



**Screening Determination for Appropriate Assessment  
Of The  
Statutory Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Electricity and Gas Networks  
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 Communications, Climate Action and Environment has undertaken screening for the need for Appropriate Assessment to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of site(s), if the Statutory Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Electricity and Gas Networks 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 Communications, Climate Action and Environment, 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 Electricity and Gas Networks 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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**CINNEADH SCAGTHA MAIDIR LE MEASÚNACHT CHUIÍ  
a dhéanamh ar an  
bPLEAN OIRIÚNAITHE UM ATHRÚ AERÁIDE REACHTÚIL  
D'EARNÁIL NA LÍONRAÍ LEICTREACHAIS AGUS GÁIS**

De réir Airteagal 6(3) den Treoir maidir le Gnáthóga ón Aontas Eorpach (Treoir 92/43/CEE) agus Rialachán 42(1) na gComhphobal Eorpach (Éin agus Gnáthóga Nádúrtha) 2011 arna leasú, tá scagadh déanta ag an Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil ar an ngá atá le Measúnacht Chuí a dhéanamh lena mheas, i bhfianaise na faisnéise eolaíochta is fearr agus chuspóirí caomhnaithe láithreáin/láithreán, cibé an dócha go mbeidh tionchar suntasach ar láithreán Eorpach/láithreáin Eorpacha ag an bPlean Oiriúnaithe um Athrú Aeráide Reachtúil d'Earnáil na Líonraí Leictreachais agus Gáis, as féin nó i gcomhar le pleananna nó tionscadail eile.

De réir Rialachán 42(7) na gComhphobal Eorpach (Éin agus Gnáthóga Nádúrtha) 2011 arna leasú, tá cinneadh déanta ag an Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil, i ndiaidh scagtha, nach bhfuil gá le Measúnacht Chuí a dhéanamh. Bunaíodh an cinneadh sin ar an measúnacht nach bhfuil gá leis an bPlean ná nach bhfuil nasc díreach ag an bPlean maidir le bainistiú a dhéanamh ar Láithreán Eorpach ar bith agus gur féidir é a chur as an áireamh ar bhun na faisnéise eolaíochta oibiachtúla go mbeidh tionchar suntasach ar Láithreán Eorpach ag an bPlean, as féin nó i gcomhar le pleananna nó tionscadail eile.

Thángthas ar an gcinneadh sin bunaithe ar nádúr an Phlean, is é sin ráiteas beartais ina léirítear rún ginearálta na Roinne atá le cur i bhfeidhm ag Earnáil na Líonraí Leictreachais agus Gáis. Dá bharr sinn, ní thagann sé leis an sainmhíniú ar Phlean chun críocha Airteagal 6(3) agus ní riachtanas é Scagadh le haghaidh Measúnacht Chuí. Ní leagtar amach moltaí sonracha ó thaobh láithreáin sa Phlean agus mar sin níl aon nasc ann idir ábhar an phlean agus aon tionchar suntasach a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ar Láithreáin Eorpacha.

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