

## **Board Direction BD-015964-24 ABP-317781-23**

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 04/03/2024.

The Board determined that the development proposed of the Deansgrange cycle route scheme and all associated site development works would not be likely to have a significant effect on the integrity of the identified European Sites, and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown 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 modest nature and limited scale of the proposed development
- The location of the proposed development and the separation distances from the Natura 2000 Sites
- The indirect hydrological connections between the site and the European sites
- the conservation objectives of these European sites
- The submissions made by the local authority, including the EIA and AA
  Screening Report and the EIA and AA Screening Report Addendum prepared
  on behalf of the local authority
- The Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028
- The submission made by the applicant requesting a determination and the response to same from the local authority

 The report and recommendation of the person appointed by the Board to make a report and recommendation on the matter

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 or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004024), South Dublin Bay Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000210), Dalkey Islands Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004172), Rockabill to Dalkey Islands Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 003000), or any other European Site, in view of the conservation objectives of these sites and that an Appropriate Assessment and the submission of a NIS for the proposed development is not required.

**Board Member** 

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