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## Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination

for proposal to

### Extend the duration of the current Leitrim County Development Plan 2015-2021, as varied

This determination relates to whether the proposal to extend the duration of the current Leitrim County Development Plan, adopted in 2015 and subsequently varied would, or would not, be likely to have significant environmental effects, taking into account relevant criteria set out under the SEA Directive (Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of Ministers, of 27th June 2001, on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment); and therefore would, or would not, necessitate the undertaking of SEA under the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2021 (SI No. 18 of 2021).

As the competent authority, Leitrim County Council has initiated the process of extending the Leitrim County Development Plan review period. The lifespan of the current County Development Plan 2015-2021 would be extended for a maximum period of one year.

The criteria set out under Annex II of the SEA Directive '*Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects referred to in Article 3(5)*' are considered in an accompanying SEA Screening Report that has been prepared to inform this determination.

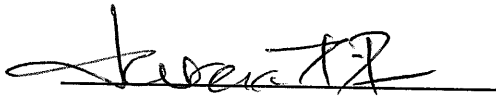
As identified in the SEA Screening Report:

- The current County Development Plan 2015-2021 provides a framework for the proper planning and sustainable development of Co. Leitrim. The Proposal is to extend the Plan for a maximum period of one year.
- Leitrim County Council has assessed the degree to which the existing County Development Plan 2015-2021 would continue to provide for development that appropriately reflects the existing, relevant statutory national and regional guidelines, frameworks and strategies for proper planning and sustainable development of the county. The Council have found that the current Plan remains generally consistent with the aims and objectives of the relevant statutory national and regional frameworks and strategies, namely the National Planning Framework 2040 and the North Western Regional Assembly's Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020-2032. Furthermore:
  - Apart from the lifespan of the Plan, the proposal does not affect the provisions of the current Plan that are already in force;
  - The Plan sits within a hierarchy of strategic actions that provide a number of high-level environmental protection and management policies and objectives with which implementation of the Plan must comply;
  - The implementation of the Plan and the proposal to extend it in order for a new Plan to be made are consistent with such plans, programmes and legislation and may, in turn, guide lower level strategic actions; and
  - The proposal to extend the Plan is for a maximum period of one year.

- Potential adverse effects that would arise from the existing Plan in combination with the wider planning framework and the extension are present already and were envisaged and mitigated by the original SEA of the existing Plan. The presence of these effects will be extended by a further year, however; they are likely to be present once the new Plan is adopted in any case. Any future development under the extended Plan would have to be subject to the various provisions of the existing Plan that relate to sustainable development and the protection and management of the environment (as well as the other provisions from the hierarchy of relevant strategic actions). Considering these provisions, any residual adverse environmental effects occurring would not be significant.
- Positive effects that would arise from the existing Plan in combination with the wider planning framework and the extension are present already, were envisaged by the original SEA of the existing Plan and would be further contributed towards. In this way, the extended Plan would further contribute towards the environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development that is already provided for by the current Plan. The presence of these positive effects will be extended by a further year, however; they are likely to be present once the new Plan is adopted in any case.
- Taking into account the examination provided in the SEA Screening Report, including that provided above, it is advised that the proposal would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

The undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented above and in the "Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report". The undersigned hereby determines that SEA is not required for the proposal to extend the duration of the current Leitrim County Development Plan 2015-2021.

Signatory:



**Mr. Lar Power, Chief Executive, Leitrim County Council**

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**