



Our Ref: **Plan Regs 2019**

(Please quote in all related correspondence)

17 January 2020

SEA Submissions,
Environmental Planning Policy Unit,
Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin 1.

Via email: environmentalplanning@housing.gov.ie

Re: Notice under Regulation 9(5) of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations, 2004 (S.I. 435 of 2011), as amended. Concerning the proposed Planning and Development (Amendment) Regulations 2019

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On behalf of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above.

Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations of the Department under the stated heading(s).

Nature Conservation

The Department has received notification from the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government under Regulation 9(5) of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations, 2004, of a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening assessment which has been undertaken in relation to a proposed statutory instrument namely, the Planning and Development (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (dated 2 December 2019).

The Department acknowledges receipt of the following documents which were circulated as part of the notification to the Minister:

1. Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report
2. Appropriate Assessment Screening report
3. The Planning and Development (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (dated 2 December 2019).
4. Notice under Regulation 9(5) of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations, 2004, in relation to



the Planning and Development (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (dated 2 December 2019).

The Department notes the conclusion in relation to SEA that the proposed statutory instrument is not likely to have any significant effects on the environment and does not require SEA.

In relation to appropriate assessment the Department notes that the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government intends to screen the proposed statutory instrument for appropriate assessment pursuant to the requirements of Regulation 42(2) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011. The Department further notes the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report which has been prepared and notes the conclusion in relation to the proposed statutory instrument that it is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or sites.

You are requested to send further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at manager.dau@chg.gov.ie (team monitored); if this is not possible, correspondence may alternatively be sent to:

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