



Comhairle Contae Chill Dara

Kildare County Council

Planning Authority

Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment

Screening Determination

for

Celbridge Hazelhatch Mobility Corridor

Appropriate Assessment Screening Statement

Kildare County Council (KCC) appointed RPS to prepare a Stage 1 Screening Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment of the Proposed Development to consider, analyse and assess whether in view of best scientific knowledge and applying the precautionary principle, and in light of the conservation objectives of relevant European Sites, the Proposed Scheme, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will adversely affect the integrity of European Sites.

The Stage 1 Screening Report concluded that:

- *The project is not directly connected with or necessary for the management on any European Site.*
- *On the basis of works adjacent to the River Liffey, and the details regarding the Proposed Scheme at the time of assessment, the Proposed Scheme has potential to result in LSEs, alone or in combination with other plans and projects, on the following European sites:*
 - *North Dublin Bay SAC (000206);*
 - *South Dublin Bay SAC (000210);*
 - *South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (004024);*
 - *North Bull Island SPA (004006);*
 - *North-West Irish Sea SPA (004236);*
 - *Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000);*
 - *Dalkey Islands SPA (004172); and*
 - *Howth Head Coast SPA (004113); and*
- *Due to the LSEs identified, it is concluded that a Stage 2 NIS is required to inform an AA of the adverse effects to site integrity of the Proposed Scheme on the European sites and their associated QIs and SCIs, by the Competent Authority.*

KCC, as Competent Authority has received and reviewed the Screening Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment. It is considered that the AA Screening Report prepared by RPS contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the development on European sites.

That assessment is adopted as the assessment of KCC and KCC agrees with the conclusion that the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is required.

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

Reasons for Determination

Having had regard to the above, KCC has determined that a Stage 2 Natura Impact Statement is required as it cannot exclude, in view of best scientific knowledge and on the basis of objective scientific information, following the screening that the Proposed Scheme, either individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, in the absence of mitigation, will have significant effects on the following (8) European sites:

- *North Dublin Bay SAC (000206);*
- *South Dublin Bay SAC (000210);*
- *South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (004024);*
- *North Bull Island SPA (004006);*
- *North-West Irish Sea SPA (004236);*
- *Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000);*
- *Dalkey Islands SPA (004172); and*
- *Howth Head Coast SPA (004113);*

KCC has therefore determined that the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement is required in respect of the Proposed Scheme to assist the competent authority for development consent in undertaking an assessment of potential adverse effects of the proposed road development works either alone or in-combination with other plans and projects on the integrity of the above (8) European sites.

Signed:

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Environmental Impact Assessment

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Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Statement

RPS, on behalf of KCC, has prepared information specified in Annex III of the EIA Directive and Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended along with other relevant information on the characteristics of the Proposed Development and its likely significant effects on the environment. It also includes, as relevant, descriptions of the features of the Proposed Scheme including standard good practice measures and measures envisaged to avoid or prevent what might otherwise have been significant adverse effects on the environment.

KCC considers that the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report prepared by RPS on its behalf, includes a fair and reasonable assessment of the likely significant effects of the Proposed Scheme on the environment.

That assessment is adopted as the assessment of KCC.

Kildare County Council (KCC) as Competent Authority determines that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the Proposed Scheme, and accordingly determines that an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) is not required.

Reasons for Determination

- Having regard to Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), it is concluded that the proposed development is not of a type listed in Part 1 or Part 2. The requirement for mandatory EIA under the Planning and Development Regulations is therefore not met.
- The proposed development is not a type of development that requires mandatory EIA as required under Section 50 (1)(a) of the Roads Act, 1993, as amended.
- The EIA Screening Report provides an assessment of whether the proposed development would or would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment by addressing the criteria and information set out in Annex III and II.A of the EIA Directive, as transposed by the Roads Act.

- Having regard to the characteristics of the proposed development and its location, it is concluded that the proposed works are not complex in nature.
- The standard good practice measures and mitigation measures as contained within the Natura Impact Statement, the Environmental Report, the FRA and related information that accompanies the application will effectively reduce impacts such that the development site will be contained and controlled and the proposed works will not give rise to significant or complex environmental effects or impacts.
- Following the sub-threshold assessment outlined in the EIA Screening Report including the reasoning contained in the assessment, and the further reasons set out above, the assessment concluded that no significant effects on the environment are considered likely to arise.
- It is determined that the development does not require Environmental Impact Assessment and that an EIAR is not necessary.

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