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**Board Direction**  
**BD-014818-23**  
**ABP-317594-23**

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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 08/12/2023.

The Board determined that the development proposed of a residential development of 60 no units in a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bed units and all ancillary site and enabling works would not be likely to have a significant effect on the integrity of the identified European Sites, and Wexford 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 the following:

- the nature and scale of the proposed development,
- the location of the proposed development and the separation distance from the Natura 2000 sites,
- the hydrological connection between the site and the European sites via an adjacent watercourse,
- the ecological connection between the site and the European sites via an adjacent watercourse and treelines and vegetation,
- the submission made by the local authority, including the AA Screening Report,
- the submissions made by the applicants requesting a determination,
- the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

It is considered reasonable to conclude that on the basis of the information available, 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 Natura 2000 sites, in view of the conservation objectives of these sites and that a Stage 2 AA and the submission of a NIS for the proposed development is not required.

**Note**

The Board noted the Inspectors consideration of the procedural matter in respect of the submission of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and concurred with the Inspector that, despite the retrospective nature of the submission by Wexford County Council of the Appropriate Assessment Screening report that the assessment undertaken by the Inspector has assessed the robustness and completeness of the information provided by Wexford County Council which facilitates the Board, as the competent authority, in reaching its own determination in this case.

**Board Member**

  
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**Date:** 08/12/2023