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**APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT (AA) SCREENING DETERMINATION BY CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL
AS COMPETENT AUTHORITY for the CLIFFS OF MOHER STRATEGY 2040**

An Appropriate Assessment Screening by Clare County Council as the Competent Authority has been undertaken associated with the *Cliffs of Moher Strategy 2040*.

It is the decision of the Clare County Council as Competent Authority to determine under PART 5 APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT *Screening for Appropriate Assessment and Appropriate Assessment of implications for European Sites* Article 42(6) of the *European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011*, as amended by the *European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Amendment) Regulations 2021*, that:

"An Appropriate Assessment of the Cliffs of Moher Strategy 2040 is required in terms of Articles 6(3) and 6(4) of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and in accordance with the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended by the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Amendment) Regulations 2021."

Therefore a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment will be carried out per Article 42(6) of the *European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011*, as amended by the *European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Amendment) Regulations 2021*, and Articles 6(3) and 6(4) of the *Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC)*, in relation to the *Cliffs of Moher Strategy 2040* and Clare County Council as Competent Authority shall:

- Prepare a Natura Impact Statement.
- Compile any other evidence including, but not limited to, scientific evidence that is required for the purposes of the Appropriate Assessment.
- Submit a Natura Impact Statement together with evidence compiled to the Minister not later than six weeks before it proposes to adopt or undertake the *Cliffs of Moher Strategy 2040* to which the Natura Impact Statement and evidence relates.

the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Signed:

Date:

24/5/24

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