

An  
Bord  
Pleanála

**Board Order  
ABP-309556-21**

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**Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2020**

**Planning Authority: Limerick City and County Council**

**Application** by Michael and Fiona Doyle requesting An Bord Pleanála to exercise its powers under article 250(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whether Limerick City and County Council should be directed to prepare a Natura impact statement in respect of proposed development of the construction of a mixed development, including 253 residential units, in the townland of Dromdarrig, Mungret, County Limerick.

### **Decision**

**Direct the local authority not to prepare a Natura impact statement in respect of the proposed development, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.**

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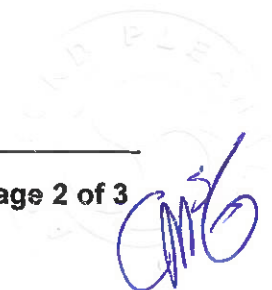
## Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard.

## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the nature and limited scale of the proposed development,
- (b) the separation distance between the proposed development and European Sites,
- (c) the submission made on behalf of the local authority, including the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report received on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2021, and
- (d) 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 the River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004077), the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002165), the Curraghchase Woods Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000174), the Tory Hill Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000439) and the Askeaton Fen Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002279) 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, therefore, required.



**Chris McGarry**  
**Member of An Bord Pleanála**  
**duly authorised to authenticate**  
**the seal of the Board.**

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021