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**Screening Determination for Strategic Environmental Assessment under SEA Directive 2001/42/EC
as transposed into Irish law under S.I. 435/2004, as amended**

Concerning the proposed **County Clare Noise Action Plan 2024-2028**, Clare County Council as the Competent Authority for the Noise Action Plan has undertaken screening for SEA under Directive 2001/42/EC.

The screening assessment was carried out using the criteria for determining the likely significance of effects as set out in Schedule 1 of S.I. 435/2004, as amended. Following assessment of the criteria and having regard to the nature of the Noise Action Plan and the potential for likely significant environmental effects from implementation of the **County Clare Noise Action Plan 2024-2028**, Clare County Council has determined that the **County Clare Noise Action Plan 2024-2028** will not give rise to likely significant effects on the environment.

This determination has been made following consideration of the information contained in the SEA Screening Report (attached to this determination), the criteria set out in Schedule 1 to S.I. 435/2004 as amended, and consultation feedback from six submissions over the statutory consultation period.

The principal reasons the **County Clare Noise Action Plan 2024-2028** does not require an SEA are as follows:

The Plan (**County Clare Noise Action Plan 2024-2028**) does not provide consent, establish a framework for granting consent or contribute towards a framework for granting consent. In order to be realised, potential projects or proposals arising from the plan will have to comply, as relevant, with various legislation, policies, plans and programmes (including requirements for lower-tier Appropriate Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment and other licencing requirements as appropriate) that form the statutory decision-making and consent granting framework. Any projects that may arise in the future associated with the Plan will be subject to the requirements of the relevant national planning procedures and be consistent with existing frameworks, as appropriate, all of which have been subject to SEA and developed in accordance with the principles of sustainability.

**Oifig um Dhearadh Bóithre
An Stiúirthóireacht Forbairt Fhisiceach**

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The Screening Report for Strategic Environmental Assessment concluded that the **County Clare Noise Action Plan 2024-2028** is not likely, alone or in-combination with other plans or projects, to have a significant effect on any European Sites in view of their Conservation Objectives."

Signed on behalf of Clare County Council:

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Signature: Anne O'Sullivan .

Dated: 14/8/24 .