

Board Direction BD-013637-23 ABP-317212-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 08/09/2023.

The Board determined that the development proposed of a synthetic grass sports pitch and all associated site development works would not be likely to have a significant effect on the integrity of the identified European Sites, and South Dublin County Council be advised that the submission of a Natura Impact Assessment report in respect of the development is not required by the local authority, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the nature and scale of the proposed development,
- (b) the location of the proposed development and the separation distance from the European Sites,
- (c) the hydrological connection between the site and the European Sites via an adjacent watercourse,
- (d) the ecological connection between the site and the European Sites via an adjacent watercourse and treelines and vegetation,
- (e) the submission made by the local authority, including the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report,
- (f) the submissions made by the applicants requesting a determination, and
- (g) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

It is considered reasonable to conclude that on the basis of the information availab., which is considered adequate to issue a screening determination, that the proposed development, either individually and in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the identified European Sites, in view of the conservation objectives of these sites and that a Stage 2 appropriate assessment and the submission of a Natura Impact Statement for the proposed development is not required.

Board Member

Stephen Bohan

Date: 08/09/2023