Meath County Council - Approved Officers Order		
Ref Number	AO 11282/2020 (Transportation)	
Subject	File Ref: TRA 01 009 00 05 10 02 04	
	Appropriate Assessment for proposed Ground Investigations Works for Phase 3 of the N2 Slane Bypass Scheme	
Submitted	1. RPS Consulting Engineers Report to Inform Screening for Appropriate Assessment, Rev CO1 dated 8th July 2020 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 9th July 2020 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.	
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 Ground Investigation works for Phase 3 of the N2 Slane Bypass Scheme.	
Signed By	Approved Officer - AO 11282/2020 (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	17 07 2020 Date Signed - AO 11282/2020 (Transportation)	

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