



### Screening Determination as required under Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC)

In accordance with article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and Wild Flora and Fauna and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, Galway City Council has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site(s), if the proposed project, namely the Doughiska Road South Cycle Network Scheme, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s).

In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites within the zone of influence of the proposed works as listed:

- Galway Bay Complex SAC (Site Code 000268)
- Lough Corrib SAC (Site Code 000297)
- Rahasane Turlough SAC (Site Code 000322)
- Lough Fingall Complex SAC (Site Code 000606)
- Castletaylor Complex SAC (Site Code 000242)
- Kiltiernan Turlough SAC (Site Code 001285)
- Ardrahan Grassland SAC (Site Code 002244)
- East Burren Complex SAC (Site Code 1926)
- Inner Galway Bay SPA (Site Code 004031)
- Creganna Marsh SPA (Site Code 004142)
- Rahasane Turlough SPA (Site Code 004089)
- Lough Corrib SPA (Site Code 004042)

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulation 2011 as amended, Galway City Council has made a determination following examination of the Stage 1 Screening Report prepared by WS Atkins International Ltd. that an Appropriate Assessment is not required. This determination is based on the fact that it can be concluded that the project, either alone or in combination, will not result in likely significant effects on the Galway Bay Complex SAC or Inner Galway Bay SPA, or any other European site, in view of their conservation objectives.

Therefore it is the determination of Galway City Council that an Appropriate Assessment is not required for the proposed project that is the Doughiska Road South Cycle Network scheme.

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