

Direction CD-020261-25 ABP-322353-25

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 17/07/2025.

The Commission decided in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development a for the reasons and considerations set out below.

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Commissioner:

Date: 18/07/2025

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 15th day of April 2025 from Dublin Port Company under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the approval of a strategic infrastructure development, granted under PL29N.PA0034 for the redevelopment of Alexandra Basin and Berths 52 and 53 together with associated works in Dublin Port, Dublin City.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to approve the development, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by order dated the 7th day of July 2015.

AND WHEREAS the Board has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

 Proposed alterations to the terms of the permitted development granted under reference number PL29N.PA0034.

AND WHEREAS having regard to the issues involved, the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to the matter.

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alterations would not result in the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the abovementioned approval decision so that the terms of the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 15th day of April 2025, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following:

- (a) The nature and scale of the proposed alteration,
- (b) The documentation on file,

(c) The report of the Inspector.

EIA Screening Determination

The proposed development has been subject to preliminary examination for environmental impact assessment (refer to Form 1 and Form 2 in Appendices of this report). Having regard to the characteristics and location of the proposed development, which proposes the omission of certain aspects of a permitted development at Dublin Port, it is considered that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment. The proposed development, therefore, does not trigger a requirement for environmental impact assessment screening and an EIAR is not required.

AA Screening Determination

Having regard to the characteristics and location of the proposed development, which proposes the omission of certain aspects of a permitted development at Dublin Port, it is considered that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on on a European Site, either on its own or in combination with other plans and projects in the surrounding area. The proposed development, therefore, does not trigger a requirement for Appropriate Assessment and an NIS is not required.

Having regard to:

- the nature and scale of the development permitted under PL29N.PA0034,
- the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to Natura
 2000 sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- the limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted development
- the location of the proposed alterations, within the footprint of the existing Dublin Port site.
- the absence of any significant new or additional environmental impacts arising as a result of the proposed alterations, and
- the report of the Board's inspector, which is adopted,

It is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning & Development Act, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.