



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-312239-21

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Kildare County Council

Application by Kildare County Council requesting An Bord Pleanála to exercise its powers under section 177U of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to carry out a screening for appropriate assessment with respect to the proposed remediation of a closed landfill at Digby Bridge in County Kildare.

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.

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 location of the proposed development outside of any European designated Sites, and the separation distance between the proposed development and the European Sites at the closest points,
- (c) the absence of identified pathways and hydrological connections between the proposed development and European Sites,
- (d) the lack of in-combination effects arising from other proposed and permitted development in the vicinity, and
- (e) 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, the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects would not be likely to adversely affect the integrity of any European Site, in view of the Sites' conservation objectives and, therefore, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment and the submission of a Natura impact statement for the proposed development is not required. There is no reasonable scientific doubt as to the absence of such effects.



Dave Walsh
Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this *28th* day of *March* 2022

