



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order ACP-323804-25

Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended

Planning Authority: South Dublin County Council

Application by Niall McKeon and Fionnuala Malone and Others of Greenhills, Dublin, care of Marston Planning Consultancy of 23 Grange Park, Foxrock, Dublin, requesting An Coimisiún Pleanála to consider and determine, in accordance with its powers under article 250(3)(b) 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 proposed development of a synthetic grass sports pitch at Greenhills Park in the townlands of Greenhills and Limekilnfarm, 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 the following:

- (a) the limited zone of influence of potential impacts,
- (b) the urban location of the site, at a distance of circa 6 kilometers from the nearest European Site,
- (c) the absence of any significant surface water connection to any European Site,
- (d) the absence of any connection to a Groundwater Dependent European Site,
- (e) the absence of any significant ecological connection to any European Site, and
- (f) the results of winter bird surveys confirming species and numbers of Special Conservation Interests for Special Protection Areas within 15 kilometers,

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 or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the identified European Sites, being South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004024), North Bull Island Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004006), and North-west Irish Sea Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004236), 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.

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

Dated this 23 day of April 2026