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## Assessment of plans and projects significantly affecting Natura 2000 sites

### Summerhill Local Area Plan 2009-2015

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## Screening matrix

### Brief description of the project or plan

The project title is the Summerhill Local Area Plan 2009-2015. The objective of the Local Area Plan is to establish a land use framework for the sustainable development of Summerhill village in a co-ordinated and coherent manner (Draft Local Area Plan, 2009-2015).

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### Brief description of the Natura 2000 site

No Natura 2000 site was identified within the boundary of Summerhill village.

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### *Assessment criteria*

#### **Describe the individual elements of the project (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) likely to give rise to impacts on the Natura 2000 site.**

As no Natura 2000 site exists within the boundary of Summerhill village the Local Area Plan will not impact on a protected site.

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#### **Describe any likely direct, indirect or secondary impacts of the project (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) on the Natura 2000 site by virtue of:**

- *size and scale;*
- *land-take;*
- *distance from the Natura 2000 site or key features of the site;*
- *resource requirements (water abstraction etc.);*
- *emissions (disposal to land, water or air);*
- *excavation requirements;*
- *transportation requirements;*
- *duration of construction, operation, decommissioning, etc.;*
- *other.*

Not applicable to the Summerhill Local Area Plan as no Natura 2000 site was identified within the village boundary. Discharges to watercourses should be in compliance with the Water Framework Directive to prevent deterioration in water quality downstream of the town environs.

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**Describe any likely changes to the site arising as a result of:**

- *reduction of habitat area;*
- *disturbance to key species;*
- *habitat or species fragmentation;*
- *reduction in species density;*
- *changes in key indicators of conservation value (water quality etc.);*
- *climate change*

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**Describe any likely impacts on the Natura 2000 site as a whole in terms of:**

- *interference with the key relationships that define the structure of the site;*
- *interference with key relationships that define the function of the site.*

Not applicable to the Summerhill Local Area Plan as no Natura 2000 site was identified within the village boundary.

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**Provide indicators of significance as a result of the identification of effects set out above in terms of:**

- *loss;*
- *fragmentation;*
- *disruption;*
- *disturbance;*
- *change to key elements of the site (e.g. water quality etc.)*

Not applicable to the Summerhill Local Area Plan as no Natura 2000 site was identified within the village boundary.

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**Describe from the above those elements of the project or plan, or combination of elements, where the above impacts are likely to be significant or where the scale or magnitude of impacts is not known.**

Not applicable to the Summerhill Local Area Plan as no Natura 2000 site was identified within the village boundary.

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## **Finding of no significant effects report matrix**

### **Name of project or plan**

Summerhill Local Area Plan 2009-2015

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### **Name and location of Natura 2000 site**

No Natura 2000 site was identified within the boundary of Summerhill village.

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### **Description of the project or plan**

The objective of the Local Area Plan is to establish a land use framework for the sustainable development of Summerhill village in a co-ordinated and coherent manner.

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### **Is the project or plan directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site (provide details)?**

Not applicable to the Summerhill Local Area Plan as no Natura 2000 site was identified within the village boundary.

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### **Are there other projects or plans that together with the project or plan being assessed could affect the site (provide details)?**

Not applicable to the Summerhill Local Area Plan as no Natura 2000 site was identified within the village boundary.

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## ***The assessment of significance of effects***

### **Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) is likely to affect the Natura 2000 site.**

Not applicable to the Summerhill Local Area Plan as no Natura 2000 site was identified within the town boundary.

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### **Explain why these effects are not considered significant.**

There are no effects to be considered as no Natura 2000 site exists within Summerhill village boundary.

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### **List of agencies consulted: provide contact name and telephone or e-mail address.**

National Parks and Wildlife Service, geographical information system, website:

<http://www.designatednatureareas.ie/mapviewer/mapviewer.aspx>

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### **Response to consultation**

No Natura 2000 site identified within the Summerhill boundary

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## ***Data collected to carry out the assessment***

### **Who carried out the assessment?**

Niamh Ní Bhroin BSc PhD, Dúlra is Dúchas Teoranta, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

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### **Sources of data**

Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the Community action in the field of water policy

Draft Local Area Plan for Summerhill 2009-2015, Meath County Council.

European Commission, (2002). *Assessment of plans and projects significantly affecting Natura 2000 sites*. Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, Luxembourg.

National Parks and Wildlife Service, geographical information system, website:  
<http://www.designatednatureareas.ie/mapviewer/mapviewer.aspx>

National Parks and Wildlife Service, Planning Development Unit, River Boyne and River Blackwater designation map (printed April 2005).

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### **Level of assessment completed**

- Desktop survey
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### **Where can the full results of the assessment be accessed and viewed?**

Planning Department, Meath County Council, County Hall, Navan, Co. Meath.

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