



An
Bord
Pleanála

**Board Order
ABP-317212-23**

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: South Dublin County Council

Application by Clare Hamilton of Woodstown Heights, Knocklyon, Dublin and others requesting An Bord Pleanála to exercise its powers under article 250(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whether South Dublin County Council should be directed to prepare a Natura Impact Statement 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 a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the proposed development, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to:

- (a) the nature and scale of the proposed development,
- (b) the location of the proposed development and the separation distance from the European Sites,
- (c) the hydrological connection between the site and the European Sites via an adjacent watercourse,
- (d) the ecological connection between the site and the European Sites via an adjacent watercourse and treelines and vegetation,
- (e) the submission made by the local authority, including the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report,
- (f) the submissions made by the applicants requesting a determination, and
- (g) 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, 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 identified European Sites, 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 required.



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

Dated this *19th* day of *September* 2023

