Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination.

Burnfoot Flood Relief Scheme

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive, Part 5 of the Birds and Natural Habitats Regulations, Part XAB of the Planning and Development Acts, relevant case law, established best practice and the Precautionary Principle, TetraTech (formerly RPS) Consulting Engineers on behalf of Donegal County Council prepared an AA Screening Report which has considered the proposed development and its potential to significantly affect European sites. This AA Screening report has concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the possibility of Likely Significant Effects from the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, cannot be excluded for the following European Sites and Qualifying Interests (QIs) at the screening stage, in the absence of further evaluation and analysis and/or mitigation measures:

Lough Swilly Special Area of Conservation(SAC)

- Estuaries [1130]
- Coastal Lagoons [1150]
- Otter [1355]

Lough Swilly Special Protection Area (SPA)

- All 24 No. SCI bird species
- Wetland habitats [A999]

In its AA Screening determination, Donegal County Council has considered the information and agrees with the conclusions contained within the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report prepared by TetraTech.

Donegal County Council has made a determination following screening that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment including the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement is required in respect of the proposed development as part of the application for development consent to An Coimisiún Pleanála, the competent authority for the purposes of Article 6[3] of the Habitats Directive.

Signed: _____ Date: 28th May 2026

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Donegal County Council