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**Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Determination for the
Proposed Variation No. 1 (Clondalkin Local Planning Framework) to the South Dublin
County Development Plan 2022-2028**

Background

A Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) determination, pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and having regard to the requirements of the Planning and Development 2000 Act (as amended), is being made by South Dublin County Council regarding Proposed Variation No. 1 to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028. This determination relates to whether the proposal to make Proposed Variation No. 1 to the South Dublin County Development Plan would or would not necessitate the undertaking of Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora, as amended).

In carrying out this Screening for AA, the Council is taking into account:

- Proposed Variation No. 1 and the AA Screening Report prepared for Proposed Variation No. 1 to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028; and
- The South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028, including associated Stage 2 AA Natura Impact Report.

As identified in the AA Screening Report:

- The source-pathway-receptor model was applied, that is, the Proposed Variation was examined for sources for potential effects, alongside an examination of pathways for effects of any sources presented in the Proposed Variation to the Qualifying Interests and Special Conservation Interests (that is, receptors), in view of their Conservation Objectives, of each European site assessed. In applying this model, it was found that no potential sources for significant effects to any European site considered would arise from the implementation of the Proposed Variation that have not already been considered by the Stage 2 AA undertaken for the existing South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 (the findings of which are provided in a Natura Impact Report that accompanies that Plan).
- As such, the risks to the safeguarding of the Conservation Objectives of the Qualifying Interests, Special Conservation Interests of the European sites have been addressed through existing, already in-force policies and objectives within South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 - with which all lower tier plans/projects must comply. In addition, any future projects, plans etc. that may arise will themselves be subject to AA/screening for AA when further details of design and location are known.
- Therefore, it is concluded in the Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report, to inform the competent authority carrying out the AA Screening, that Proposed Variation No. 1 to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 is not foreseen to have any likelihood for significant effects on any European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects – and therefore any likelihood for significant effect to any European site and the Qualifying Interests and Special Conservation Interests there in, as a result of the Proposed Variation, can be ruled out. Consequently, a Stage Two AA is not required.

The Planning Authority has carefully considered the AA Screening Report and agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented.

The AA Screening process will consider any future amendments to the Proposed Variation, and such consideration may require subsequent determination by the Council, where any amendment is proposed.

Recommendation:

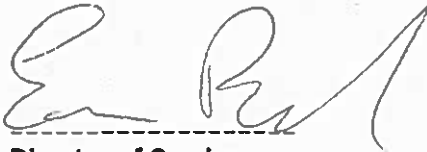
It is recommended that a determination is made that the Proposed Variation No. 1 to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 will not give rise to any effects on the ecological integrity of any European Site, alone or in combination with any other plans, programmes or projects in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated; and that Stage Two AA (including the preparation of a Natura Impact Report) is not required for Proposed Variation No. 1.



Senior Planner

ORDER:

It is determined that a Stage Two AA (including the preparation of a Natura Impact Report) is not required for the proposed Variation No. 1 (Clondalkin Local Planning Framework) to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028.



Director of Services

21/8/2025
Date

To whom the appropriate powers have been delegated by order number DELG 2825 of the Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council