

Board Order ABP-316135-23

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Application by Cork County Council requesting An Bord Pleanála to exercise its powers under article 250(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whether Cork County Council should be directed to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of remediation works to a closed landfill at Kealanine, Coomhola, Bantry, County Cork.

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 limited scale of the proposed development;
- (b) the physical, topographical and hydrological separation distances between the proposed development and European Sites;
- (c) the surface water management arrangements which form part of the overall project;
- (d) the submission made on behalf of the local authority, including the Screening for Appropriate Assessment received on 23rd day of March, 2023; and
- (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 or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the Glengarriff Harbour and Woodland Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000090) or the Sheep's Head Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 000102), or any other European Sites, in view of the conservation objectives of those Sites, and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment and the submission of a Natura Impact Statement for the proposed development is not, therefore, required.

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

Dated this 2 day of Volenber 2023