



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

**Appropriate Assessment Screening Report Determination
Galway to Oughterard Greenway Project
Ground Investigation Works (Peat Probing)**

In accordance with the Habitats Directive, the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) ("the Planning and Development Act") and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended) ("the Habitats Regulations"). Galway County Council has undertaken an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of relevant European sites, if the proposed Ground Investigation Works (Peat Probing): Galway to Oughterard Greenway Project ('the proposed development') individually or in combination with other plans or projects would be likely to have a significant effect(s) on a European site(s).

The proposed development includes the following:

- 371 No. peat probes

The AA Screening Report concluded that the proposed development is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site.

Galway County Council, having considered the AA Screening Report, has determined that the Proposed Ground Investigation Works, relating to the Galway to Oughterard Greenway Project do not require an Appropriate Assessment.

Mise, le meas,

Director of Services,
Economic Development & Planning



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Chief Executives Order No. P12595

SUBJECT: Screening for Appropriate Assessment of Ground Investigation Works (Peat Probing) on the Galway to Oughterard Greenway Project.

I, Liam Hanrahan, Director of Services for Economic Development & Planning, by virtue of the powers conferred on me by the Local Government Acts 1925 to 2019, it is hereby ordered that:

In accordance with Regulation 250(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, (S.I. No. 600 of 2001) as inserted by Regulation 26 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. No. 476 of 2011), concerning 'Screening for appropriate assessment,' which states:

'In order to ascertain whether an appropriate assessment is required in respect of a development which it proposes to carry out a local authority shall carry out a screening of the proposed development to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge, if the development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on a European site,'

and having considered the report entitled Galway to Oughterard Greenway Appropriate Assessment Screening for Ground Investigation Works (Peat Probing), - (AECOM Consultants, March 2024), and having agreed with the conclusions of same, I have determined that the proposed Galway to Oughterard Greenway Ground Investigation Works (Peat Probing), individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not give rise to a significant effect on any European site.

Signed this 7th day of May, 2024.

Director of Services,
Economic Development & Planning