



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-317594-23

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Wexford County Council

Application by Killeens Lane Residents Association care of Andrew Hersey Planning, 3 Atlantic View, West End, Kilkee, County Clare, requesting An Bord Pleanála to exercise its powers under article 250(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whether Wexford County Council should be directed to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of proposed residential development of 60 number units in a mix of 1, 2, and 3 bed units, and all ancillary site and enabling works at Killeens, Wexford Town, County Wexford.

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 applicant 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, therefore, required.

The Board noted the Inspectors consideration of the procedural matter in respect of the submission of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and concurred with the Inspector that, despite the retrospective nature of the submission by Wexford County Council of the Appropriate Assessment Screening report that the assessment undertaken by the Inspector has assessed the robustness and completeness of the information provided by Wexford County Council which facilitates the Board, as the competent authority, in reaching its own determination in this case.



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

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