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## Leitrim County Council Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

## **Proposed Rossinver Wastewater Treatment Plant and ancillary works**

## **Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination**

Leitrim County Council, as competent authority, in accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42 (1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, has undertaken an Appropriate Assessment Screening of the proposed development of a new wastewater treatment plant and network to serve Rossinver. The proposed wastewater treatment plant would cater for a population equivalent of 100. The proposed development would include the provision of:

- Primary settlement tank
- 2 No. Rotating Biological Contactors (RBC)
- Final settlement tank
- Chemical storage tank
- Sludge picket fence thickener
- Control kiosk
- Reed bed (nature based polishing filter)
- Security fencing and gates

In addition, the overall development would include the following elements separate to the treatment plant:

- Conversion of a wastewater holding tank to a pumping station
- Rising main pipeline from the pumping station to the wastewater treatment plant
- Gravity sewer on R282 and through Gublaun Estate (307m long)
- Access road from R282 to the wastewater treatment plant (3.5m wide)
- Flood storage basin

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report has assessed, in view of the best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of European Sites, if the proposed works, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, are likely to have a significant effect on any European site (known as a Natura 2000 site).

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42 (1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, Leitrim County Council has made a determination that Appropriate

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Assessment is required for the proposed development. It has been concluded on the basis of the report prepared by Bernard Greene, Senior Planner, informed by the submitted Appropriate Assessment Screening Report prepared by Ms. Jessica Devlin BSc. MSc. Project Management & Environmental Services for TOBIN Consultant Engineers, that the works individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, are likely to have a significant effect on the qualifying interests or conservation objectives of a Natura 2000 site, namely Lough Melvin SAC (SITE CODE: 000428).

The proposed development therefore requires a Stage II Appropriate Assessment to be prepared.

Signed on behalf of the Competent Authority:

Ms. Emer Connolly, Acting Director of Economic Development, Planning & Infrastructural Services,

Leitrim County Council **Date**: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024