



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-317848-23

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Galway City Council

Application by Galway City Council requesting An Bord Pleanála to exercise its powers under article 250(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, whether the local authority should be directed to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the development of Ballyburke Neighbourhood Centre and Social Housing Scheme at Ballyburke, Knocknacarra, County Galway.

Decision

NOT TO DIRECT the local authority to prepare a Natura Impact Statement in respect of the said 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 proximity of the proposed development site to 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,

- (d) the Appropriate Assessment Screening Assessment prepared on behalf of Galway City Council,
- (e) the Galway City Development Plan 2023-2029 which zones the land for residential use, and
- (f) 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 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.



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

Dated this 5th day of December 2023