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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)

Whitestown Stream Neighbourhood Park Upgrade

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, South Dublin County Council is proposing to upgrade the existing open space in Whitestown Stream to a neighbourhood park in the townland of Jobstown.

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.

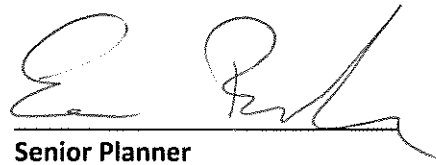
Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive, the guidance contained in the Department of Housing Planning Community and Local Government's "*Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities*" (2010) Screening of the development for Appropriate Assessment was carried out by JBA Consulting Engineers, Block 660, Unit 8, Greenogue Business Plaza, Greenogue Business Park, Rathcoole, Co Dublin.

Following initial screening of the proposed development, and based upon best scientific judgement, it is concluded that *significant impacts are not expected* from the project on the following Natura 2000 sites:

- Glenasmole Valley SAC (001209)
- Wicklow Mountains SAC (002122)
- North Dublin Bay SAC (000206)
- South Dublin Bay SAC (000210)
- North Bull Island SPA (004006)
- South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (004024)

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, *it can be concluded that the possibility of any significant adverse impacts on the Natura 2000 sites within the Zol, whether arising from the project itself or in combination with other plans and projects, can be excluded beyond a reasonable scientific doubt on the basis of the best scientific knowledge available.* A Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is therefore not required.

For the reasons outlined above it is considered that the proposal to upgrade the existing open space in Whitestown Stream to a neighbourhood park in the townland of Jobstown, 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.

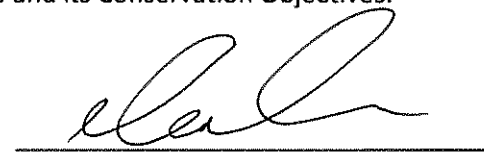


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Order: That South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by JBA Consulting for South Dublin County Council, makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required for the Whitestown Stream Neighbourhood Park Upgrade either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 site and its Conservation Objectives.

20 July 22.

Date



**Director of Land Use Planning and
Transportation**