



Infrastructure Development,
Cork City Council,
City Hall,
Ireland.

Valerie O' Sullivan
Chief Executive
Cork City Council

1st October 2026

RE: **Determination on the requirement for Appropriate Assessment for the proposed N40 Junction 1 Improvement Scheme**

I refer to the above and confirm that I have considered the document titled "N40 Junction 1 Improvement Scheme AA Screening" for this project.

I have noted that the Appropriate Assessment Screening report contains a comprehensive analysis in accordance with the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and Section 177 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

I am satisfied that the proposed development is unlikely to have an effect on any Natura 2000 sites, including the Cork Harbour SPA and the Great Island Channel SAC, and recommend that a determination be made that it is not necessary to undertake any further stage of the Appropriate Assessment Process.

I also recommend that the development proceed subject to the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended and the provisions of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended.


Gerry O'Beirne, DOS
Infrastructure Development


Aidan Sullivan, SE
Infrastructure Development