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Memorandum ABP-314487-22

To: Brendan Wise, ADP
From: Elaine Power, SPI
Re: Howth Fishery Harbour Centre - Request for Further Information
Date: 28th August 2023

It is proposed to dredge c. 240,000 cubic meters of material from the seabed within Howth Harbour, process and re-use this material to the west of the West Pier to create an additional 4.8ha of land. The proposed works comprise:

- Dredging of the harbour;
- Stabilisation of dredge material;
- Reclamation of land on the west side of the West Pier using dredge material;
- Construction of an embankment and rock armour revetment around the perimeter of the reclaimed area;
- Landscaping of the reclaimed area and provision of pavements, including footways, roadways and parking areas;
- Construction of a slipway access to the water;
- Provision of storage areas for harbour activities; and
- Provision of services, including surface water drainage, mains water supply, lighting, and associated underground ducting.

The development includes works to the West Pier, which is a protected structure (RPS 0595b) and listed on the NIAH (ref. 11359040).

The proposed development also requires an industrial Emissions (IE) licence or waste licence from the Environmental Protection Agency.

The 4.8ha of land to be reclaimed, to the west of West Pier, is located within the North-West Irish Sea c.SPA. The candidate SPA site is under consideration for designation since July 2023.

The application and appeal were lodged prior to the consideration of the site for designation and, therefore, the applicants documentation does not address any impacts that the proposed development could potentially have on the c.SPA. I am of the opinion that further information is required from the applicant in order to assist further with my assessment of this application. I have set out the following as a proposed "Request for Further Information."

1. The applicant is requested to address any potential impacts that the proposed development could have on the North-West Irish Sea c.SPA. It should be noted that this may require additional bird surveys. Any resultant changes to the EIAR or NIS analyses and conclusions shall be clearly set out in the response to this request, and this information may be re-advertised if considered to be significant.

Please allow 6 months for response to this request.

Elaine Power
Senior Planning Inspector

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