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**Board Direction
ABP-309157-21**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 27/05/2021.

At a meeting held on 27/05/2021, the Board considered the submission of the Planning Authority and the report of the Inspector in relation to the question of whether Leitrim County Council should be directed to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of a proposed public realm improvement scheme to enhance the existing streetscapes within Mohill town centre, County Leitrim.

The Board decided to direct the local authority not to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the proposed development, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

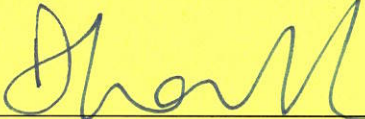
Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- a) the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- b) the nature and limited scale of the proposed development,
- c) the location of the proposed development outside of any European designated sites,
- d) the separation distance between the proposed development and the European Sites at the closest points,

- e) the absence of identified hydrological connections between the proposed development and European sites,
- f) the lack of in-combination effects arising from other proposed and permitted development in the vicinity,
- g) the submissions made to the Board including the initial request and the Local Authority's response, and
- h) the report and recommendation of the inspector,

it is considered reasonable to conclude that, on the basis of the information available which is considered adequate to issue a screening determination, the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to have a significant effect on Cloneen Bog Special Area of Conservation (Site code: 002348), Lough Forbes Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site code: 001818) or Ballykenny-Fishertown Bog Special Protection Area (Site code: 004101), or any other European Site, in view of the sites' conservation objectives and, therefore, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment and the submission of a Natura Impact Statement for the proposed development is not required.

Board Member:  **Date:** 27/05/2021
Dave Walsh