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South Dublin County Council

Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Orders
Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination under:
The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for:

Proposed Material Alterations to the South Dublin Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028

A Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination is being made by South Dublin County Council regarding Proposed Material Alterations to the South Dublin Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Section 12 (7) (aa) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), requires, inter alia, a determination to be made as to whether Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan warrant the undertaking of AA.

The existing Draft Plan has already been informed by a Stage 2 AA and a Natura Impact Report has been prepared. As part of that AA, it was identified that the Plan may, if unmitigated, have significant effects on European sites. Plan elements that could potentially affect the integrity of European sites include:

- Provisions for sectors such as climate action, urbanisation including residential and economic development, streetscape works, community facilities, transport, green infrastructure, energy, environmental infrastructure, recreational, natural resource, which introduce sources for effects through construction phase such as habitat destruction, light pollution, hydrological interactions and disturbance effects; and
- Loading pressures from the operational phase of developments - these sources could result in habitat loss, disturbance effects, interactions with water quality and habitat fragmentation.

Mitigation was integrated into the Draft Plan that allowed the Natura Impact Report to conclude that that the Draft Plan is not foreseen to give rise to any significant effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects¹. The Draft Plan and AA Natura Impact Report were placed on public display and submissions were invited. Some of these submissions resulted in Material Alterations being proposed to the Plan.

Taking into account the measures that have been already integrated into the Draft Plan that provide for and contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development, the AA process identified that there is no potential for effects to arise on the integrity of any European site as a result of all proposed

¹ Except as provided for in Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive, viz. There must be: a) no alternative solution available, b) imperative reasons of overriding public interest for the plan to proceed; and c) Adequate compensatory measures in place.

Material Alterations apart from the Proposed Material Alterations identified by their amendment reference in Table 1.0 below. The AA screening process takes into account the need to undertake Stage 2 AA when mitigation is being proposed. As certain proposed Material Alterations could be considered to be mitigation in relation to Plan elements that could potentially affect the integrity of European sites, further to the mitigation already integrated into the Draft Plan, the AA process identified that it would be prudent to undertake Stage 2 AA.

Table 1.0 – Proposed Material Amendments that Screen in for AA

2.4	4.8	7.9/7.11	8.11	11.8
2.5	4.10	7.10	8.14	11.12
2.9	5.3	7.11	8.17	11.13
2.13	5.4	7.13	8.22	13.4
2.15	5.6	7.18	9.3	Appendix 2 Part 1 page 27, Amendment 2.1
2.18	5.10	7.21	9.13	Appendix 11 updates
2.19	5.12	7.22	9.17	
3.6	5.13	7.23	9.19	
3.7	7.1	8.3	9.20	
3.11	7.2	8.4	9.28	
4.6	7.7	8.8	11.3	

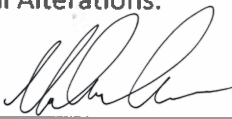
The AA Natura Impact Report that accompanies the Proposed Material Alterations is part of the ongoing and overall AA process that is being undertaken alongside the preparation of the Plan. All Plan and AA related documentation will be considered by the planning authority in advance of the adoption of the Plan and a final AA Determination will be undertaken by the planning authority at adoption. An AA Conclusion Statement will be prepared following adoption, which will detail the AA process undertaken for the Plan.

Having carefully considered the information referred to above and being in agreement with and adopting the reasoning and conclusion presented above I hereby recommend that that An Appropriate Assessment Determination be made pursuant to Section 12 (7)(aa) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and for the purposes of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive that Stage 2 AA is required for the above Proposed Material Alterations.


 Hazel Craigie, Senior Planner

Order: Having carefully considered the information and report of the Senior Planner set out above I agree with the reasoning and conclusion presented and recommend that it is determined pursuant to Section 12 (7)(aa) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and for the purposes of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive that Stage 2 AA is required for the above Proposed Material Alterations.

Date 19/03/2022


 Mick Mulhern, Director of Services