

27th September 2022

Ms. Sarah Cassidy,
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Re: St Michael's Park, Monkstown, Co. Dublin
Clarification of Information

Dear Sarah,

I refer to the correspondence from the Biodiversity Department. The AA Screening which was prepared for the site should be read in conjunction with this letter dated the 14th July 2022. Site walkovers of the proposed development site were carried out by Noreen McLoughlin (Ecology Consultant) MSc, MCIEEM on August 2nd, 2022, and again on August 22nd, 2022, when habitats within the site were noted. The entire site is comprised of buildings and artificial surfaces. There are no areas of vegetation within the site. There are a number of mature trees including beech and sycamore outside of the north-western perimeter of the site. These trees will be retained. There is an area of amenity grassland (sports pitch) to the immediate north and north-east of the site. Overall, the site has no biodiversity value.

A bat survey of this site was carried out by Dr Tina Aughney from Bat Eco Services on the evening of August 27th, 2022. This survey determined that there are no buildings within the site that have bat roost potential and no bats were recorded emerging from the buildings or trees within the survey area. Leisler's bat and common pipistrelle were recorded on the bat detector flying over the site. No foraging was detected in the survey area and the extent of bat activity in this area is low. Please see attached report prepared by Dr. Tina Aughney.

Photographs of the site



I hope this clarifies the issues that have been raised.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Noreen McLoughlin". The signature is written in black ink on a light blue rectangular background.

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