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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**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) 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 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 on the basis of the objective information provided in the *Appropriate Assessment Screening 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 AA.

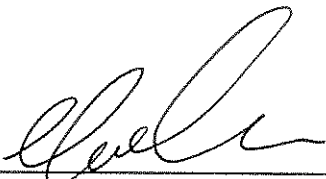
It has been concluded, on the basis of the objective information provided in the AA Screening Report and application of the precautionary principle and in view of the best scientific knowledge and the Conservation Objectives of the Natura 2000 sites within the Likely Zone of Impact, that the works, on their own or in combination with other plans or projects, will have no significant potential impacts on the conservation objective(s) of the qualifying interest(s) of any Natura 2000 site associated with the proposed project.

For the reasons outlined above it is considered that the proposal 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 will not present a risk to the Conservation Objectives of any European Sites. As such this screening exercise concludes that an Appropriate Assessment is not required for this project.

  
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 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, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 site and its Conservation Objectives.

Date: 17 July 2019



**Director Land Use Planning &  
Transportation**