

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE ATHA CLIATH THEAS**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL****Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Orders****RE: THE DODDER GREENWAY SCHEME****Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination****Planning and Development Act 2000 – 2016 (as amended)****Planning and Development Regulations, 2001-2015 - Part 8**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, South Dublin County Council is proposing to develop the proposed Dodder Greenway Scheme (the Scheme) in the townlands of Kiltipper, Tallaght, Old Bawn, Firhouse, Templeogue, Terenure and Rathfarnham.

Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive, 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) and on the basis of the objective information provided in the *"Dodder Valley AA Screening Report"* (the Screening Report) carried out by Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers, South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority determines that the Scheme, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, does not require an AA.

On the basis of the Screening assessment and application of the Precautionary Principle, indicators of significance show that there is no potential for short term or long term interference with any Natura 2000 site. It has been concluded that no potentially significant or uncertain effects on Special Conservation Interests / Qualifying Interests and their respective Conservation Objectives are likely to arise from the Scheme.

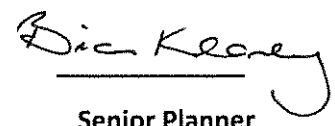
It has been concluded, in view of the best scientific knowledge and the Conservation Objectives of the Natura 2000 sites within the Likely Zone of Impact, that the works, on their own or in combination with other plans or projects, do not have the potential to give rise to likely significant effects on the Special Conservation Interests / Qualifying Interests of the sites.

Significant effects are not likely to arise as a result of construction works and direct impacts can be objectively ruled out.

The rationale for the determination has regard to the structure and function of features of interest at Natura 2000 sites, notably that:

- No areas of habitat important for the survival of the Qualifying Interests/Special Conservation Interests within any Natura 2000 site will be modified, fragmented, destroyed or isolated; and,
- No potentially meaningful proportion of the Qualifying Interests/ Special Conservation Interests of any Natura 2000 site may be impacted through loss, damage or deterioration in habitat quality.

Therefore a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the Scheme either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 site and its Conservation Objectives.


Senior Planner

ORDER: That South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by Roughan & O'Donovan, makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the Dodder Greenway Scheme either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 site and its Conservation Objectives as recommended by the Senior Planner in the foregoing report is hereby approved.

Date: 21/6/17.



**Director of Land Use,
Planning and Transportation**