



**Screening Determination of Appropriate Assessment
Of The
Statutory Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Transport Sector**

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 Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport has undertaken screening for the need for Appropriate Assessment to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of sites(s), if the Statutory Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Transport Sector, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s).

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required.

This determination was based on the assessment that the Plan is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European Site and it can be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information that the Plan, individually or in combination with other plans or projects will have a significant effect on a European Site.

This determination was reached based on nature of the Plan which is that of a policy statement showing the general intention of the Department for application by the Transport Sector. As such it does not fall under the definition of a Plan for the purpose of Article 6(3) and Screening for AA is not a requirement. The Plan does not set out location specific recommendations and therefore there is no link between the content of the plan and any likely significant effects on European Sites.

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