

**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 Synthetic Grass Sports Pitch at Greenhills Park, Dublin 12**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, South Dublin County Council is proposing to develop a new synthetic grass sports pitch at Greenhills Park, Dublin 12

It is intended to place the plans and particulars for the development of the synthetic grass sports pitch on public display in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as amended - 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) Screening of the development for Appropriate Assessment was carried out from July 2025 to September 2025 by Fehily Timoney and Company, Unit 3/4, Northwood House, Northwood Crescent, Northwood, Dublin, D09 X899, Ireland.

The subsequent AA Screening Report concludes the following:


Following initial screening of the proposed project in Greenhills Park, and based upon best scientific judgement, it is concluded that there will be *no likely significant effects* from the project on the following Natura 2000 sites:

- Glenasmole Valley SAC
- Wicklow Mountains SPA
- South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA
- South Dublin Bay SAC
- Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC
- The North Bull Island SPA
- The North-west Irish Sea SPA

Following an examination, analysis and evaluation of the relevant information and potential for significant effects on the conservation objectives of Natura 2000 sites, and application of the Precautionary Principle, the Report determines, on the basis of objective information that the proposed development; either alone or in-combination with other plans and projects, will

not result in likely significant effects on any European site in view of their conservation objectives. A Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is therefore not required.

For the reasons outlined above it is considered that the proposal for a synthetic grass sports pitch at Greenhills Park will not present a risk to any Natura 2000 sites. As such this screening exercise concludes that an Appropriate Assessment is not required for this project.

  
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**Senior Planner**

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

  
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**Director of Services**

15/09/25  
**Date**

**To whom the appropriate powers have been delegated by order number DELG 2825 of the  
Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council**