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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)

PROPOSED WELLINGTON LANE SCHEME

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, South Dublin County Council is proposing to construct a cycling and walking scheme along Wellington Lane, Templeogue, County Dublin.

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) and other relevant guidance, screening of the development for Appropriate Assessment was carried out in August 2022 by Altemar Ltd., 50 Templecarrig Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow

The stage one screening for AA for the proposed Wellington Lane Scheme demonstrates that the proposed development is not likely to have significant effects on any European site. The AA screening process has considered potential effects which may arise during the construction and operational phases as a result of the implementation of the project. Through an assessment of the pathways for effects and an evaluation of the project characteristics, taking account of the processes involved and the distance of separation from European sites, it has been evaluated that there are no likely significant adverse effects on the qualifying interests, special conservation interests or the conservation objectives of any designated European site.

During the examination of the schemes, it was found that the proposed redevelopment project is located in an urban environment 5km from the nearest Natura 2000 site. Watercourses and surface runoff are seen as the main potential pathway for impacts on Natura 2000 sites. However, the site is not close to and does not have a direct pathway to watercourses that could act as potential vectors for impact on Natura 2000 sites. There is no direct hydrological pathway from the proposed development site to a Natura 2000 site. All drainage from the site goes to a public surface water network sewers where it undergoes dilution, mixing and settlement. All watercourses in the catchment enter the estuarine element of River Liffey where further mixing and dilution take place with the River Liffey and estuarine waters of Dublin Bay. It should also be noted that additional settlement will take place through flocculation in the estuarine environment. No specific mitigation is required to prevent significant effects on Natura 2000 sites.

No Natura 2000 sites are within the zone of influence of this development. Having taking into consideration the surface water discharge from the proposed development works, the distance between the proposed development site to designated conservation sites, lack of direct hydrological pathway to conservation sites and the dilution, mixing and settlement effect with other surface runoff and fresh and estuarine waters, prior to reaching designated sites, it is concluded that this development would not give rise to any significant effects to designated sites. The construction and operation of the proposed development will not impact on the conservation objectives of features of interest of Natura 2000 sites.

Accordingly, the competent authority is enabled to determine that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European Site.

For the reasons outlined above it is concluded that the proposed developments are not foreseen to give rise to any significant adverse effects on any designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects. This evaluation is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated. Consequently, a Stage Two AA is not required.

Michael McAdam

Acting Senior Engineer

Order: That South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by Altamar Ltd., 50 Templecarrig Upper, Delgany, Co. Wicklow makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required for the proposed Wellington Lane Scheme either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 site and its Conservation Objectives

Michael Mulhern

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11th August 2022

Date