

COMHAIRLE CONTAE BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
South Dublin County Council
Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Orders
Planning and Transport

Installation of rooftop solar PV and heat pump system at SDC Leisure Tallaght, Fortunestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24KX38.
- Project AA Screening Determination.

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, South Dublin County Council is proposing to undertake the following works:

- Installation of a rooftop solar PV array with an estimated area of 496m², with associated site works.
- Installation of a heat pump system, comprising of 3 No. 90kW Air Source Heat Pumps, in the car park area of SDC Leisure Tallaght with associated site works. The heat pump system will be surrounded on three sides by a 2.4m high acoustic barrier and on the remaining side by a 2.4m fence. The dimension of the fenced area is 16.73 m x 5.47m.
- The removal of 4 No. Trees to facilitate the heat pump system.

It is intended to place the plans and particulars for the development on public display in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations (as amended) – Part 8.

Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and (inter alia) the guidance contained in the Department of Housing Planning Community and Local Government's "Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities" (2010), screening of the development for Appropriate Assessment was carried out in June 2026 by SDCC and Fehily Timoney, Unit 3 / 4, Northwood House, Northwood Crescent, Northwood Dublin, D09X899.

The results of the screening process identified that, given the scale and nature of the potential sources identified, there are no likely significant effects identified to any European sites. The AA screening process has considered potential effects which may arise during all phases of the proposed project. Through an assessment of the pathways for effects and an evaluation of the sources for impacts, taking account of the processes involved and the distance of separation from European sites, it has been evaluated that there are no likely significant effects on the qualifying interests, special conservation interest or the conservation objectives of any designated European site.

Based on this screening of the proposed development and best scientific judgment, it is concluded that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects, will not result in likely significant

effects on the qualifying interests, special conservations or the conservation objectives of any designated European Site. A Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is therefore not required.



Acting Senior Planner

ORDER: That South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by Fehily Timoney for South Dublin County Council, and through an assessment of the pathways for effects and an evaluation of the sources for impacts, taking account of the processes involved and the distance of separation from European sites, makes a determination that, when considered either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment will not be required for the Installation of rooftop solar PV and heat pump system at SDC Leisure Tallaght, with associated site works, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects with respect to any Natura 2000 site and its conservation objectives.



Senior Planner

Date: 17 July 2026

To whom the appropriate powers have been delegated to by the order number DELG3024 of the Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council.