

**Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment
Screening Determination**

Housing Scheme, Sleaveen Road, Macroom



Cork County Council
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This document contains the Habitats Directive Screening Determination of Cork County Council in respect of a housing scheme for 16no. units located on the Sleaveen Road in Macroom. The determination is based on an assessment completed by Joy Barry.

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| <p>Name of the project Housing Scheme, Sleaveen Road, Macroom.</p> |
| <p>Description of the project The proposed development is for a housing scheme of 16no. units comprising of 4no. townhouses and 12no. apartments and associated works. The proposed development is located within an infill site located on the Sleaveen Road in Macroom Town.</p> |
| <p>Name and location of EU sites subject to screening</p> <p>There are four Natura 2000 (European) sites located within a 15km radius of the site, these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gearagh Special Area of Conservation (SAC site code 00108) is located c.1.1km to the south of the site. • Gearagh Special Protection Area (Site Code: 04109) is located c.1.6km to the south west of the site. • Mullaghanish to Mushermore Mountains Special Protection Area (SPA site code 04162) is located c.5.9km to the north west of the site. • St. Gobnet’s Wood Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 0106) is located 14.4km to the north west of the site. |
| <p>Is the project directly connected with or necessary to the management of the sites listed above? No.</p> |
| <p>Describe how the project (alone or in combination) is likely to affect the Natura 2000 Site.</p> <p>There is no hydrological or other ecological connection linking the development area to any EU site. Given the sites distance from designated sites, no interventions are proposed within any European site. The site is located sufficiently distant from designated sites to be satisfied that there is no risk of activities associated with the project causing disturbance to species which are qualifying interests of the SAC and SPA. Therefore, I am satisfied that the project does not pose a risk of significant effects on any Natura 2000 site alone or in combination with other plans or projects.</p> |
| <p>Overall conclusion</p> <p>In accordance with Section 177S of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) it is concluded that the proposed project does not pose a risk of causing significant negative any EU site for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no hydrological or other ecological connection linking the development area to any EU site; • No interventions are proposed within any European site; and |

- The site is located sufficiently distant from designated sites to be satisfied that there is no risk of activities associated with the project causing disturbance to qualifying interests of European sites.

It is therefore determined that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment under Section 177V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 is not required.