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Having regard to the following:

- (a) National Planning Framework: Project Ireland 2040
- (b) National Development Plan 2018-2027
- (c) Directive 2014/52/ EU (EIA Directive)
- (d) Habitats Directive
- (e) Regional Spatial And Economic Strategy (Eastern & Midland Region) 2019-2031
- (f) Policies and Objectives of the Wicklow County Development Plan 2022-2028
- (g) Policies and objectives of the Wicklow Town and Rathnew Development Plan 2013
- (h) the location of the proposed development,
- (i) the Natura Impact Statement submitted,
- (j) the submissions made in connection with the planning application, including those made prescribed bodies and
- (k) the report of the Executive Planner

The Planning Authority is satisfied that the information before it is adequate to undertake an appropriate assessment in respect of the proposed development.

Appropriate Assessment Screening:

The Planning Authority has completed an Appropriate Assessment exercise in relation to the potential effects of the proposed development on European Sites, taking into account the nature, scale and location of the proposed development, the Natura Impact Statement submitted, the Executive Planner's report and submissions on file. In completing this exercise it has adopted the report of the Executive Planner and concluded that, by itself or in combination with other development in the vicinity, the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European Site .

Conclusion :

Permission is recommended, and conditions should be attached as set out in the Executive Planner report dated the 01/02/2024.

Breege Kilkenny Director of Services (Planning, Development & Environment)

Date: 01 FEBRUARY, 2024