



**National Mitigation Plan**  
**Appropriate Assessment under Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and  
Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended).**

The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) has prepared the National Mitigation Plan (hereafter referred to as the NMP). Pursuant to its obligations under Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended), DCCAE, as a Public Authority, has conducted an Appropriate Assessment of the NMP. This determination is a record of the DCCAE Appropriate Assessment decision.

Having regard to:

- The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) (2017) prepared by RPS on behalf of DCCAE, the assessment of likely impacts and mitigation measures outlined therein;
- The incorporation of all mitigation measures as outlined in the NIS within the NMP, to avoid likely significant effects on European Sites;
- The fact that all projects/plans arising as a result of the NMP shall be required to conform to the policy measures (including mitigation measures from the NIS) outlined in the NMP;

DCCAE has determined, pursuant to Regulation 42(11) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulation 2011 (as amended), that the NMP will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Site.

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