

**Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination under:
Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (as
amended) for:**

Gas Networks Ireland Network Development Plan 2021

In order to comply with the requirements of Article 9 of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Creation Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I No 435 of 2004), as amended by the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 200 of 2011), this determination has been made by Gas Networks Ireland in relation to the potential for the Network Development Plan (NDP) 2021 to give rise to likely significant effects on the environment.

This determination has been made by Gas Networks Ireland following consideration of information contained in the SEA Screening Report prepared by Arup Consultants (accompanying this determination), the content of the NDP 2021 and the statutory consultation responses received.

Following analysis and evaluation of the information, Gas Networks Ireland, as the competent authority responsible for developing the NDP 2021 has reached the conclusion that a SEA is not required for the NDP 2021, based on the following considerations:

- The NDP is a supply/demand analysis and capacity statement required by EU and national legislation. While the NDP does outline the capital investment proposals to be implemented over the next 10 years, it does not provide a framework for future development consent of projects listed Annex I and Annex II of the EIA Directive.
- GNI's Network Implementation Plan which sets out in more detail the manner in which projects identified in the NDP will be developed was subject to SEA in 2020.

Gas Networks Ireland is satisfied that the NDP 2021 will not give rise to likely significant environmental affects and does not require SEA.

This determination and associated documentation are available on Gas Networks Ireland's website at <https://www.gasnetworks.ie> and for public inspection at the offices of Gas Networks Ireland during office hours (8.30am – 5.30pm) in Gas Networks Ireland Headquarters, Gasworks Road, Cork, T12 RX96.

Signed: 

Date: 07th December 2021

On behalf of:

GAS NETWORKS IRELAND LIMITED