



Determination Statement on AA Screening of the proposed reconstruction of coastal protection works along 30m of the L1033 located in the townland of Ballyheigue, Ballyheigue, Co Kerry,

In accordance with the requirements of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, which requires public authorities to comply with the requirements of the Habitats Directive in the exercise of any of its functions or responsibilities, and on the basis of the objective information provided in an AA Screening Report by the EAU of KCC, dated 17th, June, 2020, Kerry County Council as the Competent Authority determines that the proposed reconstruction of 30m of coastal works along the L1033 at Ballyheigue, Co Kerry, individually or in combination with other plans/projects is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (Natura 2000 site). An appropriate assessment is not required.

The reasons for this determination are as follows:

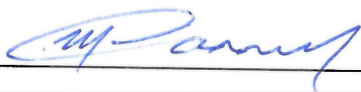
- The project is outside European sites, no direct impact on annexed habitats or birds of SCI are identified,
- The habitat found within and in the vicinity of the proposed project is not annexed habitat or identified as functionally linked habitat for birds of SCI,
- The nature and scale of the works required to facilitate the re-construction of the project are not complex or technically difficult to achieve and significant effects were not identified to annexed habitats/birds of SCI from the works that would be required for this project either alone or in-combination with the other plans/projects in the vicinity,
- The proposed project will see the reconstruction of previously and partially existing coastal protection works that have been damaged in recent storm events, no disturbance/displacement of annexed habitats/birds of SCI were identified from either construction or operational stage of the project either alone or in-combination with other plans/projects in the vicinity,
- Finally, no in combination or cumulative impacts were identified between this project and/or other proposed/foreseeable projects/plans. The reconstruction of previously undertaken coastal protection works is located in lands of low ecological value with no potential to significantly effect a European site.

It should be noted that measures intended to avoid or reduce negative effects on the European sites have not been relied upon in reaching this determination.



It is considered that the report contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the development on European sites. The assessment as reported is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council.

Signed



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