

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-315744-23

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Application by An Taisce requesting An Bord Pleanála to exercise its powers under article 250(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whether Galway City Council should be directed to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of alterations to the existing Church house (known as the “Manse”) and adjoining theatre building, 23 Nun’s Island, Galway City.

Decision

Not to Direct the local authority 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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Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) The nature and scale of the proposed development,
- (b) the proximity of the proposed development site to the Lough Corrib Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000297), Galway Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000268) or Inner Galway Bay Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004031),
- (c) the hydrological connection between the site and the European Sites via an adjacent watercourse,
- (d) the submission made by the local authority, including the Appropriate Assessment Screening Assessment,
- (e) 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 and in-combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the Lough Corrib Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000297), Galway Bay Complex Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000268) or Inner Galway Bay Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004031), 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.



Peter Mullan
Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.

Dated this *27th* day of *June* 2023

