

An  
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Pleanála

## Board Order ABP-317211-23

### Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: South Dublin County Council

**APPLICATION** by Patricia Hunt of Woodstown Abbey, Dublin and others requesting An Bord Pleanála to consider and determine, in accordance with its powers under article 120(3)(cc) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whether South Dublin County Council should be directed to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report in respect of a synthetic grass sports pitch and associated development at Knocklyon Park, Ballycullen, Dublin.

### DECISION

**NOT TO DIRECT** the local authority to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report in respect of the said proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.



### REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the following:

- (a) the criteria set out in Schedule 7 and the information provided in Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,
- (b) the limited nature and scale of the proposed development which is under the threshold in respect of Class 10b(iv) (Infrastructure – Urban Development) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended,

- (c) the location of the site on lands zoned Open Space in the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 and the results of the Strategic Environmental Assessment of this plan undertaken in accordance with the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (2001/42/EC),
- (d) the location of the site in a built-up area served by public infrastructure and the existing pattern of development in the vicinity,
- (e) the limited potential for significant impacts arising from the proposed development,
- (f) the submission made by the local authority, including the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report, Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Ecological Impact Assessment,
- (g) the submissions made by the applicants requesting a determination, and
- (h) the report and recommendation of the Inspector,

It is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation and submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not therefore required.



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

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023