



## Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

### CP1247 Ballyvouskill Transformer [Exempted Development] (County Cork)

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 CP1247 Ballyvouskill Transformer [Exempted Development] ('the 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 scope of the works shall occur wholly within the compound of the Ballyvouskill 220/110 kV substation. The development will consist of works for the purpose of installing an additional transformer.

The development is not located within any European sites. The nearest European site to the development is the Mullaghanish to Musheramore Mountains Special Protection Area (SPA) (site code 4162)<sup>1</sup>, located c. 0.2 km from the development. This determination has had regard for the conservation objectives of these and any other relevant European sites.

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 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 (2022) Conservation objectives for Mullaghanish to Musheramore Mountains SPA [004162]. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.