Screening Determination for Appropriate Assessment for the Statutory Climate Change Adaptation Sectoral Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage Sector

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has undertaken Stage 1 screening for the need for Appropriate Assessment to assess, in view of the best scientific knowledge and the observation objectives of site(s) of the Statutory Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Built and Archaeological Heritage Sector, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s).

In accordance with regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) regulations 2011 as amended, the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required.

This determination was based on the assessment that:

- The Plan is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European Site and it can be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information that the Plan, individually or in combination with other plans or projects will have a significant effect on a European site.
- The nature of the Plan is to inform policy on the adaptation to climate change for Built and Archaeological Heritage and as such it does not fall under the definition of a Plan for purpose of Article 6(3) and screening for AA is not a requirement.
- The Plan does not consider project or location specific measures nor does it influence the development consent of any Built and Archaeological Heritage projects.
- Detailed individual policies, strategies, plans and adaptation measures which may be set out in later plans will undergo, as appropriate, SEA and AA. This will ensure that any plans or projects that are likely to result in significant effects on any Natura 2000 site will be considered within this process.

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