

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order ABP-322284-25

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Longford County Council

Application by Longford County Council requesting An Coimisiún Pleanála to exercise its powers under article 250(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whether the local authority should be directed to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the development of the proposed remediation of Ballymaurice Closed Landfill at Ballymaurice, County Longford.

Decision

Not to Direct the local authority to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the said proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

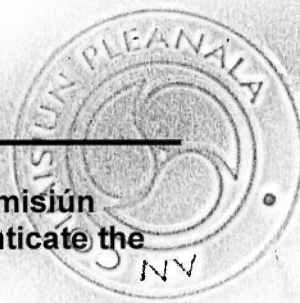
Having regard to:

- (a) the nature and scale of the proposed development,
- (b) the physical, topographical and hydrological separation distances between the proposed development and European Sites,
- (c) the unsuitability of habitats at the application site to support mobile species associated with any European Site,
- (d) the lack of meaningful hydrological connections between the Site and the European Sites,
- (e) the standard pollution controls that would be employed regardless of proximity to a European Site and effectiveness of same,
- (f) the submission made on behalf of the local authority, including the Screening for Appropriate Assessment prepared on behalf of the local authority,
- (g) the Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027, and
- (h) the report and recommendation of the person appointed by the Commission to make a report and recommendation on the matter,

it is considered reasonable to conclude, that on the basis of the information available, which is considered adequate to issue a screening determination, that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the identified European Sites, in view of the conservation objectives of these Sites, and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, and the submission of a Natura Impact Statement for the proposed development, is not required.



Liam McGree
Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún
Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the
seal of the Commission.



Dated this 24th day of JULY 2025