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Leitrim County Council Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination under the Planning and Development Regulations (2001), as amended, for the

Proposed Glenfarne Woods Project

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 MacNean, 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.

Leitrim County Council, in accordance with the requirements of EIA Directive (Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU; the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended; the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended; and the European Union (Planning and Development) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2018, has undertaken an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening in respect of the proposed development.

Having regard to:

- a) the requirements of Article 81A(5) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- the nature and scale of the proposed development with regard to the thresholds of classes of development specified in Part 2 of the Fifth Schedule of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- c) the criteria set out in Schedule 7 and 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- d) the guidance set out in the EIA Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Subthreshold Development issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (August 2003) and the other relevant Guidelines relied on in the preparation of the EIA Screening Report,
- e) the report and recommendation prepared by Bernard Greene, Senior Planner, informed by the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Ecological Impact Assessment prepared by Oran Ecology Ltd. that the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on

the receiving environment either directly, indirectly or cumulatively with other developments in the area.

Leitrim County Council has determined that the proposed Glenfarne Woods Project would not be likely to have any significant effects on the environment and, accordingly, that the preparation and submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required.

Signed on behalf of the Competent Authority:

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