

22nd February 2016

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination under Section 177U (5), Part XAB, Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT GLENAMUCK ROAD, CARRICKMINES, CO. DUBLIN.

Planning Ref: PC/H/02/16

An Appropriate Assessment screening determination has been made by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council regarding the application for a halting site development at Glenamuck Road, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.

This decision has been informed by information prepared by Scott Cawley Ltd. on behalf of the Council - Appropriate Assessment Screening Report dated 22nd February 2016. This AA Screening report describes the nature of the proposed development, the nature of the European sites within its zone of influence and the relationship between the two such that any impact pathways could be identified. It sets out the nature of the proposed works and assesses any potential for direct, indirect or cumulative impacts of the proposed works on all relevant European Sites.

The Council has examined likely significant effects of the proposed works on European Sites within the zone of influence of the proposed works, in light of the specific Qualifying Interests and conservation objectives of all relevant European Sites.

It making this assessment regard was made to Article 6 of the *Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora* (as amended). This is transposed in Ireland primarily by the *European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477/2011)* and the *Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2010* as amended.

Having reviewed and considered this Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and general information on the nature of the project, the Council has been able to conclude that there was no likelihood of any significant effects on any European Sites arising from the proposed works, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. The main reasons for this are as follows:

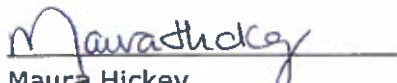
1. The proposed site does not overlap with any European sites, appears to contain only habitats which would not correspond to habitats listed under Annex 1 of the Habitats Directive and there are no records for qualifying interest species of any European sites either on the site or immediately adjacent to it.
2. The coastal waters in Killiney Bay are classed as 'Unpolluted' by the EPA.



3. It is an objective of all development plans within the catchment of Shanganagh WWTP to include Sustainable Urban Drainage systems for all new development and same will be included in the proposed development
4. The recent upgrade at Shanganagh WWTP has ensured that the '*Unpolluted*' water quality status of coastal waters at Killiney Bay are maintained, despite potential pressures from future development
5. Due to the distance of the proposed development site from Killiney Bay, the small scale of the proposed development, the short-term nature of the construction works, the likely low frequency of any escape of contaminants/silt during construction and adherence to standard good practice for construction sites there will be no risk of significant adverse impacts upon European sites occurring

Therefore it is our view, in relying on the information prepared by Scott Cawley and details in the planning application documentation, that an Appropriate Assessment is not required for these proposed works.

Yours sincerely,


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