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**APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING
REPORT FOR**

**COLLINS LANE (TULLAMORE) ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME
– PERMEABILITY LINK ROAD**

PART 8



**Offaly County Council
Áras an Chontae,
Charleville Road,
Tullamore,
County Offaly,
R35 F893**

**Director of Services
Transport and Active Travel**

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(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND LOCAL SITE:			
Proposed development:	<p>Collins Lane (Tullamore) Active Travel Scheme – Permeability Link Road (L6062-3 to L60623-1) at Collins Lane, Tullamore, County Offaly</p> <p>This project includes improvements to the public realm as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction of approximately 180 metres of single carriageway. - Construction of approximately 360 linear metres of footpaths and cycle paths. - Pedestrian crossings and uncontrolled crossings including drop kerbs and tactile paving. - Provision of road drainage within the scheme. - Installation of public lighting. - Installation of road markings and road signage. - Construction of boundary fencing, where appropriate. - Re-Location / diversion of existing utilities where necessary. - Associated ancillary works. <p>These works are medium in scale with a construction period expected to be approximately 24 weeks.</p>		
Location:	Collins lane, Tullamore, County Offaly (L6062-3 to L60623-1)		
Site size:	~ 5000m ²	Floor Area of Proposed Development:	Not Applicable
Identification of nearby Natura 2000 Site(s):	<p>Charleville Wood SAC (000571) Clara Bog SAC (000572) Split Hills and Long Hill Esker SAC (001831) Raheenmore Bog SAC (000582) River Barrow And River Nore SAC (002162)</p>		
Distance to Natura 2000 Site(s):	<p>Charleville Wood SAC (000571) – 1.89Km Clara Bog SAC (000572) – 6.42km Split Hills and Long Hill Esker SAC (001831) – 10.08Km Raheenmore Bog SAC (000582) – 10.92Km River Barrow And River Nore SAC (002162) – 12.52Km</p>		

The characteristics of existing, proposed or other approved plans / projects which may cause interactive / cumulative impacts with the project being assessed and which may affect the Natura 2000 site:	None
Is the application accompanied by an EIAR?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(B) IDENTIFICATION OF THE RELEVANT NATURA 2000 SITE(S):	
The reasons for the designation of the Natura 2000 site(s):	
<p>Charleville Wood SAC (000571) - Old Oak Woodlands, Desmoulin's Whorl Snail.</p> <p>Clara Bog SAC (000572) - Orchid-rich Calcareous Grassland, Raised Bog, Degraded Raised Bog, Rhynchosporion Vegetation, Bog Woodland, Marsh Fritillary</p> <p>Split Hills and Long Hill Esker SAC (001831) - Orchid-rich Calcareous Grassland</p> <p>Raheenmore Bog SAC (000582) - Raised Bog (Active), Degraded Raised Bog, Rhynchosporion Vegetation</p> <p>River Barrow and River Nore SAC (002162) - Estuaries, Tidal Mudflats and Sandflats, <i>Salicornia</i> Mud, Atlantic Salt Meadows, Mediterranean Salt Meadows, Floating River Vegetation, Dry Heath, Hydrophilous Tall Herb Communities, Petrifying Springs, Old Oak Woodlands, Alluvial Forests, Desmoulin's Whorl Snail, Freshwater Pearl Mussel, White-clawed Crayfish, Sea Lamprey, Brook Lamprey, River Lamprey, Twaitte Shad, Atlantic Salmon, Otter, Killarney Fern, Nore Freshwater Pearl Mussel.</p>	
The conservation objectives / qualifying interests of the site and the factors that contributes to the conservation value of the site: (which are taken from the Natura 2000 site synopses and, if applicable, a Conservation Management Plan; all available on www.npws.ie) (ATTACH INFO.)	
<p>Site Name: Charleville Wood SAC (000571) https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY000571.pdf</p> <p>Site Name: Clara Bog SAC (000572) https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY000572.pdf</p> <p>Site Name: Split Hills and Long Hill Esker SAC (001831) https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY001831.pdf</p> <p>Site Name: Raheenmore Bog SAC (000582) https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY000582.pdf</p> <p>Site Name: River Barrow And River Nore SAC (002162) https://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/protected-sites/synopsis/SY002162.pdf</p>	

(C) NPWS ADVICE:	
Advice received from NPWS over phone:	None Received
Summary of advice received from NPWS in written form (ATTACH SAME):	None Received

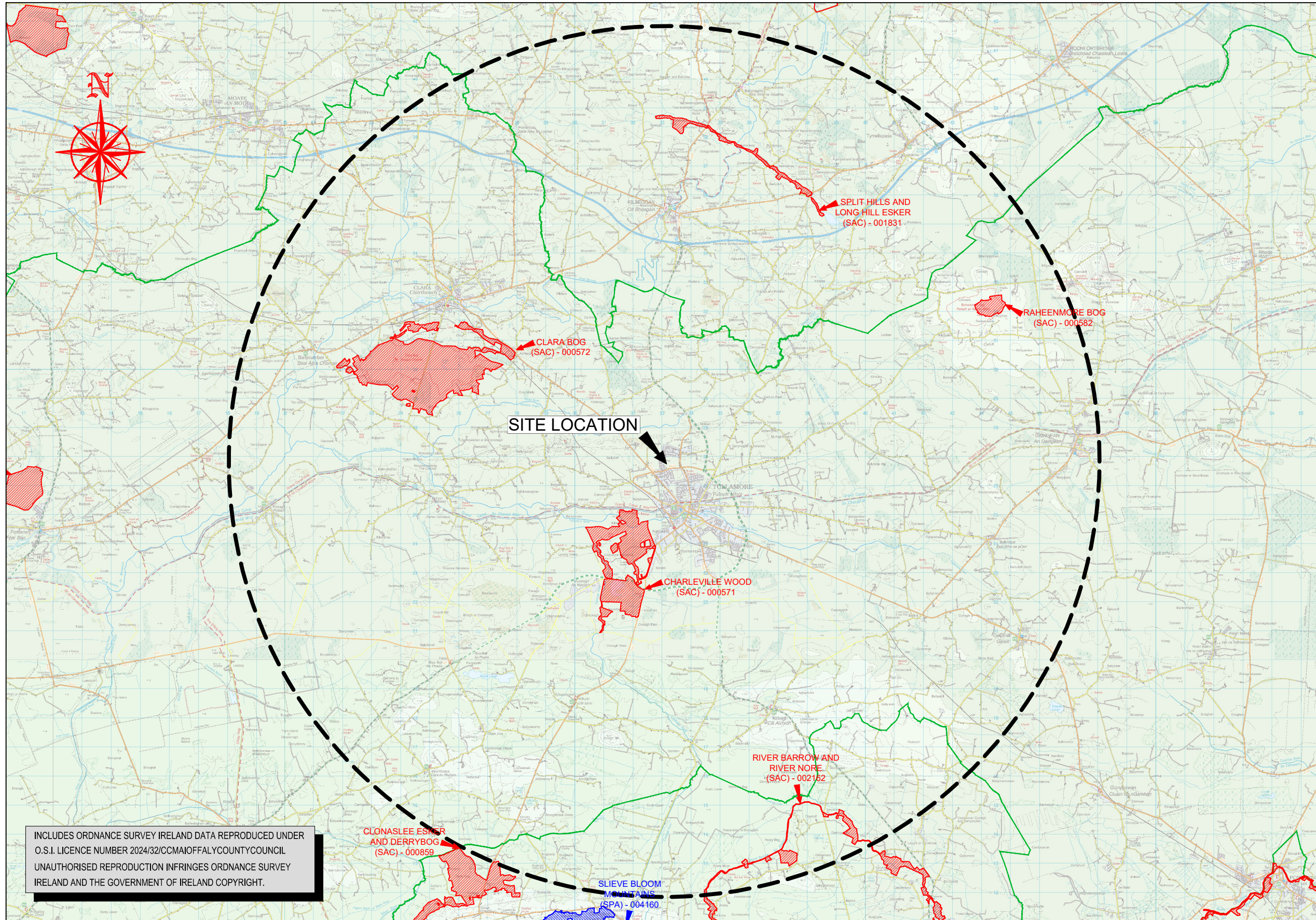
(D) ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS:	
<i>(The purpose of this is to identify if the effect(s) identified could be significant – if uncertain assume the effect(s) are significant).</i>	
If the answer is 'yes' to any of the questions below, then the effect is significant. <i>(Please justify your answer. 'Yes' / 'No' alone is insufficient)</i>	
Would there be... ... any impact on an Annex 1 habitat? (Annex 1 habitats are listed in Appendix 1 of AA Guidance).	No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. The closest Natura 2000 site is the Charleville Wood SAC (000571) approximately 1.89 KM to the North of the proposed development.
... a reduction in habitat area on a Natura 2000 site?	No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. There will be no reduction of the habitat area due to the proposed scheme.
... direct / indirect damage to the physical quality of the environment (e.g. water quality and supply, soil compaction) in the Natura 2000 site?	No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. There will be no direct / indirect damage to the physical quality of the environment in the Natura 2000 site due to these works.
... serious / ongoing disturbance to species / habitats for which the Natura 2000 site is selected (e.g. because of increased noise, illumination and human activity)?	No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. There will be no serious / ongoing disturbance to species / habitats for which the Natura 2000 site due to these works.
... direct / indirect damage to the size, characteristics or reproductive ability of populations on the Natura 2000 site?	No - The proposed development is not located within a SPA or SAC. There will be no direct / indirect damage to the size, characteristics or reproductive ability of populations on the Natura 2000 site due to these works.
Would the project interfere with mitigation measures put in place for other plans / projects. [Look at <i>in-combination effects</i> with completed, approved but not completed, and proposed plans / projects. Look at projects / plans within and adjacent to Natura 2000 sites and identify them]. Simply stating that there are no cumulative impacts' is insufficient.	No - The proposed project will not interfere with mitigation measures put in place for other plans / projects, i.e. Tullamore Urban Greenway and Cox's Bridge/Clara Road Works which are similar in scale and nature to the proposed works at Collins Lane.
(E) SCREENING CONCLUSION:	
Screening can result in:	
1.	<i>AA is not required</i> because the project is directly connected with/necessary to the nature conservation management of the site.
2.	<i>No potential for significant effects - AA is not required.</i>

3.	<i>Significant effects are certain, likely or uncertain.</i> (In this situation seek a Natura Impact Statement from the applicant, or reject the project. Reject if too potentially damaging / inappropriate.		
Therefore, does the project fall into category 1, 2 or 3 above?		2	
Justify why it falls into relevant category above:			
Proposed Development is not located within SPA or SAC. Works will take place on and around Collins Lane Tullamore, Housing Estates, Domestic Dwellings, Agricultural Fields and on the Public Roadway and Footpaths. It is considered due to the distance of the proposed development from the Natura 2000 sites listed above, that there would be unlikely significant affects to the integrity of the Natura 2000 site.			
Name:			
Position:	Executive Engineer	Date:	4th March 2025

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ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGNATED SITES



LEGEND

- SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION (SAC)
- SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA)
- 15Km BOUNDARY FROM THE SITE
- OFFALY COUNTY BOUNDARY

NOTE:
 THE SAC AND SPA DATA IS DOWNLOADED FROM THE NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (NPWS) WEBSITE (www.npws.ie) THE DATA ON THE WEBSITE IS THE LAST UPDATED ON THE 25/07/2023

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TITLE
 ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGNATED SITES

SCALE	ROAD NO	PROJECT NO	DRAWING NO
NTS	N/A	EDS	001
	DATE	DRAWN BY	CHECKED
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