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Dear Mr. McEvoy,

Re: Screening report on the determination for Proposed Variation No. 1 of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027 SEA Determination

Thank-you for your email dated 18th May 2022 regarding the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report for the Proposed Variation No. 1 of the Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027.

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland (DAERA) and (supported with a service level agreement) DfC Historic Environment Division (HED), has considered the consultation and associated documents and our opinions are set out below.

Consideration of Likely Significant Effects

We have considered whether the Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects in line with the requirements of Regulation 9 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004.

DAERA agrees with the responsible authority and the conclusions of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report that the Plan is not likely to have significant environmental effects and therefore a SEA will not be carried out.

Habitats Regulations Considerations

We welcome and acknowledge that the responsible authority has undertaken screening for Appropriate Assessment to ensure the plan is not likely to have significant effects on any Natura 2000 site this should include those within Northern Ireland.



Please note following the decision of the United Kingdom to leave the European Union, the collective term of “Natura 2000” sites the network of European protected sites are now known as “National Site Network” sites within the United Kingdom including Northern Ireland.

Please contact the SEA Team at seateam@daera-ni.gov.uk should you have any queries or require clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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