


Meath County Council - Approved Officers Order

Ref Number	AO 5442/2018 (Transportation)
Subject	File Ref: TRA-01-009-00-11-01: Appropriate Assessment for proposed Preliminary Ground Investigations (GI) works for the Options Selection Phase of the N2 Slane Bypass Scheme
Submitted	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. RPS Consulting Engineers Appropriate Assessment Screening Report, Rev P02 dated 27th February 2018 in accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (EC 92/43/EEC), which concludes that the works as outlined will have no likely significant effects on any European Sites, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, and that an Appropriate Assessment is not required.2. E-Mail of 28th March 2018 from Maurice Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer Meath County Council, stating that Meath County Council as Competent Authority should accept the findings of the report that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment under Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive is not required for this project.3. E-Mail of 3rd May 2018 from Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer Meath County Council, recommending that the findings of the RPS report referred to at (1) above are accepted and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment under Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive is not required for this project.
Order	By virtue of the powers conferred on me by Section 154 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, I hereby order that based on expert opinion given, as there are no likely significant impacts on the special conservation interests of any identified Nature 2000 sites, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment under Article 6 (3) of the Habitats Directive is not required for the proposed Preliminary Ground Investigation works for the Options Selection Phase of the N2 Slane Bypass Scheme.
Signed By	 Approved Officer - AO 5442/2018 (Transportation) Pursuant to a Delegation Order under Section 154 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by Local Government Reform Act 2014
Date Signed	<u>14TH MAY, 2018</u> Date Signed - AO 5442/2018 (Transportation)

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