



**Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council**

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination Under Article 9 of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 435 of 2004 as amended) for Tuam Regeneration Masterplan

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening determination has been made by Galway County Council regarding The Tuam Regeneration Masterplan.

Section 9 (1) of the (2004) Regulations (S.I. No. 435) (as amended) states "*subject to sub-article (2), an environmental assessment shall be carried out for all plans and programmes*

(a) "which are prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism and town and country planning or land use, and which set the framework for future development consent of projects listed in Annexes I and II to the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, or

(b) which are not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European site but, either individually or in combination with other plans, are likely to have a significant effect on any such site."

The SEA Screening Report was issued to the statutory bodies over a four-week period from 3rd February to 3rd March 2021. Two submissions were received as follows.

- The Environmental Protection Agency
- Waste Policy & Resource Efficiency Section, Department of Environment and Climate Change:

The comments made in relation to the Tuam Regeneration Masterplan were strategic in nature and do not identify issues or concerns relating to likely significant environmental effects associated with the implementation of the Tuam Regeneration Masterplan.

The Tuam Regeneration Masterplan is wholly consistent with the Tuam LAP 2018-2024 which was subject to full SEA and AA. The vision of the LAP has informed the masterplan development and the masterplan proposals are wholly consistent with the landuse zoning objectives of the Tuam LAP as well as the objectives and policies of the Tuam LAP.

Following detailed review and assessment it is considered that the Tuam Regeneration Masterplan will not result in significant adverse environmental effects and therefore, does not require further assessment of the likely effect on the environment of the implementation of the Draft Masterplan through SEA. This assessment is derived from consideration of the following factors:

- The plan is a non-statutory plan and is wholly consistent with the landuse zoning objectives of the Tuam LAP 2018-2024 which was subject to full SEA and AA.
- The plan sits beneath the Tuam LAP 2018-2024 as well as the Galway County Development Plan within the statutory planning hierarchy

- The masterplan proposals aim to prioritise the above objectives of the LAP and relate in particular to the town centre to enhance the town centre overall.
- Masterplan proposals have been shown to be wholly consistent with the Tuam LAP (see Appendix 2 of the masterplan)
- The existing environmental protection measures of the Tuam LAP
- The Tuam Regeneration Masterplan has been determined to not give rise to likely significant effects on the conservation management objectives of European Sites and Lough Corrib SAC.
- The scale, nature and extent of masterplan proposals and the absence of significant adverse environmental effects arising from the masterplan.

This determination has been finalised in line with SI 435 of 2004 and SI 200 of 2011.

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