

# Commission Order ABP-322353-25

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

**Planning Authority: Dublin City Council** 

(Associated reference number: 29N.PA0034)

**REQUEST** received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025 from Dublin Port Company care of RPS of West Pier Business Campus, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development, granted under 29N.PA0034 for the redevelopment of Alexandra Basin and Berths 52 and 53, together with associated works in Dublin Port, Dublin City.

**WHEREAS** the Commission made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015,

**AND WHEREAS** the Commission has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

• Proposed alterations to the terms of the permitted development granted under reference number 29N.PA0034.

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AND WHEREAS having regard to the issues involved, the Commission decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to the matter,

AND WHEREAS the Commission decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alterations would not result in the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

**AND WHEREAS** having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Commission considered that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European site,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Commission hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

#### **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

In coming to its decision, the Commission had regard to the following:

- (i) the nature and scale of the proposed alteration;
- (ii) the documentation on file, and
- (iii) the report of the Inspector.

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## **EIA Screening Determination**

The proposed development has been subject to preliminary examination for environmental impact assessment. Having regard to the characteristics and location of the proposed development, which proposes the omission of certain aspects of a permitted development at Dublin Port, it is considered that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment. The proposed development, therefore, does not trigger a requirement for environmental impact assessment screening and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required.

#### **AA Screening Determination**

Having regard to the characteristics and location of the proposed development, which proposes the omission of certain aspects of a permitted development at Dublin Port, it is considered that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on a European site, either by itself, or in combination with other plans and projects within the surrounding area. The proposed development, therefore, does not trigger a requirement for Appropriate Assessment and an Natura Impact Statement is not required.

### Having regard to:

- the nature and scale of the development permitted under 29N.PA0034;
- the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to Natura
  2000 sites, carried out in the course of that application;
- the limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted development;
- the location of the proposed alterations, within the footprint of the existing
  Dublin Port site;
- the absence of any significant new or additional environmental impacts arising as a result of the proposed alterations, and

the report of the Commission's Inspector, which is adopted,

it is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, the Commission hereby makes the said alterations.

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 18 day of July 2025.