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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Orders

**Planning and Development Act 2000 (Part XI) (as amended)**

**Planning and Development Regulations, 2001(Part 8) (as amended)**

**3 NO. PLAYSPACES and PLAY TRAIL AT DODDER VALLEY**

**Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, South Dublin County Council is proposing to develop 3 No. play spaces located within Dodder Valley Park to incorporate play equipment, surfacing, boundary treatments, seating areas, planting, paving: 1 No. play trail route to incorporate play equipment, surfacing, boundary treatments, seating areas, planting, paving along the existing footpath within Dodder Valley Park and all ancillary works.

It is intended to place the plans and particulars for the playspaces and trail route on public display in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, (as amended).

Having regard to EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (the EIA Directive), the guidance contained in the Department of Housing Planning Community and Local Government's "*Impact Assessment Guidance for Consent Authorities regarding Sub-Threshold Development*" (2003) and on the basis of the objective information provided in *Environmentat Impact Assessment Screening Report of three playspaces at Mount Carmel and Cherryfield and for a play/sculpture trail connecting Dodder Valley Park, Old Bawn to the proposed spaces at Mount Carmel and Cherryfield in Dodder Valley Park* carried out by Forest, Environmental Services and Research Limited (Fers, July 2019), 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 EIA.

It is considered that the Screening Report has been carried out giving full consideration to the EIA Directive and to Annex I, II and III of that Directive, which sets out requirements for mandatory and sub-threshold EIA.

As the Scheme is sub-threshold, it has, therefore, been assessed on a case-by case basis in accordance with the Criteria for Determining Whether or Not a Development Would or Would Not be Likely to have Significant Effects on the Environment as outlined within Annex III of the EIA Directive.

It is further considered that the Screening Report contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the Scheme on the environment. Having regard to the foregoing and in particular:

- The minor development footprint of the project;
- The minor nature of the proposed works (i.e. use of natural materials where possible, no tree removal, retention of hedgerows, new plantings of trees and hedgerow, use of free draining / permeable surfaces as safety surfaces);
- Cumulation with other existing and/or approved projects;
- The use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
- The production of waste;

- Pollution and nuisances;
- The risk of major accidents and/or disasters which are relevant to the project concerned, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge; and
- The risks to human health and population (for example due to water contamination or air pollution).

It is considered that the environmental effects arising from the playspaces and trail route will generally be localised and minor in nature.



**Senior Planner**

**ORDER:** That South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the EIA Screening Report prepared by South Dublin County Council, makes a determination that they develop 3 No. play spaces located within Dodder Valley Park to incorporate play equipment, surfacing, boundary treatments, seating areas, planting, paving; 1 No. play trail route to incorporate play equipment, surfacing, boundary treatments, seating areas, planting, paving along the existing footpath within Dodder Valley Park and all ancillary works would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

Date: 17 July 2019



**Director Land Use Planning &  
Transportation**