



**Determination of the Need for  
Appropriate Assessment  
of the  
Draft Donegal Local Economic & Community Plan 2016- 2022  
(LECP)**

A 'draft County Donegal Local Economic & Community Plan 2016- 2022 (LECP)' has been prepared the purpose of which is to strengthen the economic and community dimensions of County Donegal over a six year period.

Having assessed the potential for significant impacts on Natura 2000 Sites and Network, of implementing the draft LECP, and having consulted the prescribed Environmental Authorities, the Planning Authority has determined that the draft LECP is not likely to have significant impacts on the Network of Natura 2000 Sites and therefore an Appropriate Assessment of it, is not required.

A detailed report entitled, 'draft Donegal Local Economic & Community Plan 2016- 2022- Final Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA), January, 2016,' resulting in this Determination is available for inspection upon request. In summary the reasons for the Determination are as follows:

- (i) a significant portion of objectives and actions are 'soft' activities in nature and thereby having no impact on Natura 2000 sites and Network and;
- (ii) the portfolios of objectives and policies contained in the relevant Development Plans/ Local Area Plans are comprehensive and are a material consideration in the determination of proposals for planning consent thus ensuring the protection and safeguarding of environmental considerations including compliance with the Habitats Directive and providing appropriate mitigation as regards potential for significant impacts.

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15<sup>th</sup> January 2016