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

## **Proposed Dromahair Flood Relief Scheme**

#### 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 Flood Relief Scheme at three locations in the townlands of Ardakip More, Killananima and Corcusconny, Dromahair, County Leitrim. The proposed development comprises:

- Construction of earthen flood defence embankments at 2 residential properties
- Construction of concrete flood defence walls along the boundary of The Clubhouse Bar and Riverbank Restaurant, the Mill Master House Accommodation and the Mill Apartments replacing the existing boundary wall. Significant sections of the existing boundary wall which it is proposed to demolish and reuse the stone to face the southern (site) side of the proposed flood defence walls are original boundary walls which would have served the railway station complex. The railway complex comprises 5 no. Protected Structures – RPS 69 Locomotive Shed, RPS 70 – former Goods Shed, RPS 71 former Warehouse, RPS 72 former Station Master's House and RPS 68 former Railway Station House or Workers House. These works are therefore contained within the curtilage of the aforementioned Protected Structures.
- Surface water drainage at all sites
- Replanting all earthen embankments with grass seed
- Post and wire fencing around earthen embankments
- Ancillary site development and accommodation works.

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 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

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Appropriate Assessment Screening Report prepared by Ms. Sinead O'Reilly (M.Res.), Senior Ecologist 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 Gill SAC (SITE CODE: 001976).

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

Signed on behalf of the Competent Authority:

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Mr. Justin Fannon, Acting Director of Economic Development, Planning & Infrastructural Services, Leitrim County Council **Date**: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025