

**Appropriate Assessment Determination
under the
Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
for
Variations (Settlement Plans)
to the
North and South Tipperary County Development Plans**

An Appropriate Assessment Determination [pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive as to whether or not a plan or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site and the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)] is being made by Tipperary County Council.

In carrying out this Appropriate Assessment Determination, the Council is taking into account the relevant matters specified under Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), including:

- Written submissions and observations made on the Variations and associated documents while they were placed on public display; and
- The Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report, which considers other plans and projects and has taken into account changes arising from submissions and observations received during public display.

It is determined that the risks to the safeguarding and integrity of the qualifying interests and conservation objectives of the any European Site have been addressed by the inclusion of achievable mitigation measures with the Plans as varied. In addition, any lower level plans and projects arising through the implementation of the Plans as varied will themselves be subject to relevant stages of Appropriate Assessment when further details of design and location are known.

Having incorporated these mitigation commitments; it is considered that the Variations will not have significant effects on the ecological integrity of any European Site¹.

Signed: 

¹ Except as provided for in Section 6(4) of the Habitats Directive, viz. There must be:

- a) no alternative solution available,
- b) imperative reasons of overriding public interest for the plan to proceed; and
- c) Adequate compensatory measures in place.