



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001, as amended, Sections 151-154

CHIEF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO: E4921

**SUBJECT: DETERMINATION IN RELATION TO THE FINDINGS OF AA SCREENING REPORT DATED 6 FEBRUARY 2026**

**ORDER:** I, Uinsinn Finn, Director of Services, Physical Infrastructure, Fire and Emergency Services & Climate Change, Galway County Council by virtue of the function/s delegated to me by Chief Executive's Order No. HR24/0541 signed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2024 by Liam Conneally, Chief Executive of Galway County Council, do hereby make the following determination.

I have considered in full the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report dated 6 February 2026, including its methodology, surveys undertaken, findings, and conclusions, which was prepared to assess the ecological implications of the emergency flood relief works undertaken at the N59 Kylemore Bridge, Connemara, the subject of the quashed Chief Executive's Order (Local Authority Ref. E3998).

Having regard to the best scientific knowledge in the field, the information contained within the Screening Report and the conservation objectives of the relevant European sites, I determine, as competent authority, that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective scientific information, that the said works, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, would have a likely significant effect on any European site.

Accordingly, I determine that an Appropriate Assessment pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive is not required in respect of the said works.

This determination is made in compliance with Article 6(3) of Council Directive 92/43/EEC, Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended), and the direction of the High Court in High Court Order dated 18 December 2024 bearing record no. 2022 858 JR



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Signed by me on the 09th day of February 2026

*Uinsinn Finn*

Mr. Uinsinn Finn,  
Director of Services,  
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