

COMHAIRLE CONTAE BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
South Dublin County Council
Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Orders
Draft Biodiversity Action Plan 'Connecting with Nature'
Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination

South Dublin County Council has prepared a draft Biodiversity Action Plan 'Connecting with Nature' for South Dublin County.

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) Screening of the development for Appropriate Assessment was carried out in June 2020 by South Dublin County Council.

Following an examination, analysis and evaluation of the relevant information and potential for significant effects on the Conservation Objectives of Natura 2000 sites within the zone of influence of the draft Plan, and application of the Precautionary Principle, the Report determines, on the basis of objective information, that the proposed draft Biodiversity Action Plan individually or in combination with other plans or projects will not have a significant impact on the Natura 2000 network. The preparation of a Natura Impact Statement is therefore not required.

For the reasons outlined above it is considered that the draft Biodiversity Action Plan for South Dublin County will not present a risk to any Natura 2000 sites. As such this screening exercise concludes that an Appropriate Assessment is not required for the draft Plan. The Appropriate Assessment was prepared by Rosaleen Dwyer, County Heritage Officer.



A/ Senior Planner

ORDER: That South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by the Council makes a determination that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment will not be required to support the draft Biodiversity Action Plan for South Dublin County, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 site and its Conservation Objectives

10th July 2020

Date

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