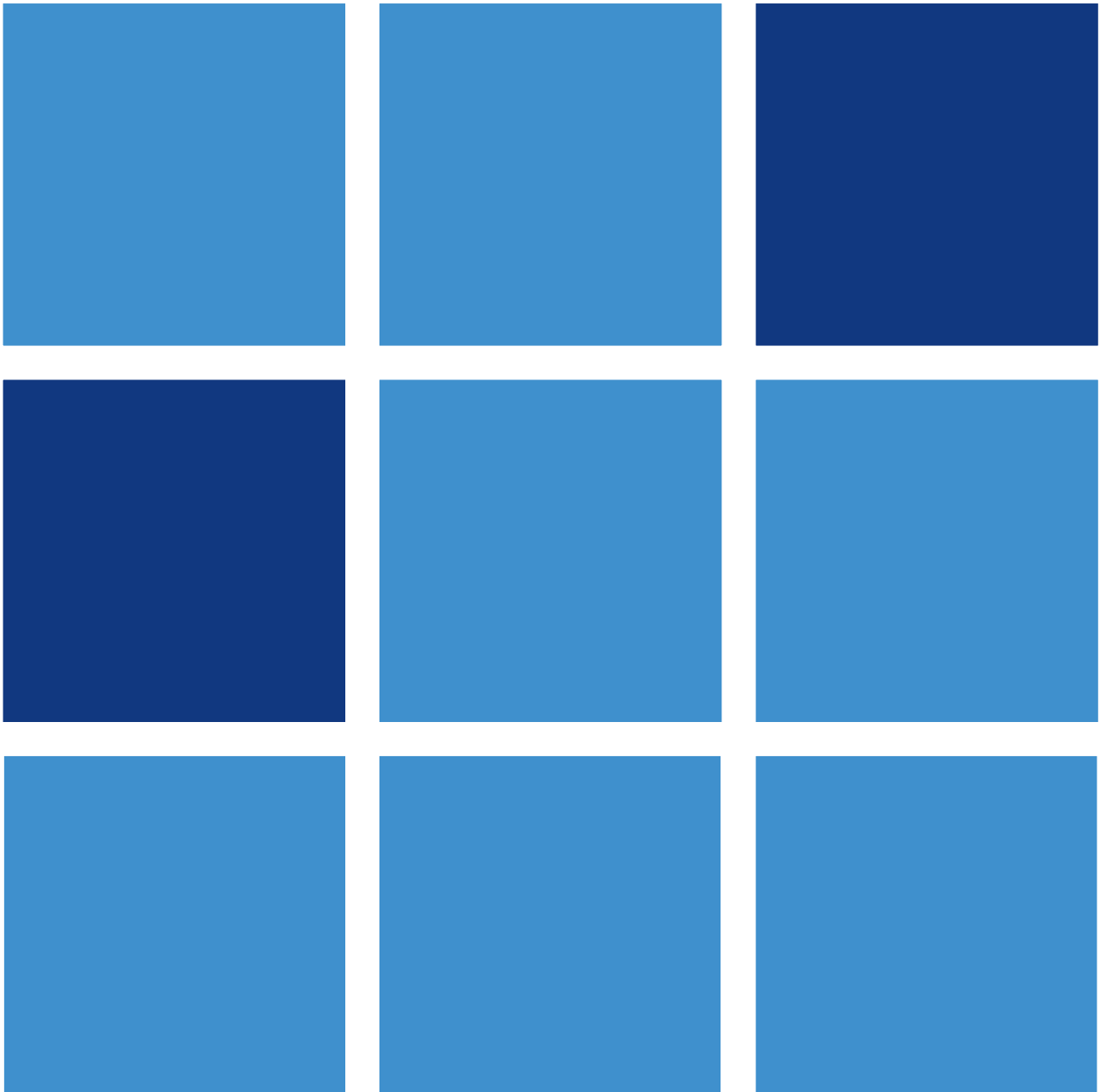


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Appropriate Assessment
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Name of Project or Plan		Maigh Cuilinn Local Area Plan 2013-2019	
Name and location of Natura 2000 site		Lough Corrib SAC, within the Plan area at its southern boundary Lough Corrib SPA, 1.5km to the east of the Plan boundary Ross Lake and Woods SAC, 1.3km to the north of the Plan boundary Connemara Bog Complex SAC, 2.9km to the west of the Plan boundary Galway Bay Complex SAC, 9.5km to the south of the Plan boundary Inner Galway Bay SPA, 8km to the south of the Plan boundary	
Description of the project or plan		The Maigh Cuilinn LAP 2013-2019 sets out the overall strategy for the sustainable development of the town from 2013-2019.	
Is the project or plan directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site (provide details)?		No	
Are there other projects or plans that together with the project or plan being assessed could affect the site (provide details)?		No	
The assessment of significance of effects			
Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) is likely to affect the Natura 2000 site.		In the absence of policies and objectives which specify that Natura 2000 sites and their qualifying features be considered prior to any development there exists the potential for impacts.	
Explain why these effects are not considered significant.		The Maigh Cuilinn LAP will be implemented with due regard to the conservation objectives of all relevant NATURA 2000 sites as outlined in the AA Screening Reports. This ensures that there will be no significant adverse impacts resulting from the Plan on the qualifying habitats and species of all relevant NATURA 2000 mentioned above. It is considered that the potential impacts are not likely to be significant and therefore impacts do not need to be investigated further. Therefore full 'Appropriate Assessment' informed by a Natura Impact Report is not considered necessary.	
List of agencies consulted: provide contact name and telephone or e-mail address.		The Environmental Protection Agency, Email:- sea@epa.ie Developments Application Unit, Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht Affairs, Email:- manager.dau@ahg.gov.ie Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Phone: 01-6072426 Department of Communications Energy and Natural Resources, Phone: (01) 678 2000 Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, Phone: 01 888 2000	
Response to consultation.		Submission letters from EPA on the 16/11/12 Ref: 120312.3; the 01/03/13 Ref: SCP130105.1; and the 04/09/12 Ref: 120312.2 Meeting with NPWS Divisional Ecologist on 17/09/12 Submission letter from DAFM on 12/10/12 Submission letters from DECLG on 28/02/13 and 16/11/12.	
Data collected to carry out the assessment			
Who carried out the	Sources of data	Level of	Where can the full results completed of the

assessment?		assessment	assessment be accessed and viewed?
RPS on behalf of Galway County Council	1. NPWS Site Synopses, Conservation Objectives and NATURA 2000 Forms for each European Site. 2. Information from the National Biodiversity Data Centre downloaded from Biodiversity Maps in October 2012.	Desktop Assessment	Planning Section, Galway Co. Co., Aras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway and online at http://www.galway.ie/en/Services/Planning
