

Board Direction BD-006667-20 ABP-306986-20

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Having regard to:

- The planning history of the SDZ scheme and to the overall aims and objectives of the approved planning scheme,
- The nature of the proposed amendments (no.1 to no.17 inclusive), the majority of which follow from updated government planning policy and guidelines,
- The report of the inspector

The Board considered that the proposed amendments would satisfy the criteria of section 170A(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, and therefore would not be of such a nature as to affect the overall nature of the scheme or require a more fundamental review procedure to be followed.

Having regard to the overall provisions of Section 170A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) the Board agreed with the inspector's conclusion that the proposed amendments would not be material, given the limited potential to impact on the overall scheme objectives or the character of the overall Adamstown area.

The Board adopted the screening assessment carried out by the inspector in relation to the requirement for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA). The Board agreed with the conclusion that the need for SEA or AA does not arise owing to the limited nature of the proposed amendments and the scope of the original SEA and AA procedures already completed for the adopted scheme.

**Board Member** 

Date: 08/10/2020

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