

COMHAIRLE CONTAE BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
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

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 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 Lucan Demesne Park works 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 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 other guidance, Screening of the development for Environmental Impact Assessment was carried out and reported on in June 2024 by Faith Wilson Ecological Consultant BSc CEnv MCIEEM Kestrel Ridge, Tigroney West, Avoca, Co. Wicklow.

The EIA Screening Report states "The overall impact on flora and fauna from the proposed works within this site is deemed to be minor negative once the mitigation measures are implemented in full." There are likely to be positive and negative potential environmental impacts from the proposed development proceedings, none of which are anticipated to be significant.

The most likely significant positive effects are likely to be an increase in use of this section of the River Liffey path.

The most likely negative impacts are likely to include the following:

- Construction traffic that may result in traffic congestion on the local road network for a relatively short period
- Possible noise disturbances during construction

None of these are considered to be significant given the relatively modest scale of development proposed (a boardwalk).

The following is proposed, or can be provided, by way of mitigation set out below:

- Construction Management Plan
- Provision of landscape screening
- Noise and vibration controls during construction

The Screening has been carried out in accordance with the EIA Directive and to the relevant Annexes of that Directive, which sets out requirements for mandatory and sub-threshold EIA. In the case of the subject development, it can be seen on preliminary examination that the characteristics of the proposed development are not considered likely to result in a significant

impact on the environment by virtue of its size, nature, or operational activities. Faith Wilson Consultant recommends that all mitigation measures should be carried out including the implementation of the Construction Management Plan in order to sensitively approach the development. It has been concluded that there will be no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development, either on its own or in combination with other projects.

For the reasons outlined above it is considered that the proposed boardwalk entrance at Lucan Demesne Park does not need to be subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and no Environmental Impact Assessment Report is required for it. This conclusion is based on an objective review of the proposed development, including its characteristics, location, and the likelihood of it causing significant environmental effects. The screening has followed the relevant legislation and has had regard to the relevant guidance.



SENIOR PLANNER

Order: That South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the EIA Screening Report prepared by Faith Wilson Ecological Consultant, makes a determination that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report will not be required to inform the works at Lucan Demesne Park.



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**