

Galway County Council

N6 Galway City Ring Road

AA – In-combination Assessment of
Burkeway Bearna SHD

To be read in conjunction with “AA – In-combination Assessment Addendum Report (Dealing with proposed and permitted projects and plans since the publication of the Natura Impact Statement” (3 November 2020)

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1 Introduction

An application (Burkeway Bearna SHD) for a Strategic Housing Development (SHD) was submitted to ABP on 16 October 2020 during the course of the Oral Hearing. Details of the project are provided in **Table 1** below.

For completeness, this project has also been considered and assessed in-combination with the N6 GCRR in **Table 2** below. **Table 2** presents the results of the likely significant direct, indirect in-combination effects for the project in combination with the N6 GCRR.

Further, the project has also been assessed in-combination with the N6 GCRR in combination with all of those projects and plans considered in Section 12 of the NIS and in-combination with the projects and plans considered in the AA-In-combination Assessment Addendum Update Report (Issued to ABP on 3 November 2020) with the N6 GCRR.

As assessed in Section 12 of the NIS and in Section 4.14 of the RFI, there is no potential for adverse effects on the integrity of any European sites to arise as a consequence of the proposed road development acting in-combination with any, or indeed all taken together, of the plans or projects originally considered as part of the in-combination assessment in the NIS and equally, there is no potential for adverse effects on the integrity of any European sites to arise as a consequence of the proposed road development acting in-combination with the Burkeway Bearna SHD and any, or all, of the additional plans and projects assessed in the AA-In-combination Assessment Addendum Update Report (Issued to ABP on 3 November 2020), including when considered in-combination with those plans and projects originally assessed in the NIS.

Therefore, the N6 GCRR will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites, either alone or in-combination with any other plans or projects and there is no scientific doubt in relation to that conclusion.

Table 1: Details of Burkeway Bearna SHD

ABP ref	GCC ref	Details	Live/Approved Decision Date
308431	-	<p>Burkeway Bearna SHD Residential Development at Trusky East, Trusky West, Freeport and Ahaglugger, Bearna, Co. Galway. Consisting of: Demolition of existing outbuildings, construction of 121 no. residential units (comprising of 52 no. houses and 69 no. apartments), childcare facility and all other associated site works. https://www.burkewaybearnashd.com/</p>	LIVE Lodged 16/10/20

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Table 2: In-combination assessment of Burkeway Bearna SHD (308431) in combination with the N6 GCRR

Plan/Project Ref. No.	
Burkeway Bearna SHD	<p>The proposed development consists of demolition of existing outbuildings, construction of 121 no. residential units (comprising of 52 no. houses and 69 no. apartments), childcare facility and all other associated site works</p> <p>The development is remote from any European sites. However, it could have the potential to act in-combination with the proposed road development to affect water quality in the Galway Bay as a result of the discharge of waters construction and operation.</p> <p>The Natura Impact Statement (NIS) submitted by the applicant for the proposed development, identified that Galway Bay Complex cSAC and Inner Galway Bay SPA were within the potential zone of influence of water quality effects during construction and operation. Mitigation measures were proposed in the NIS submitted with the application to ensure all potential impacts were addressed – i.e. that water quality is maintained downstream in Galway Bay during construction and operation. The NIS for the proposed development has concluded that with the application of the specified mitigation measures, the proposed development will not give rise to any adverse effects on the integrity of any European sites.</p> <p>As concluded in the NIS for the N6 GCRR, and having regard to the mitigation measures detailed therein (see Section 10 of the NIS), the proposed road development will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites, including Lough Corrib cSAC, Galway Bay Complex cSAC and Inner Galway Bay SPA, either alone or in-combination with any other plans or projects.</p> <p>Considering the mitigation measures for this proposed development and the mitigation strategy proposed in the NIS for the N6 GCRR, there is no potential for any in-combination effects to arise that would affect the receiving environment in Lough Corrib cSAC, Galway Bay Complex cSAC or Inner Galway Bay SPA, or that would adversely affect the integrity of any European sites.</p>