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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)

**Brine Saturation Plant - Palmerstown**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, South Dublin County Council is proposing to construct a brine saturation plant at the existing salt depot in Palmerstown.

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 CAAS Ltd.

Following initial screening of the proposed development, 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 SAC, South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA, North Dublin Bay SAC, North Bull Island SPA, Rye Water Valler/Cartron SAC and Knocksink Wood 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 Screening 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.

On the basis of the screening exercise, it can be concluded that the possibility of any significant adverse impacts on the Natura 2000 sites within the zone of influence, 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.

For the reasons outlined above it is considered that the proposal 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.

\_Colin Clarke

**Senior Executive Planner**

**Order:** That South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by CAAS Ltd. for South Dublin County Council, makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the development of a Brine Saturation Plant in Palmerstown Salt Depot either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 site and its Conservation Objectives.

Eoin Burke Date: **20/12/2023**

**Senior Planner**

**To whom the appropriate powers have been delegated by the order number DELG 10123 of the Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council**