

MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

MAYO NATIONAL DESIGN OFFICE

MEMO

To: Mr. Paddy Mahon, Director of Services

From: R. Glancy, A/ S.E.

Date: 20th February 2014

Re: N60 Balla Claremorris Road at HEATHLAWN – Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report

Please find attached for your consideration and approval Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report, dated January 2014, in connection with the above Project.

The Report, which was prepared by Jacobs Engineering Ireland Ltd (“Jacobs”), determines whether the proposed road development requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.

The Report at Section **4.Conclusions:** Sub-Section **4.4 Recommendation to Mayo County Council** concludes that

“Based on the information gathered during this study, Jacobs recommends that Mayo County Council determines that the proposed road development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the N60 Balla Claremorris Road improvement Scheme at Heathlawn does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.”

I therefore recommend that Mayo County Council, having considered the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report, makes a determination that the N60 Balla Claremorris Road Project at Heathlawn does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment. (Draft attached).


R. Glancy,

A / S.E.

Approved
P Mahon 24/2/14



**Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council**

**Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2010 and Planning and Development Regulations,
2001 to 2013.**

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination

N60 Balla to Claremorris Road Project at Heathlawn

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report, dated January 2014 was carried out on the **N60 Balla to Claremorris Road Project at Heathlawn**. A review of the Characteristics of the Proposed Development, the Location of the Project and the Characteristics of Potential Impacts was undertaken.

The N60 Balla to Claremorris Road Project at Heathlawn comprises the upgrading of approximately 3.6 km of roadway which will help in providing a high quality and sustainable road network and promote strategic development within County Mayo. The improvement of the N60 along the existing road corridor will be comprised of the following:-

- Widening of the existing road to a Type 2 Single Carriageway standard with Cycleway in accordance with the NRA's National Secondary Roads Needs Study,
- Widening of existing watercourse structures,
- Excavation of the existing road,
- Excavation of land adjacent to the existing road,
- Construction of a new road,
- Construction of culverts,
- Drainage works,
- Excavation of peat and unacceptable material,
- Excavation of rock,
- Disposal / Recovery of unacceptable roadwork's material, and
- Ancillary works.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report, drawing on the conclusions of the NIS Report, concludes that no significant effects on the qualifying habitats and species of the Balla Turlough cSAC and pNHA will occur and that no other significant effects on the environment will occur.

Mayo County Council having considered the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report has determined that the N60 Balla to Claremorris Road Project at Heathlawn does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2014.



Paddy Mahon,
Director of Services.