

# **APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT**

**Rockey Road Improvement Project,  
Rockey Road, Wicklow Town.**

**from**

**Carrig Beag Housing Development to  
M11 Junction**

June 2024

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**Appropriate Assessment Template Screening Form**

**STEP 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT/PROPOSAL AND LOCAL SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

(a) File Reference No:

(b) Brief description of the project or plan: Proposed Road Widening works from Carrig Beag to M11 Junction to increase the carriageway width to 5.5m throughout along with the introduction of New Pedestrian Footpath Along the Roadside of the Existing Rockey Road between Carrig Beag Housing Development at the Junction with Ashtown Lane. Works include new roadside drainage for surface water.

(c) Brief description of site characteristics: The Proposed works are for new footpaths to the edge of an existing established public regional road.

The site is bounded by the existing road, soft verges, hedgrows and fences .

(d) Relevant prescribed bodies consulted: e.g. DHLGH (NPWS), EPA, OPW  
N/A

(e) Response to consultation: N/A

**STEP 2. IDENTIFICATION OF RELEVANT NATURA 2000 SITES USING SOURCE-PATHWAY-RECEPTOR MODEL AND COMPILIATION OF INFORMATION ON QUALIFYING INTERESTS AND CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES**

European Site Code (1)	List of Qualifying Interest / Special Conservation Interest	Distance from proposed development (km) (2)	Connections (Source - Pathway - Receptor)	Considered further in screening Y/N
004186 The Murrough SPA	Red-throated Diver (Gavia stellata) [A001]  Greylag Goose (Anser anser) [A043]  Light-bellied Brent Goose (Branta bernicla hrota) [A046]  Wigeon (Anas penelope) [A050]  Teal (Anas crecca) [A052]	1km	None for this project	No

(1) Short paraphrasing and/or cross reference to NPWS is acceptable - it is not necessary to reproduce the full text on the QI/SCI

(2) If the site or part thereof is within the European site or adjacent to the European site, state here.

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<b>004186</b> The Murrough SPA	Black-headed Gull ( <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i> ) [A179]  Herring Gull ( <i>Larus argentatus</i> ) [A184]  Little Tern ( <i>Sterna albifrons</i> ) [A195]  Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]	1km	None for this project	No
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**STEP 3. ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS**

(a) Identify all potential direct and indirect impacts that may have an effect on the conservation objectives of a European site, taking into account the size and scale of the project under the following headings:

Impacts:	Possible Significance of Impacts: (duration/magnitude etc.)
<p><u>Construction phase</u> e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetation clearance</li> <li>• Demolition</li> <li>• Surface water runoff from soil excavation/infill/landscaping (including borrow pits)</li> <li>• Dust, noise, vibration</li> <li>• Lighting disturbance</li> <li>• Impact on groundwater/dewatering</li> <li>• Storage of excavated/construction materials</li> <li>• Access to site</li> <li>• Pests</li> </ul>	<p>No Possible Significant Impacts Arising from this Project. No ecological pathway or functional link between the proposed development and the European sites, there is no potential for impact and the project can be screened out.</p>
<p><u>Operational phase</u> e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct emission to air and water</li> <li>• Surface water runoff containing contaminant or sediment</li> <li>• Lighting disturbance</li> <li>• Noise/vibration</li> <li>• Changes to water/groundwater due to drainage or abstraction</li> <li>• Presence of people, vehicles and activities</li> <li>• Physical presence of structures (e.g. collision risks)</li> <li>• Potential for accidents or incidents</li> </ul>	<p>No Possible Significant Impacts Arising from this Project. No ecological pathway or functional link between the proposed development and the European sites, there is no potential for impact and the project can be screened out.</p>
<p>In-combination/Other</p>	

(b) Describe any likely changes to the European site:	
<p>Examples of the type of changes to give consideration to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction or fragmentation of habitat area</li> <li>• Disturbance to QI species</li> <li>• Habitat or species fragmentation</li> <li>• Reduction or fragmentation in species density</li> <li>• Changes in key indicators of conservation status value (water or air quality etc.)</li> <li>• Changes to areas of sensitivity or threats to QI</li> <li>• Interference with the key relationships that define the structure or ecological function of the Site</li> </ul>	<p>No Possible Significant Impacts Arising from this Project. No ecological pathway or functional link between the proposed development and the European sites, there is no potential for impact and the project can be screened out.</p>
(c) Are 'mitigation' measures necessary to reach a conclusion that likely significant effects can be ruled out at screening?	
Yes	
No	✓



#### STEP 4. SCREENING DETERMINATION STATEMENT

The assessment of significance of effects:

Describe how the proposed development (alone or in-combination) is/is not likely to have significant effects on European site(s) in view of its conservation objectives.

Conclusion:

In accordance with Article 254. 3 (6) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Wicklow County Council have made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the project is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as European site(s) and as it can be concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant effect on the European site(s) listed at Step 3. This determination is based on the nature, scale, duration, and location of the works, and the distance to the European sites.

	Tick as appropriate:	Recommendation:
(i) It is clear that there is no likelihood of significant effects on a European site.	✓	The proposal can be screened out: Appropriate assessment not required.
(ii) It is uncertain whether the proposal will have a significant effect on a European site		Request further information to complete screening
		Request NIS
		Refuse planning permission
(iii) Significant effects are likely.		Request NIS
		Refuse planning permission
<b>SIGNATURE AND DATE OF RECOMMENDING OFFICER:</b>	 ----- Joe Martin Chartered Engineer for J.J. Martin & Associates Ltd	
<b>SIGNATURE AND DATE OF THE DECISION MAKER:</b>	 ----- 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	