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**Appropriate Assessment
Determination under:
the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended)
for the:
County Meath Noise Action Plan 2019**

The European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended), requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether the County Meath Noise Action Plan 2019 warrants the undertaking of AA. An AA determination [pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive as to whether a plan or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site and the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)] is being made by Meath County Council.

In carrying out this AA Screening, the Council is considering the relevant matters including:

- The existing Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 (and associated Natura Impact Report and Strategic Environmental Assessment reports);
- Relevant parts of the written submission made by the Environmental Protection Agency as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening process for the Plan;
- The AA Screening Statement (which considers other plans and projects and has taken into account changes arising from submissions and observations received during public display).

The AA Screening Statement prepared by CAAS Ltd. that concludes that the Noise Action Plan will not give rise to any adverse effects on designated European Sites¹, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, and that, consequently, a Stage 2 AA is not required for the Noise Action Plan, has been taken into account in making this determination.

It is determined that 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 County Meath Noise Action Plan 2019 and that the screening assessment by Caas Ltd is adopted as the determination of Meath County Council.

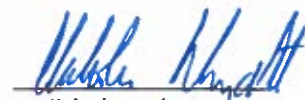
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28TH NOVEMBER 2019

¹ Except as provided for in Section 6(4) of the Habitats Directive, viz. There must be:
a) no alternative solution available,
b) imperative reasons of overriding public interest for the plan to proceed; and
c) Adequate compensatory measures in place.