

**Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination under the
European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended)
for
Facility Centre for Water Based Activities
at
Killiney Beach.**

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is proposing to construct a Facility Centre for Water Based Activities at Killiney Beach.

The project consists of:

A single-storey, flat roofed building with associated site works and utility connections. The Facility Centre for Water Based Activities includes 1 no. Accessible Changing Places shower room with WC; 1 no. wheelchair Accessible WC; 3 no. WCs; 5 no. shower/changing cubicles; 4 no. external showers; sheltered demonstration space; storage space; seating, lockers and a drinking fountain. Also included are associated plant / mechanical and electrical spaces, solar panels, bicycle parking (with bicycle repair stand) and external paved terrace areas.

The total area of the proposed development is 0.31 ha.

Having regard to the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Birds Directive (2009/147/EC), the Council determines that the proposal does not need to be subject to a Stage Two Appropriate Assessment (Natura Impact Statement).

It is considered that the Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report prepared by JBA Consulting Engineers and Scientists Ltd gives full consideration to the Directives.

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 interest or the conservation objectives of any designated European site.

This evaluation is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated. It is concluded that the proposed development will not give rise to any significant adverse effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects¹. Consequently, a Stage Two AA / Natura Impact Statement is not required for the project.

¹ Except as provided for in Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive, viz. There must be:

- a) No alternative solution available,
- b) Imperative reasons of overriding public interest for the plan to proceed; and
- c) Adequate compensatory measures in place.

Signature



Signatory (Approved Officer)

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Date

29/05/24