



## Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

### **CP0816 Advance Bathymetric and Topographic Surveys – North Connacht 110 kV Project (Counties Mayo and Roscommon).**

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended ('The Regulations'), EirGrid has undertaken Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of relevant European sites, if the proposed Advance Bathymetric and Topographic Surveys – North Connacht 110 kV Project ('the proposed works') 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 works consists of

- Bathymetric survey at three locations on the River Moy via equipment mounted on a motorised kayak; and,
- Topographic survey at 70 locations, comprising walkover surveys on foot to take spatial measurements.

The proposed bathymetry works are located wholly within the River Moy Special Area of Conservation (SAC; site code 2298)<sup>1</sup>. The proposed topographical works are partially within the River Moy SAC. This determination has had regard for these and any other relevant European sites.

There are no works within or adjacent other European sites. There is no requirement for removal of vegetation or any breaking of ground for the proposed works.

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 SI 477 as amended, EirGrid has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the project individually or in combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites. The risk of likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded on the basis of objective evidence.

This determination is based on the location, scale, extent and duration of the proposed development, including temporary works, and has not taken account of measures intended to avoid or reduce significant effects on European sites.

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<sup>1</sup>NPWS. (2016). Conservation Objectives: River Moy SAC 002298. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.