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N6 Galway City Ring Road

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

Scott Cawley Ltd., on behalf of Galway County Council, prepared an assessment report to inform the Appropriate Assessment Screening entitled ("Provision of Information for Appropriate Assessment Screening") for the N6 Galway City Ring Road, being a plan or project which Galway County Council (pursuant to a Section 85 Agreement with Galway City Council) wishes to undertake.

Galway County Council has received and read the Provision of Information for Appropriate Assessment Screening and has considered its content and the conclusions and recommendation set out therein. Galway County Council agrees with the conclusions and recommendation set out in the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report.

Galway County Council has determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the N6 Galway City Ring Road is required as it cannot be excluded, on the basis of objective scientific information and in view of the conservation objectives of the Lough Corrib cSAC, Lough Corrib SPA, Galway Bay Complex cSAC and Inner Galway Bay SPA, following screening that Galway County Council has carried out, that the N6 Galway City Ring Road, individually or in combination other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on the Lough Corrib cSAC, Lough Corrib SPA, Galway Bay Complex cSAC and Inner Galway Bay SPA.

Galway County Council has made this determination on the basis of the following reasons, namely the potential impact sources and pathways associated with the N6 Galway City Ring Road which qualifying interests/special conservation interests species and habitats may be at risk from:

- (i) Direct habitat loss, fragmentation and/or degradation as a result of tunnelling, excavation or other construction works
- (ii) Direct habitat loss or degradation as a result of shading from elevated structures
- (iii) Indirect habitat degradation as a result of impacts to the existing hydrogeological regime
- (iv) Indirect habitat degradation as a result of a reduction in water quality in receiving watercourses/waterbodies
- (v) Indirect habitat degradation as a result of the introduction or spread of non-native invasive plant species (including both terrestrial and surface water pathways)
- (vi) Indirect habitat degradation as a result of a reduction in air quality

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- (vii) Either direct or indirect disturbance and/or displacement impacts to fauna species including to their breeding, resulting and feeding sites/resources
- (viii) Construction works or permanent structures creating a barrier to species movement and mortality risks which the proposed road development may pose to fauna species.

Galway County Council has requested that Scott Cawley prepare and finalise a Natura Impact Statement which will in due course be submitted to An Bord Pleanála with an application for approval for the N6 Galway City Ring Road.

This determination is available for inspection at Galway County Council Offices, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway and on its website at www.galway.ie

Signed: 

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Cuarbhóthar Chathair na Gaillimhe an N6

Cinneadh maidir le Scagadh le haghaidh Measúnacht Chuí

Tá tuarascáil measúnachta ullmhaithe ag Scott Cawley Ltd., thar ceann Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe mar fhaisnéis don Scagadh le haghaidh Measúnacht Chuí dar teideal ("Soláthar Faisnéise do Scagadh le haghaidh Measúnacht Chuí) do Chuarbhóthar Chathair na Gaillimhe an N6, ar plean nó tionscadal é ar mian le Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe (de bhun Chomhaontú Alt 85 le Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe) tabhairt faoi.

Tá an Soláthar Faisnéise do Scagadh le haghaidh Measúnacht Chuí faighte agus léite ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe agus tá an t-ábhar agus na conclúidí a leagtar amach ann breithnithe aici. Aontaíonn Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe leis na conclúidí agus moltaí a leagtar amach sa Tuarascáil Scagadh le haghaidh Measúnacht Chuí.

Is é cinneadh Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe go bhfuil Measúnacht Chuí i ndáil le Cuarbhóthar na Gaillimhe an N6 de dhíth mar nach féidir í a fhágáil ar lár, ar bhonn faisnéis eolaíochta oibiachtúil agus ag féachaint do chuspóirí caomhnaithe cSAC Loch Coirib, SPA Loch Coirib, cSAC Choimpléasc Chuan na Gaillimhe agus SPA Chuan na Gaillimhe istigh, i ndiaidh scagadh a rinne Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, go mbeidh tionchar mór ag Cuarbhóthar na Gaillimhe an N6 leis féin nó i gcomhar le pleananna nó tionscadail eile ar cSAC Loch Coirib, SPA Loch Coirib, cSAC Choimpléasc Chuan na Gaillimhe agus SPA Chuan na Gaillimhe istigh.

Tá an cinneadh seo déanta ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe bunaithe ar na cúiseanna seo a leanas, is é sin na foinsí agus conair tionchair a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag baint le Cuarbhóthar na Gaillimhe an N6 agus a bhféadfadh leasa/speicis leasa caomhnaithe speisialta agus gnáthoga a bheith i mbaol ó:

- (i) Cailliúint dhíreach, ilroinnt agus/nó díghrádú gnáthóg mar thoradh ar thollánú, ar thochailt nó obair eile fhoirgníochta
- (ii) Cailliúint dhíreach nó díghrádú gnáthóg mar thoradh ar scáthú ó struchtúir ardaithe
- (iii) Díghrádú neamhdhíreach gnáthóg mar thoradh ar an tionchar ar an gcóras hidrigeolaíoch atá ann
- (iv) Díghrádú neamhdhíreach gnáthóg mar thoradh ar laghdú ar cháilíocht uisce chuig sruthchúrsaí/dobharlaigh
- (v) Díghrádú neamhdhíreach gnáthóg mar thoradh ar speicis plandaí ionracha neamhdhúchasacha (lena n-áirítear ar chonairí talún agus uisce dromchla) a thabhairt isteach nó a scaipeadh

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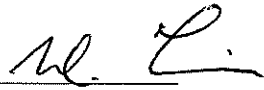
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- (vi) Díghrádú neamhdhíreach gnáthóg mar thoradh ar laghdú ar cháilíocht an aeir
- (vii) Cur isteach díreach nó neamhdhíreach agus/nó díláithriú ar speicis fauna lena n-áirítear acmhainní / láithreáin póraithe, beathaithe agus torthúlachta.
- (viii) Obair fhoirgníochta nó struchtúir bhuana a chuirfeadh cosc ar speicis gluaiseacht agus riosca báis a bheadh ann do speicis fauna ón mbóthar beartaithe.

Tá iarrtha ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ar Scott Cawley Ráiteas Tionchair Natura a ullmhú agus a thabhairt chun críche a chuirfear ar aghaidh in am trátha chuig An Bord Pleanála chomh maith le hiarratas ar Chuarbhóthar Chathair na Gaillimhe an N6 a cheadú.

Tá an cinneadh ar fáil lena scrúdú ag Oifigí Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh agus ar láithreán gréasáin na Comhairle www.galway.ie

Arna shíniú ag: 

Dáta: 9/6/2017