'Specific Action Required: Avoidance/Mitigation/Policy Deletion or Amendment'. These further actions feed directly into the drafting and amending of the policies and objectives of the Draft CDP. Where the assessment has

determined that there is potential for a significant impact on a European site or the integrity of Natura 2000 network, mitigation is set out in the last column.

3.3 Identification of European Sites That May Be Affected

For the purposes of AA, any European site within or adjacent to the plan or project area, and any European site within the likely zone of impact of the plan or project are to be included in the assessment. A distance of 15km is currently recommended as a minimum for inclusion in the case of plans, but European sites that are more than 15km from the plan must also be considered depending on the likely impacts of the plan or project, the sensitivities of the ecological receptors, and the potential for in combination effects. In considering relevant sites the precautionary principle must apply.

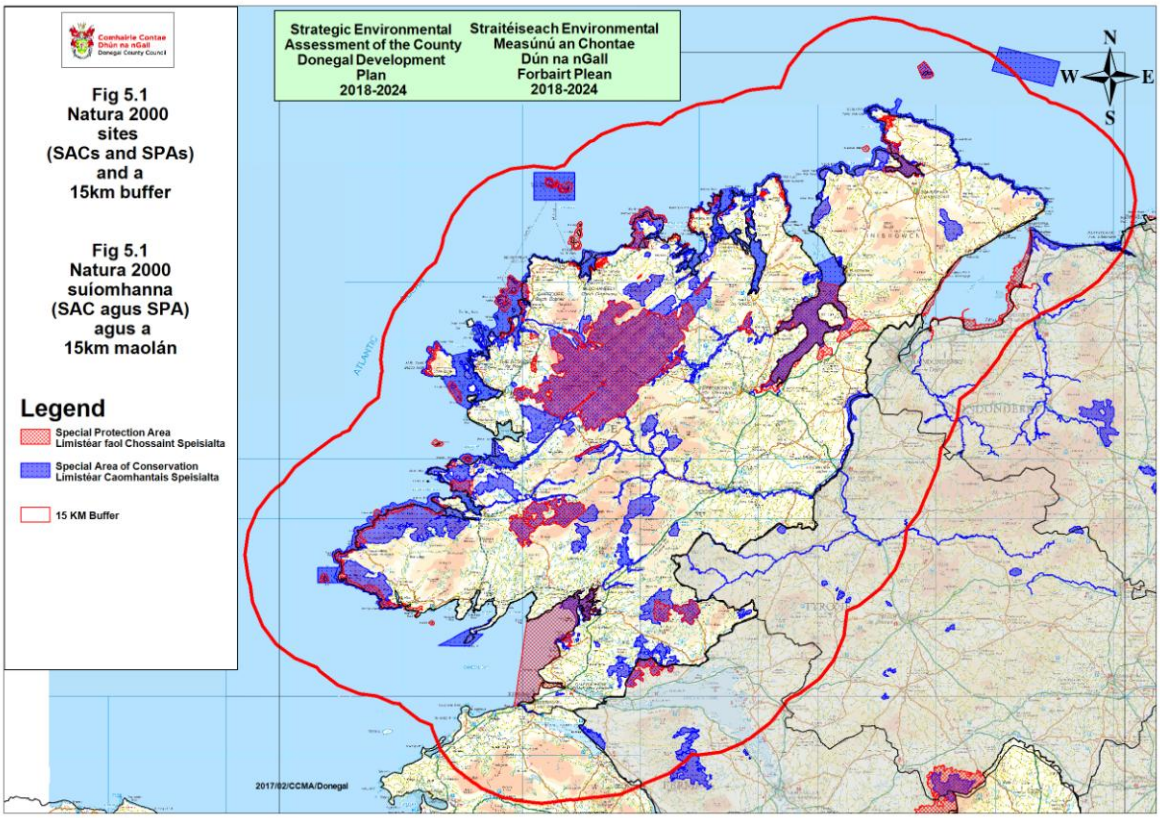
All relevant European sites in County Donegal and within a surrounding 15km buffer, or a wider zone of influence where potential impact is considered possible, have been tabulated in Appendix 1 of the *Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report of Draft County Donegal* Development *Plan 2018 – 2024 (May 2017)*. Datasets available on the National Parks and Wildlife Service website (http://www.npws.ie) and on the Joint Nature Conservation Committee/Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs website (http://jncc.defra.gov.uk) have been used to identify sites, and to collate site specific information. The following information has been included for each European site:

- Site code
- Site name
- Qualifying interests
- Conservation objectives
- Threats to site integrity

At present there are 47 SAC's and 26 SPA's within, or partly within the County. A further 41 SACs and 12 SPAs within the zone of influence of the plan have been included. These European sites are shown in the map in **Error! Reference source not found.** below reproduced from the Environmental Report Part D of the Draft CDP.

European sites within a 15km zone of influence of the proposed material alterations that relate to spatial changes at specific locations have also been identified and are shown in the maps in Appendix C of this addendum document. They have been considered in the assessment process for relevant material alterations.

Figure 3.1: European sites within County Donegal and a 15km Buffer zone



Source: Environmental Report Part D of the Draft CDP 2018-2024

3.4 Summary Findings of Stage 2 Assessment

Settlement frameworks and zonings have been chosen in the context of avoiding significant adverse impacts on European Sites in particular, and the wider environment. The proposed alterations to zonings and settlement framework boundaries are relatively minor in nature. In some instances e.g. where lands zoned residential have been changed to 'Strategic Residential Reserve', they are likely to result in reduced environmental pressures. In all cases existing effective mitigation is in place in the Draft CDP.

Proposed material alterations to policies and objectives vary in potential for impact on European sites. In some instances the changes are likely to be positive e.g. measures proposed to reduce energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions. Others are neutral or unlikely to give rise to any impact e.g. provision of social housing or balance of housing types. Where potential for impact is possible, sufficient mitigation has been included in the Draft CDP.

Some alterations relate to consideration of lands for Wind energy development. The sites selected and lands proposed are outside European sites and are unlikely to impact the qualifying interests of European sites in their vicinity particularly in the context of mitigation provided.

Although it is difficult to assess high level strategic proposals in detail, the Draft CDP explicitly commits to not having (or perpetuating) adverse effects on the integrity of the Natura 2000 Network or any European site and that all policies and objectives of the Plan and their implementation are subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and to the full range of considerations that may apply for compliance with the Birds Directive, the EIA Directive, the SEA directive and relevant national legislation (see Part A: Appendix 1 Legal, Interpretation and Policy Context Section 1.4 of the Draft

CDP). In all instances there is sufficient existing mitigation in Draft CDP policies and objectives to ensure that significant impact on the Natura 2000 network of sites is unlikely.

4 Conclusion

4.1 Conclusion of Stage 2 – Appropriate Assessment & Natura Impact Report

This addendum to the Appropriate Assessment has been carried out on the proposed material alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 (the Draft CDP). The assessment involved Stages 1 and 2 of the AA process. Preparation of the assessment was undertaken using experienced ecological expertise to identify any risks of significant adverse effects on the Natura network of sites and general issues of concern for conservation in the County. A review of conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to site integrity for relevant European sites was undertaken to identify sites that might be impacted by the proposed material alterations to the Draft CDP.

Six (6 No.) of the proposed material alterations were screened out at Stage 1 on the basis of a finding of no potential for significant effects, and Stage 2 AA is not required (*Addendum to Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening of Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024*).

A Stage 2 AA of all other remaining proposed Material Alterations (34 No.) was undertaken using methodology as set out in the *Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report of Draft County Donegal* Development *Plan 2018 – 2024*. A review of conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to site integrity for relevant European sites in the County and within the zone of influence of the relevant material alterations was undertaken to identify sites that might be impacted by policies/objectives in the Draft Plan.

Given the highly strategic nature of the Draft CDP it is not always possible to accurately determine likely potential impact on the Natura 2000 network. However, throughout the Draft CDP policies and objectives state that compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive is required, and in all instances where there is potential for development to have significant adverse effects on any European site it will be subject to Appropriate Assessment. There are also many objectives and policies within the Draft CDP that are proactive in promoting protection of European sites and of annexed species in the wider environment. In addition, the Draft CDP explicitly commits to not having (or perpetuating) adverse effects on the integrity of the Natura 2000 Network or any European site and that all policies and objectives of the Plan and their implementation are subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.

Cumulative and in combination effects were also considered in relation to other plans and programmes of relevance as set out in the NIR of the Draft CDP.

Therefore considering the proposed Material Alterations and the specific mitigation measures included to the Draft CDP to prevent impact, it was found that no direct, indirect or cumulative significant effects on the Natura 2000 network of sites or its integrity were likely.

4.2 Appropriate Assessment Conclusion

This addendum to the *Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report of the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018–2024* (NIR) concludes a Finding of No Significant Effects following the completion of Stage 2 of the process in relation to the proposed material alterations. Any potential impact on the Natura 2000 network has been mitigated against through amendments of existing policies and objectives, and the addition of a number of additional policies as identified in the NIR. As a result, there is no requirement to proceed to Stage 3 of the AA Process. This assessment should be read in conjunction with the NIR , the Draft CDP 2018-2024 and the accompanying SEA Environmental Report (together with subsequent addendums) prepared in compliance with the requirements of the SEA Directive and the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP 2018-2024.

Comments on the environmental assessments and on the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP 2018-2024 are invited during a period of public consultation from 9th February 2018 for a period of 4 weeks.

APPENDIX A

Table of Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024

Table A.1: Proposed Material Alterations

Ref	Chapter/section in the Draft CDP	Proposed Material Alteration	Accompanied by Map (Yes/ No)	Requires Stage 2 AA
1	Chapter 2: Core Strategy (i) Table 2.3, Section 2.3.3 (ii) Table 15.2 of Part C (iii) Layer 3 Settlement Framework maps contained in Part C.	(i) Amend Table 2.3, Section 2.3.3 so as to insert Portnablagh as a named town within 'Layer 3 Rural Towns and open Countryside.' (ii) Amend Table 15.2 of Part C so as to insert Portnablagh as Map 15.60; and (iii) Insert an additional Settlement Framework map (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 1') for Portnablagh into the Layer 3 Settlement Framework maps contained in Part C of the Draft CDP.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 1')	Yes
2	Chapter 2: Core Strategy; insertion of new objective as CS-O-17 in section 2.10	Insert a new objective as CS-O-17 to read as follows: It is an objective of the Council to promote sustainable development and transportation strategies in urban and rural areas including the promotion of measures to: (i) Reduce energy demand in response to the likelihood of increases in energy and other costs due to long-term decline in non-renewable resources; (ii) Reduce anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions; and (iii) Address the necessity of adaptation to climate change.'	No	Yes
3	Chapter 2: Core Strategy; insertion of new objective as CS-O-18 in section 2.10	Insert a new objective as CS-O-18 to read as follows: To review the location and extent of lands zoned 'Strategic Residential Reserve' to ensure the appropriate supply of long term housing landbank.	No	No
4	Chapter 2: Core Strategy; amendment of policy CS-P-5 in section 2.11	Amend policy CS-P-5 so that it reads as follows (new text shown in blue lettering): It is a policy of the Council to guide development of towns in a sequential manner, outwards from the core area in order to maximise the utility of existing and future infrastructure provision, promote the achievement of sustainability, avoid 'leap-frogging' to more remote areas	No	Yes

Ref	Chapter/section in the Draft CDP	Proposed Material Alteration	Accompanied by Map (Yes/ No)	Requires Stage 2 AA
		and to make better use of under-utilised land. This policy shall not apply to small scale business enterprises (excluding retail development) of circa 1 to 5 employees. Retail development on an out-of-centre site will be considered only in exceptional circumstances where the applicant can demonstrate and the planning authority is satisfied that there are no sites or potential sites either within the centre or on the edge of the centre that are (a) suitable, (b) available and (c) viable.		
5	Chapter 6: Housing; insertion of new objective as HS-O-9 in the Housing Strategy, section 6.1.5	Insert new objective as HS-O-8 to read as follows: It is an objective of the Council to explore opportunities to deliver necessary social housing to meet the needs of the County's rural population.	No	Yes
6	Chapter 6: Housing; insertion of new policy HS-P-2 in the Housing Strategy, section 6.1.6	Insert new policy as HS-P-2 to read as follows: It is a policy of the Council to consider opportunities to deliver necessary social housing at locations around (i) rural schools; (ii) smaller settlements and; (iii) traditional clachan settlement patterns; subject to wastewater services being appropriately delivered and maintained by Donegal County Council as part of a social housing scheme and subject to all other relevant objectives and policies of the plan, including environmental considerations and compliance with the Habitats Directive.	No	Yes
7	Chapter 6: Housing; amendment of policy UB-P-5 in section 6.2.3	Amend policy UB-P-5 so that it reads as follows (new text shown in blue lettering): It is the policy of the Council to guide urban residential development in a sequential manner, outwards from the core area in order to maximise the utility of existing and future infrastructure provision, promote the achievement of sustainability, avoid 'leap- frogging' to more remote areas and to make better use of underutilised land subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (where applicable). Housing development on an out-of-centre site will be considered only in exceptional circumstances where the applicant can demonstrate and the	No	No

Ref	Chapter/section in the Draft CDP	Proposed Material Alteration	Accompanied by Map (Yes/ No)	Requires Stage 2 AA
		planning authority is satisfied that there are no sites or potential sites either within the centre or on the edge of the centre that are (a) suitable, (b) available and (c) viable.		
8	Chapter 6: Housing; Insertion of new policy as UB-P-29 in section 6.2.3	Insert new policy as UB-P-29 to read as follows: It is a policy of the Council that holiday home development will be considered within the settlement framework areas without the application of a restriction in terms of the balance between holiday homes and permanent homes (policy UB-P-24), subject to environmental and heritage designations and amenity considerations and where the applicant can demonstrate that the site is a brownfield site within the urban fabric of a settlement framework and its development for holiday home purposes is of a size and scale that would not be detrimental to the character of the settlement. A brownfield site is one that has been previously built upon. It excludes parks, recreation grounds, private or public open space, allotments, forestry lands/buildings agricultural lands and land where the remains of the previous use have blended into the landscape, or have been superseded by landuse zonings or lands of conservation value or amenity use.	No	Yes
9	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Amendment of Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) in relation to lands at Derrykillew, Ballyshannon	Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 9') so as to change the identification of the site of planning permission ref. no. 14/51400 from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Acceptable for Augmentation.'	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 9')	Yes
10	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) in relation to lands at Derrykillew, Ballyshannon	Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 10') to change the identification of lands in part of: Derrykillew, Croaghbressy, Carricknahorna, Cashelard, Corlea, Doobally, Behy, Knader, Coolcholly, Tullyhorky from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Open to Consideration'.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 10')	Yes

Ref	Chapter/section in the Draft CDP	Proposed Material Alteration	Accompanied by Map (Yes/ No)	Requires Stage 2 AA
11	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) In relation to lands at Altnapaste, Ballybofey	Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 11') to change the identification of lands in the Altnapaste, Ballybofey area from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Open to Consideration.'	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 11')	Yes
12	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) in relation to lands at Meenbog, Ballybofey	Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 12') to change the identification of lands in the Meenbog, Ballybofey area from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Open to Consideration'.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 12')	Yes
13	Chapter 8; Natural Resource Development; Map 8.2.1: Wind Energy In relation to lands at Drumenan/Killymasney, Newmills, Letterkenny	Amend Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 13') to change the identification of lands in the Drumenan/Killymasney, Newmills, Letterkenny area from 'Not Acceptable' to 'Open to Consideration.'	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 13')	Yes
14	Chapter 10: Marine Resource and Coastal Management; amendment to objective MRCM-O-1 at section 10.2	Amend objective MRCM-O-1 so that it reads as follows (new text shown in blue lettering): To maximise the social and economic potential of Donegal's marine sector by: ▪ Supporting the fishing and seafood sector by maintaining and improving harbour infrastructure (in accordance with the Councils Marine Services Capital Investment Programme) and facilitating seafood processing industries and ancillary service developments. ▪ Consolidating and strengthening our Marine Leisure sector by, protecting the recreational and environmental quality of our coastal areas, maintaining and upgrading existing and providing new marine access infrastructure (in accordance with the Councils Marine	No	Yes

Ref	Chapter/section in the Draft CDP	Proposed Material Alteration	Accompanied by Map (Yes/ No)	Requires Stage 2 AA
		Services Capital Investment Programme), facilitating ancillary onshore marine leisure developments, and marketing our marine tourism product. ▪ Facilitating developments which enable the sustainable harnessing of the offshore energy resource. ▪ 'Supporting the offshore primary production sector of the aquaculture industry, subject to adequate environmental assessments and safeguards being provided to the satisfaction of the Council and to the avoidance of the development giving rise to an overbearing visual impact in the locality in which it is proposed.'		
15	Chapter 10: Marine Resource and Coastal Management; amendment to policy MRCM-P-1 at section 10.3	Amend policy MRCM-P-1 so that it reads as follows (new text shown in blue lettering, text for deletion shown in strikethrough): It is a policy of the Council to safeguard and enhance the roles of Killybegs, Greencastle, ~~and~~ Burtonport, and Inver as centres of fleet activity, seafood processing and ancillary services, and, to facilitate the diversification of such locations into new areas of appropriate investment and employment opportunities, including marine related economic activity.	No	Yes
16	Map 12.1B, Letterkenny Land Use Zoning Map	Amend Map 12.1B (Land Use Zoning Map for Letterkenny) so as to change the zoning of lands at Kiltoy, Letterkenny from 'Primarily Residential' to 'Strategic Residential Reserve' (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 16').	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 16')	No
17	Map 13.1A, Buncrana Land Use Zoning Map	Amend Map 13.1A (Land Use Zoning Map for Buncrana) so as to change the zoning of lands at Clonbeg, Buncrana from 'Strategic Residential Reserve' to 'Residential (Phase 1)' (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 17').	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 17')	Yes
18	Map 13.1A,	Amend Map 13.1A (Land Use Zoning Map for Buncrana) so as to change the zoning of lands at Cockhill Road, Buncrana from	Yes	Yes

Ref	Chapter/section in the Draft CDP	Proposed Material Alteration	Accompanied by Map (Yes/ No)	Requires Stage 2 AA
	Buncrana Land Use Zoning Map	'Amenity/Recreation' to 'Residential (Phase 1)' (as shown in Appendix A, Map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 18').	(See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 18')	
19	Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport) – Map 15.7	Amend Map 15.7 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 19') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport).	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 19')	Yes
20	An Bun Beag-Doirí Beaga (Derrybeg)– Map 15.8	Amend Map 15.8 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 20') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of An Bun Beag-Doirí Beaga (Derrybeg).	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 20')	Yes
21	An Fál Carrach (Falcarragh) – Map 15.10	Amend Map 15.10 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 21') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of An Fál Carrach (Falcarragh).	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 21')	Yes
22	Ardara – Map 15.11	Amend Map 15.11 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 22') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Ardara.	Yes (See Appendix B map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 22')	Yes
23	Dunfanaghy – Map 15.14	Amend Map 15.14 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 23') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Dunfanaghy.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 23')	Yes

Ref	Chapter/section in the Draft CDP	Proposed Material Alteration	Accompanied by Map (Yes/ No)	Requires Stage 2 AA
24	Glenties - Map 15.15	Amend Map 15.15 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 24') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Glenties.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 24')	Yes
25	Lifford – Map 15.17	Amend Map 15.17 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 25') so as to extend the town centre boundary of Lifford.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 25')	No
26	Lifford – Map 15.17	Amend Map 15.17 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 26') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Lifford.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 26')	Yes
27	Raphoe – Map 15.21	Amend Map 15.21 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 27') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Raphoe.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 27')	No
28	Anagaire (Annagry) – Map 15.22	Amend Map 15.22 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 28') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Anagaire (Annagry) and also to include an area of amenity along the coastline.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 28')	Yes
29	Carrigans – Map 15.27	Amend Map 15.27 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 29') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Carrigans.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material	Yes

Ref	Chapter/section in the Draft CDP	Proposed Material Alteration	Accompanied by Map (Yes/ No)	Requires Stage 2 AA
			Alteration 29')	
30	Castlefinn- Map 15.29	Amend Map 15.29 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 30') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Castlefin.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 30')	Yes
31	Convoy- Map 15.32	Amend Map 15.32 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 31') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Convoy	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 31')	No
32	Creeslough – Map 15.33	Amend Map 15.33 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 32') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Creeslough.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 32')	Yes
33	Gort an Choirce (Gortahork)– Map 15.42	Amend Map 15.42 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 33') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Gort an Choirce (Gortahork).	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 33')	Yes
34	Killea – Map 15.43	Amend Map 15.43 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 34') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Killea.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 34')	Yes
35	Killygordon – Map 15.44	Amend Map 15.44 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 35') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Killygordon	Yes (See Appendix B,	Yes

Ref	Chapter/section in the Draft CDP	Proposed Material Alteration	Accompanied by Map (Yes/ No)	Requires Stage 2 AA
			map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 35')	
36	Loch an Iúir Loughanure – Map 15.47	Amend Map 15.47 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 36') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Loch an Iúir (Loughanure)	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 36')	Yes
37	Manorcunningham – Map 15.48	Amend Map 15.48 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 37') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Manorcunningham	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 37')	Yes
38	Muff- Map 15.51	Amend Map 15.51 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 38') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of Muff	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 38')	Yes
39	St. Johnston – Map 15.59	Amend Map 15.59 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 39') so as to extend the settlement framework boundary of St Johnston	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 39')	Yes
40	Insertion of new map at Culineen, Redcastle	Insert new map as map 15.60 (as shown in Appendix A, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 40') and identify lands at Culineen, Redcastle currently in area identified as 'Open Countryside' and zone for 'multiple residential development'.	Yes (See Appendix B, map entitled 'Proposed Material Alteration 40')	Yes

APPENDIX B

Maps of Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024

APPENDIX C

Maps of Settlements with 15km Buffer zones

APPENDIX D

Addendum to AA Natura Impact Report

Impact Assessment Screening Matrix for Proposed Material Alterations to Draft CDP 2018-2024

Table D.1: Impact Assessment Screening Matrix for Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP 2018-2024

Ref.	Policy/ Objective	European Sites That May Be Affected	Potential Impact of Policy /Objective	Risk of Significant Impact	Potential of In-Combination Impacts	Risk of Significant In-Combination Impacts'	Mitigation
PART A THE STRATEGIC PLAN							
Chapter 2 Core Strategy							
Core Strategy Objectives							
1	Amendment to Table 2.3, Table 15.2 and to include a new Map 15.60 to include Portnablagh as a named town within 'Layer 3 Rural Towns and open Countryside.'	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Portnablagh.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance, eutrophication etc. However, although the settlement is an addition to the rural town network, the settlement framework area is already developed and well established.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	The zoning of Portnablagh as a settlement framework in the Draft CDP is evidence based in relation to environmental considerations and capacity to absorb proposed development. The analysis of provision and availability of infrastructure has allowed development to be directed to appropriate areas and to avoid the most vulnerable and sensitive areas. The settlement framework is remote from the qualifying interests of marine European sites in the vicinity. In particular the provisions of Natural Heritage objectives and policies set out in the Part B of the Draft CDP provide for

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							compliance with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage and Water and Environmental Services, objectives and policies.
Specific Action Required: Avoidance/**Mitigation**/Policy Deletion OR Amendment Objectives and policies of Part C Towns are subject to all other policies and objectives of the Draft CDP. Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10 and NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of European sites and the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect European sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4 and WES-P-8. The Plan explicitly commits to not having (or perpetuating) adverse effects on the integrity of the Natura 2000 Network or any European site and that all policies and objectives of the Plan and their implementation are subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and to the full range of considerations that may apply for compliance with the Birds Directive, the EIA Directive, the SEA directive and relevant national legislation (see Part A: Appendix 1 Legal, Interpretation and Policy Context Section 1.4 of the Draft CDP).							
2	CS-O-17	Potentially all sites within the zone of influence of the Plan.	May have beneficial effect through reduced energy demand and reduction of emissions.	Potentially positive	Potentially positive	In combination effects are possible and likely to be positive.	CS-O-17 is likely to have generally positive environmental effects. When specific measures are proposed they will be considered in terms of potential impact on European sites. Donegal County Council will ensure that

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							implementation of individual objectives and policies give sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of European sites. Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage objectives and policies.
Specific Action Required: Avoidance/**Mitigation**/Policy Deletion OR Amendment Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10 and NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of European sites and the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. CS-O-7 stipulates that investment in infrastructure will be subject to environmental considerations.							
Core Strategy Policies							
4	CS-P-5	Potentially all sites within the settlement boundaries and within the zone of influence of the settlements.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc. Amendment imposes restriction on retail	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by this high level strategic policy. However, in general in implementing such policies, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible,

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			developments in out of centre sites.				favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in plans. Sequential development will mitigate pressures on European sites through optimising use of brownfield and serviced areas. Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage objectives and policies and Core Strategy policies.

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/**Mitigation**/Policy Deletion OR Amendment

Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10 and NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of European sites and the integrity of the Natura 2000 network.

CS-P-1, CS-P-2, CS-P-3 and CS-P-4 stipulate that development will be subject to environmental considerations.

The Plan explicitly commits to not having (or perpetuating) adverse effects on the integrity of the Natura 2000 Network or any European site and that all policies and objectives of the Plan and their implementation are subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and to the full range of considerations that may apply for compliance with the Birds Directive, the EIA Directive, the SEA directive and relevant national legislation (see Part A: Appendix 1 Legal, Interpretation and Policy Context Section 1.4 of the Draft CDP).

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PART B: OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THE PLAN							
Chapter 6 Housing							
Housing Strategy Objectives							
5	HS-O-9	Potentially all sites within the zone of influence of the social housing developments.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by this high level strategic objective. However, in implementing the Housing Strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the Plan. In particular siting of infrastructure should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on European sites. Donegal County Council

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							will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of European sites. Mitigation is provided through Water and Environmental Services, and Natural Heritage objectives.

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/**Mitigation**/Policy Deletion OR Amendment

Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10 and NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of European sites and the integrity of the Natura 2000 network.

The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect European sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8.

The Plan explicitly commits to not having (or perpetuating) adverse effects on the integrity of the Natura 2000 Network or any European site and that all policies and objectives of the Plan and their implementation are subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and to the full range of considerations that may apply for compliance with the Birds Directive, the EIA Directive, the SEA directive and relevant national legislation (see Part A: Appendix 1 Legal, Interpretation and Policy Context Section 1.4 of the draft CDP).

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Housing Strategy Policies							
6	HS-P-2	Potentially all sites in the zone of influence of social housing developments.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	It is not possible to assess in detail the mitigation required by this high level strategic policy. However, in implementing the Housing Strategy, avoidance on or near protected areas should be implemented, or where this is not possible, favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should be emphasised in the Plan. In particular siting of infrastructure should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on European sites. HS-P-2 explicitly requires provision of wastewater services by Donegal County Council and

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							compliance with the Habitats Directive. Donegal County Council will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of European sites. Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage and Water and Environmental Services, objectives and policies.
Specific Action Required: Avoidance/**Mitigation**/Policy Deletion OR Amendment Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10 and NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of European sites and the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect European sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4 and WES-P-8. The Plan explicitly commits to not having (or perpetuating) adverse effects on the integrity of the Natura 2000 Network or any European site and that all policies and objectives of the Plan and their implementation are subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and to the full range of considerations that may apply for compliance with the Birds Directive, the EIA Directive, the SEA directive and relevant national legislation (see Part A:						

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Appendix 1 Legal, Interpretation and Policy Context Section 1.4 of the Draft CDP).							
Urban Housing Policies							
8	UB-P-29	Potentially all sites in the zone of influence of the settlement boundaries.	Potential but unlikely given that the policy relates to balance of holiday homes and permanent homes in areas already designated as settlement framework areas. Development is further restricted to brownfield sites within the urban fabric of a settlement framework.	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Permission is conditional on compliance with environmental and heritage designations and restricted to brownfield site within the urban fabric of a settlement framework. Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage and Water and Environmental Services, objectives and policies.
Specific Action Required: Avoidance/**Mitigation**/Policy Deletion OR Amendment Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10 and NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of European sites and the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect European sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4 and WES-P-8. UB-P-5 requires compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.							

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Chapter 8 Natural Resource Development							
Energy Objectives							
9	Amendment of Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) in relation to lands at Derrykillew, Ballyshannon	Potentially all sites within the zone of influence of the site.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, disturbance etc.	Possible but Unlikely	Possible but Unlikely	Possible but Unlikely	The landuse zoning for Wind Energy as identified on Map 8.2.1 of the Draft CDP is robust and evidence based in relation to environmental considerations and capacity to absorb proposed development. The analysis of provision and availability of infrastructure has allowed development to be directed to appropriate areas within the County and to avoid the most vulnerable and sensitive areas. The lands identified as 'Open to Consideration' by these alterations are outside of the Natura site network in keeping with the principle of avoidance of protected areas. Favouring of infrastructure that carries a lower risk of damage to protected areas should also be emphasised in the Plan. In particular siting of
10	Amendment of Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) in relation to lands at Derrykillew, Ballyshannon	Potentially all sites in the zone of infuence of the site.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
11	Amendment of Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) in relation to lands at Altnapaste, Ballybofey	Potentially all sites within the vicinity of the site.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
12	Amendment of Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) in relation to lands at Meenbog,	Potentially all sites within the vicinity of the site.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	

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	Ballybofey		etc.				infrastructure should take full account of risks identified in the relevant River Basin Management Plan and in any relevant Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Sub-basin Plan. When a specific development is proposed it will be considered in terms of its potential impact on European sites. Donegal CC will ensure that implementation of individual objectives and policies gives sufficient consideration to environmental issues, and in all instances ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive in having regard to the relevant conservation objectives, qualifying interests and threats to the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage and Water and Environmental Services, objectives and policies.
13	Amendment of Map 8.2.1 (Wind Energy) in relation to lands at Drumenan/ Killymasney, Newmills, Letterkenny	Potentially all sites within the vicinity of the site.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	

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Specific Action Required: Avoidance/**Mitigation**/Policy Deletion OR Amendment Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10 and NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of European sites and the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the habitats Directive to protect European sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4 and WES-P-8. E-P-18 seeks to mitigate against environmental impacts of renewable energy developments. The Plan explicitly commits to not having (or perpetuating) adverse effects on the integrity of the Natura 2000 Network or any European site and that all policies and objectives of the Plan and their implementation are subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and to the full range of considerations that may apply for compliance with the Birds Directive, the EIA Directive, the SEA directive and relevant national legislation (see Part A: Appendix 1 Legal, Interpretation and Policy Context Section 1.4 of the Draft CDP).							
Chapter 10 The Marine Resource and Coastal Management							
Marine Resource and Coastal Management Objectives							
14	MCRM-O-1	Potentially all coastal and marine sites.	Potential. New and upgraded infrastructure associated with this objective may result in impact on European sites. Impact is also possible due to eutrophication, alien species introduction, disease/infections, transgenics,	Potential	Potential	Potential. For example new regional developments together with new development in line with this objective could combine to cause unacceptable pressure on a protected site.	Mitigation is explicit in the objective through subjecting to environmental assessments and safeguards to protect the recreational and environmental quality of the County's coastal areas. Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage, Water and Environmental Services and Marine Resource and Coastal Management objectives and policies. MCRM-O-2

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			disturbance.				requires the protection of the ecological integrity, qualifying habitats and species of European sites through Appropriate Assessment of development proposals.
Specific Action Required: Avoidance/**Mitigation/**Policy Deletion OR Amendment Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10, NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of European sites and the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect European sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4 and WES-P-8 MCRM-O-2, MCRM-P-9 and MCRM-P-10 require the protection of the ecological integrity, qualifying habitats and species of European sites through Appropriate Assessment of development proposals. The Plan explicitly commits to not having (or perpetuating) adverse effects on the integrity of the Natura 2000 Network or any European site and that all policies and objectives of the Plan and their implementation are subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and to the full range of considerations that may apply for compliance with the Birds Directive, the EIA Directive, the SEA directive and relevant national legislation (see Part A: Appendix 1 Legal, Interpretation and Policy Context Section 1.4 of the Draft CDP).							
Marine Resource and Coastal Management Policies							
15	MCRM-P-1	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of Inver.	Potential. Infrastructure associated with this policy could impact on European sites.	Potential	Unlikely	Unlikely	Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage, Water and Environmental Services and Marine Resource and Coastal Management objectives and policies. MCRM-O-2 requires the protection of the ecological integrity,

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							qualifying habitats and species of European sites through Appropriate Assessment of development proposals.
Specific Action Required: Avoidance/**Mitigation**/Policy Deletion OR Amendment Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10 and NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of European sites and the integrity of the Natura 2000 network. The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect European sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4, WES-P-8 MCRM-O-2, MCRM-P-9 and MCRM-P-10 require the protection of the ecological integrity, qualifying habitats and species of European sites through Appropriate Assessment of development proposals. The Plan explicitly commits to not having (or perpetuating) adverse effects on the integrity of the Natura 2000 Network or any European site and that all policies and objectives of the Plan and their implementation are subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and to the full range of considerations that may apply for compliance with the Birds Directive, the EIA Directive, the SEA directive and relevant national legislation (see Part A: Appendix 1 Legal, Interpretation and Policy Context Section 1.4 of the Draft CDP).							
PART C OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THE TOWNS							
SETTLEMENT FRAMEWORKS							
17	Amendment to Map 13.1A re: lands at Clonbeg, Buncrana	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the site at Clonbeg, Buncrana as the proposed amendment is to rezone lands from 'Strategic Residential Reserve'	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	The zoning objectives set out in the CDP are robust and evidence based in relation to environmental considerations and capacity to absorb proposed development. The analysis of provision and availability of infrastructure has

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		to 'Residential (Phase 1)'.					allowed development to be directed to appropriate areas within the County and to avoid the most vulnerable and sensitive areas. The strategy of sequential outward development within the settlement layers and policies restricting many developments to urban areas also avoids pressures on receiving environments, in particular on European sites. In particular the provisions of Natural Heritage objectives and policies set out in the Part B of the Development Plan provide for compliance with the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive. Mitigation is provided through Natural Heritage and Water and Environmental Services objectives and policies.
18	Amendment to Map 13.1A re: lands at Cockhill Road, Buncrana	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the site at Cockhill Road, Buncrana as the proposed amendment is to rezone lands from 'Amenity/ Recreation' to 'Residential (Phase 1)'.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
19	Amendment to Map 15.7 to extend the settlement framework boundary of Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport).	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport).	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
20	Amendment to Map 15.8 to extend the settlement framework boundary of An Bun Beag-Doirí Beaga (Derrybeg).	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of An Bun Beag-Doirí Beaga (Derrybeg).	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	

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21	Amendment to Map 15.10 to extend the settlement framework boundary of An Fál Carrach (Falcarragh).	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of An Fál Carrach (Falcarragh).	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
22	Amendment to Map 15.11 to extend the settlement framework boundary of Ardara.	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Ardara.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
23	Amendment to Map 15.14 to extend the settlement framework boundary of Dunfanaghy.	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Dunfanaghy.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
24	Amendment to Map 15.15 to extend the settlement framework boundary of Glenties.	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Glenties.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
26	Amendment to	Potentially all sites	Potential impact on	Potential	Potential	In combination	

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	Map 15.17 to extend the settlement framework boundary of Lifford.	in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Lifford.	European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.			effects are possible but unlikely.	
28	Amendment to Map 15.22 to extend the settlement framework boundary of Anagaire (Annagry) and also to include an area of amenity along the coastline.	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Anagaire (Annagry).	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
29	Amendment to Map 15.27 to extend the settlement framework boundary of Carrigans.	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Carrigans.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
30	Amendment to Map 15.29 to extend the settlement framework boundary of	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Castlefin.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	

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	Castlefin.		etc.				
32	Amendment to Map 15.33 to extend the settlement framework boundary of Creeslough.	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Creeslough.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
33	Amendment to Map 15.42 to extend the settlement framework boundary of Gort an Choirce (Gortahork).	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Gort an Choirce (Gortahork).	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
34	Amendment to Map 15.43 to extend the settlement framework boundary of Killea.	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Killea.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
35	Amendment to Map 15.44 to extend the settlement framework boundary of	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Killygordan.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	

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	Killygordan.		etc.				
36	Amendment to Map 15.47 to extend the settlement framework boundary of Loch an Iúir (Loughanure).	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Loch an Iúir (Loughanure).	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
37	Amendment to Map 15.48 to extend the settlement framework boundary of Manorcunningham.	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Manorcunningham.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
38	Amendment to Map 15.51 to extend the settlement framework boundary of Muff.	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of Muff.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	
39	Amendment to Map 15.59 to extend the settlement framework boundary of St	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of the settlement framework boundary of St Johnston.	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	

Ref.	Policy/ Objective	European Sites That May Be Affected	Potential Impact of Policy /Objective	Risk of Significant Impact	Potential of In-Combination Impacts	Risk of Significant In-Combination Impacts'	Mitigation
	Johnston.		etc.				
40	Insertion of new map at Culineen, Redcastle	Potentially all sites in the vicinity of Culineen, Redcastle as the lands are to be rezoned from 'Open Countryside' to 'Multiple Residential development'	Potential impact on European sites through infrastructure development, land take, disturbance etc.	Potential	Potential	In combination effects are possible but unlikely.	

Specific Action Required: Avoidance/**Mitigation**/Policy Deletion OR Amendment

Objectives and policies of Part C Towns are subject to all other policies and objectives of the Draft CDP. Natural Heritage Policies and Objectives NH-O-1 to NH-O-6, NH-O-8 to NH-O-11, NH-P-1 to NH-P-5, NH-P-9, NH-P-10 and NH-P-18 ensure compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, provide protection and promote conservation of European sites and the integrity of the Natura 2000 network.

The following policies also ensure either explicit compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to protect European sites or protection of the wider environment: WES-O-4, WES-O-5, WES-O-6, WES-P-4 and WES-P-8.

The Plan explicitly commits to not having (or perpetuating) adverse effects on the integrity of the Natura 2000 Network or any European site and that all policies and objectives of the Plan and their implementation are subject to compliance with Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and to the full range of considerations that may apply for compliance with the Birds Directive, the EIA Directive, the SEA directive and relevant national legislation (see Part A: Appendix 1 Legal, Interpretation and Policy Context Section 1.4 of the Draft CDP).