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## Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Galway County Council

### Appropriate Assessment Determination under: the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

for the:

#### Tuam Local Area Plan 2018-2024 (as amended on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019)

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) determination has been made by Galway County Council regarding the Tuam Local Area Plan 2018-2024, following changes that were made to the Plan on foot of a Ministerial Direction.

The Planning and Development Act 2000, requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether the Tuam Local Area Plan 2018-2024 warrants the undertaking of AA. An AA 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 Galway County Council.

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

- The existing Galway County Development Plan 2015-2021 (and associated AA reports);
- Written submissions made on the LAP and associated documents while they were on public display; and
- The 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, special conservation interests and conservation objectives of all European Sites have been addressed by the inclusion of achievable mitigation measures within Tuam LAP and those in the existing CDP. These prioritise the avoidance of effects in the first place and will reliably mitigate these effects where these cannot be avoided. In addition, any lower level plans and projects arising through the implementation of the LAP will themselves be subject to relevant stages of AA when further details of design and location are known.

Having incorporated these mitigation commitments; it is considered that the the Tuam Local Area Plan 2018-2024 will not result in effects on the ecological integrity of any European Site<sup>1</sup>.

Signed:

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Signatory  
Approved Officer

31/1/2019.

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31.01.2019

<sup>1</sup> 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.