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1.0 INTRODUCTION

South Dublin County Council have commissioned Doherty Environmental Consultants (DEC) Ltd. to complete a Stage 1 Screening for Appropriate Assessment for proposed public realm enhancement works to the village green and Main Street at Lucan, Co. Dublin. The Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment for the proposed public realm enhancement works was finalised in January 2022 and accompanied the Part VIII planning application.

Following the completion of the period of consultation and public display all submissions received on foot of the public consultation period were reviewed by South Dublin County Council and the Chief Executive's response to submissions received have been detailed in the Part 8 Report prepared and finalised by South Dublin County Council in April 2022.

Following consideration of the submissions received the Chief Executive has introduced a number of amendments to the proposed public realm enhancement works at the village green and Main Street. The following section provides a summary of the submission received, the Chief Executive's amendments to the proposed public realm works arising out of the submission received and a screening of the proposed amendments for their potential to result in likely significant effects to European Sites.

2.0 EXAMINATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S AMENDMENTS

The Chief Executive's actions and amendments to the submissions received following the consultation period for the proposed public realm works at the village green and Main Street are outlined in Table 2.1 below. An examination of the potential for these amendments to the proposed public realm works is also provided in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1: Examination of potential likely significant effects to European Sites arising from the Chief Executive's Amendments to the proposed public realm works at the village green and Main Street

The Summary of issues raised within Observations submitted for the Village Green and Main Street's Part 8 Proposals	Amendment outlined in SDCC's Chief Executive Report	Examination of potential for likely significant effects to European Sites
<p>A greater number and mix of cycle spaces needs to be incorporated. The bike parking should be designed to cater for the those who cycle as a mobility aid, as well as those with non-standard cycles such as trikes, tandems, recumbents and hand cycles. It should also cater to those who use cargo bikes, trailers, tag-a-longs and child seats. A mix of parking rack sizes can also cate to children's bikes (Submission SD-C217-19)</p>	<p>New cycle parking stands will be provided, the exact positions identified during the detailed design process.</p>	<p>The provision of new cycle stands within the lands subject to the proposed public realm works will not have the potential to result in likely significant effects to European Sites. The screening exercise for Appropriate Assessment, completed as part of the Part VIII planning application did not identify the presence of a functional pathway linking the proposed public realm works at the village green and Main Street to European Sites. In view of the absence of a functional impact pathway linking the proposed public realm works to European Sites in the wider surrounding area there will be no potential for this amendment to the proposed public realm works to result in likely significant effects to European Sites.</p>

		As such this amendment will not trigger to need for Appropriate Assessment and is therefore screened out.
(Summary of observations) – several observations have noted concerns about parking removal. These concerns are that the businesses will no longer be accessible for customers. Within the Part 8 proposal SDCC have proposed spaces both on Main Street and in the immediate areas around the Village Green. Following the observations, more parking spaces have been identified by the Design Team at Sarsfield Park.	A total of 14 new car parking spaces will be provided off the Main Street but within 135metres. This includes four additional compensatory parking spaces at Sarsfield Park, opposite the Lucan Health Centre, has been identified and are included on the Drawing C-1102 (Rev P07) appended to this report. These four new spaces were not included in the public consultation documents.	<p>The provision of new car parking spaces within the lands subject to the proposed public realm works will not have the potential to result in likely significant effects to European Sites. The screening exercise for Appropriate Assessment, completed as part of the Part VIII planning application did not identify the presence of a functional pathway linking the proposed public realm works at the village green and Main Street to European Sites. In view of the absence of a functional impact pathway linking the proposed public realm works to European Sites in the wider surrounding area there will be no potential for this amendment to the proposed public realm works to result in likely significant effects to European Sites.</p> <p>As such this amendment will not trigger to need for Appropriate Assessment and is therefore screened out.</p>

3.0 CONCLUSION

The Chief Executives amendments to the proposed public realm works at the village green and Main Street will represent minor alterations to the proposed public realm works in the context of the overall works and the existing urban environment at Lucan village. The screening exercise for the Part VIII planning application identified an absence of any function impact pathway connecting the footprint of the proposed public realm works to European Sites in the wider surrounding areas and also noted that all European Sites occurring in the wider surrounding area are located at a remote distance from the proposed public realm works location. In light of the above it is the considered view of the author of this screening addendum for Appropriate Assessment that it can be concluded by South Dublin County Council that the Chief Executive Amendments are not likely, alone or in-combination with other plans or projects, to have a significant effect on any European Sites in view of their Conservation Objectives and on the basis of best scientific evidence and there is no reasonable scientific doubt as to that conclusion.

Accordingly, the competent authority is enabled to determine that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the Chief Executive amendments, individually or in combination with all other elements of the proposed proposed public realm works as well as other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European Site.

