

Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment

Fehily Timoney and Company (FT) is an Irish engineering, environmental science and planning consultancy. We deliver projects in our core competency areas of Environmental Science, Planning, Climate Science, Renewable Energy, Circular Economy, GIS and Sustainable Infrastructure.

FT deliver Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) of National, Regional and Local Plans for Local Authorities and Public Bodies.

What is SEA and AA?

SEA and AA are statutory processes that involve the systematic evaluation of effects on the environment and European sites.

The purpose of SEA is to identify, assess, and mitigate potential likely significant environmental effects associated with a Plan or Programme, and integrate environmental considerations into the preparation, adoption and implementation of a Plan/Programme. SEA also facilitates consultation with environmental authorities, stakeholders and the public on environmental matters relevant during the Plan-making process.

The purpose of AA is to identify, assess and mitigate potential significant adverse effects a Plan may have on designated European sites.



FT Experience

FT have a dedicated SEA/AA Team with responsibility for delivery of Plan SEA and AA. This inter-disciplinary team has a vast amount of experience methodologically evaluating environmental and ecological impacts of a wide variety of plans. The team have an in-depth understanding of statutory procedures and most up-to-date case law governing the areas of SEA and AA.

Some contemporary examples of Plans that FT have provided SEA/AA services on are provided below:



Plan	Client
25 Local Authority Climate Action Plans	Various Local Authorities
Monaghan County Development Plan	Monaghan County Council
Bray Municipal District Local Area Plan	Wicklow County Council
Kiltiernan-Glenamuck Local Area Plan	Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council
Old Connaught Local Area Plan	Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council
Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown Local Economic & Community Plan	Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council
Kildare Local Economic and Community Plan	Kildare County Council
Eirgrid Grid Implementation Plan 2023-2028	Eirgrid
Common Agricultural Policy Strategic Plan 2023-2027	Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine

SEA and AA Services

Our experience in SEA and AA has led to the development of a robust and systematic approach for the production of SEA and AA deliverables. FT delivers SEA and AA services in accordance with the latest best practice guidelines and case law. An overview of the FT's SEA and AA services is provided below:



Strategic Environmental Assessment	Appropriate Assessment
SEA Screening (including for Draft Plans and any post-consultation Plan amendments)	AA Screening (including for Draft Plans and any post-consultation Plan amendments)
Evaluation of the Environmental Baseline for a Plan Area	Evaluation of Environmental and European Site Baseline
Development of Constraint Mapping	Natura Impact Report
Development of Environmental Baseline Mapping	AA Conclusion Statement
SEA Scoping	
Reasonable Alternatives Assessment	
Development of Strategic Environmental Objectives	
Development of SEA Monitoring Framework	
SEA Environmental Report	
SEA Statement	
	Other Related Services
	Preparation of Material for Consultations
	Review of SEA and AA related Consultation Submissions and Development of a Consultation Response Report
	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment





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