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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)

PROPOSED PARK ENTRANCE UPGRADES AT LUCAN DEMESNE PARK, LUCAN, CO. DUBLIN
Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, South Dublin County Council is proposing to carry out works at Lucan Demesne Park, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

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 2000 to 2011 (as amended) and Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2012 - Part 8.

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 other relevant guidance, screening of the development for Appropriate Assessment was carried out in June 2024 by Faith Wilson Ecological Consultant BSc CEnv MCIEEM Kestrel Ridge, Tigroney West, Avoca, Co. Wicklow.

The stage one screening for AA of the proposed works at Lucan Demesne Park, Lucan, Co. Dublin demonstrates that the proposed development is not likely to have significant effects on the River Liffey ecological link or any European site. The AA screening process has considered potential effects which may arise during the construction and operational phases as a result of the implementation of the project. Through an assessment of the pathways for effects and an evaluation of the project characteristics, taking account of the processes involved, and the distance of separation from European sites, it has been evaluated that there are no likely significant adverse effects on the qualifying interests, special conservation interests or the conservation objectives of any designated European site.

"The River Liffey is the only ecological link (source-pathway-receptors) between the lands at Lucan Demesne and any Natura 2000 site as this watercourse links the lands to the Dublin Bay sites. The Natura 2000 sites in Dublin Bay, which lie within the potential zone of influence of the proposed development are:

- North Dublin Bay SAC (000206)
- South Dublin Bay SAC (000210)
- South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (004024)
- North Bull Island SPA (004006)

These European Sites are deemed not to be at risk of likely significant effects from construction or operation of the proposed development for the following reasons:

- *None of the species, which form part of the Conservation Interest for which the Dublin Bay European Sites located downstream have been designated are considered likely to utilise the habitats within the subject lands.*

- *There is a significant distance over the surface water network between the proposed development and the Dublin Bay European Sites downstream (>20km).*
- *Best practice site management will ensure that the works do not have any significant effect on any European site by ensuring that silt laden waters do not reach the river.*

Three other European Sites were identified within the likely zone of influence of the development (a 15km radius). These are all Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) as follows:

- 001398 Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC
- 001209 Glenasmole Valley SAC
- 002122 Wicklow Mountains SAC

These European Sites are deemed not to be at risk of likely significant effects from construction or operation of the proposed development for the following reasons:

- *None of the species which form part of the Conservation Interest for which these European Sites have been designated are considered likely to utilise the habitats within the subject lands.*
- *Although the River Liffey forms a Source-Pathway-Receptor Link between the proposed development and these European Sites, they are all located upstream of Lucan Demesne, so likely significant effects are reduced.*
- *Or there is no direct or in-direct Source-Pathway-Receptor link between the European Site and the proposed development."*

The AA Screening Report completed by Faith Wilson Ecological Consultant for the proposed development determined that no likely significant impacts are expected as a result of the proposed development. This evaluation is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated. Therefore, the Appropriate Assessment procedure for this proposed Plan is therefore concluded at this Screening Stage and it is the opinion of Faith Wilson Ecological Consultant's that a detailed (Stage 2) Appropriate Assessment is not required,



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Order: That South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by Faith Wilson Ecological Consultant makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the development at Lucan Demesne Park either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 site and its Conservation Objectives.



A/DIRECTOR, Land Use Planning &
Transportation

Date: 17/12/2024

To whom the appropriate powers have been delegated by the Order number DELG 130/24 of the Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council