

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 3G Sports Pitch at Sean Walsh Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, South Dublin County Council is proposing to develop a new synthetic 3G all-weather sports pitch in Sean Walsh Park. Tallaght.

It is intended to place the plans and particulars for the development of the all-weather pitch 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 from December 2020 to March 2021 by JBA Consulting Engineers, Block 660, Unit 8, Greenogue Business Plaza, Greenogue Business Park, Rathcoole, Co Dublin.

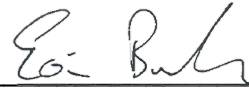
The subsequent AA Screening Report concludes the following:

Following initial screening of the proposed project in Sean Walsh 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 SAC
- Wicklow Mountains SPA
- South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA
- South Dublin Bay SAC
- North Bull Island SPA
- North Dublin Bay SAC

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 3G all-weather sports pitch at Sean Walsh 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.



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 3G all-weather sports pitch at Sean Walsh Park, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 site and its Conservation Objectives.

19 May 2021

Date



**Director of Land Use Planning
and Transportation**