



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council



**Comhairle Baile
Bhun Cranncha**
Buncrana Town Council

**Determination of the Need for
Appropriate Assessment
of the
Draft Buncrana & Environs Development Plan 2014-2020**

In accordance with the requirements of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), Buncrana Town Council and Donegal County Council have commenced the review of the Buncrana & Environs Development Plan 2008-2014 and the preparation of a proposed draft Buncrana & Environs Development Plan 2014-2020. The Development Plan shall manage development within the Buncrana & Environs area over a 6 year period setting out the Council's strategic land use objectives and policies for the overall development of the town up to 2020 and beyond to a horizon year of 2030. It incorporates a Core Strategy that is strategic in nature, for the purposes of developing objectives and policies to deliver an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and is consistent, as far as practicable, with national and regional development objectives set out in the National Spatial Strategy and Regional Planning Guidelines.

Having assessed the potential for significant impacts on Natura 2000 sites and network, of implementing the proposed Draft Buncrana & Environs Development Plan 2014-2020, the Planning Authority has determined on the basis of objective information, that the requirement for Appropriate Assessment cannot be excluded as the likely significant effects on Natura 2000 sites and networks is uncertain at this early stage in the plan process. Therefore, in accordance with Article 6 (3) of the EU Habitats Directive and the precautionary approach, a stage 2 Appropriate Assessment of the proposed draft Buncrana & Environs Development Plan 2014-2020 shall be carried out.

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