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# Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination under

the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 435 of 2004) as amended by European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I No. 200 of 2011)

#### for the:

### **County Meath Noise Action Plan 2019**

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening determination is being made by Meath County Council regarding the County Meath Noise Action Plan 2019.

The SEA Directive as transposed by the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 435 of 2004), as amended by European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I No. 200 of 2011), provide requirements in relation to SEA. The Noise Action Plan for County Meath will contribute towards the already existing framework for future development consent of projects relating to transport that are subject to the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended. As a result, SEA Screening must be undertaken on the Noise Action Plan in order to establish whether the Plan would be likely to result in significant effects on the environment and would necessitate full SEA.

Such a determination is required to take account of relevant criteria set out in Schedule 1 ('Criteria for determining whether a Plan or Programme (or Modification thereto) is likely to have significant effects on the Environment') of the Regulations and submissions or observations from relevant environmental authorities. This process is referred to as screening and the findings of the screening are presented in an SEA Screening Report, prepared by CAAS Ltd, that accompanies and has informed this determination.

The Noise Action Plan will be one relatively minor part of the extensive framework of existing legislation and plans relating to noise, land use and transport. It provides for limited additionality with respect to existing provisions relating to noise avoidance and management.

The Noise Action Plan requires that all proposals for development/works under the Action Plan demonstrate compliance with the requirements of environmental and planning legislation and planning and licensing processes, including existing provisions of relevant land use plan(s) and policy documents such as the National Planning Framework, the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midlands Region, the Meath County Development Plan 2013-2019 and Local Area Plans in force in the County.

Taking into account the issues identified above, the SEA screening submission made by an environmental authority and the detailed examination of the Plan provided in the SEA Screening Report (that has been prepared by CAAS Ltd and accompanies and has informed this determination), it is determined that the Plan would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects.

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