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

Proposed Glenfarne Woods Project

Description of Proposed Development

Coillte in partnership with Leitrim County Council propose to develop an ambitious strategy to further develop the recreational offering of Glenfarne Wood, a 530-acre Coillte forest on the shore of Lough MacNea, Glenfarne, Co. Leitrim. The proposed development will consist of the provision of a floating boardwalk to and from Bilberry island, a panoramic treetop viewing platform, in excess of 3kms of new greenways, enhanced car parking facilities, a trail head including building and event space, a playground and sensory garden, a native tree arboretum trail, forest bathing locations and an open water swimming changing place.

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 on the proposed development as outlined above.

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 not 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 Oran Ecology Ltd. that the works individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, are not likely to have a significant effect on any European site.

Signed on behalf of the Competent Authority:

Mr. Justin Fannon,
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