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1 Introduction

This report forms an Addendum to the published Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report for the Deansgrange Cycle Scheme (Dated April 2022). This Addendum has been compiled to reflect changes made to the scheme as part of the adoption of the Scheme by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on 13th March 2023. The purpose of this Addendum Screening Statement is to confirm that changes made to the project were duly considered as part of the adoption of the project by DLR Co. Co.

This statement summarises the changes adopted by the Council in the Final Scheme and provides a statement of confirmation that the amended scheme was duly considered as part of the adoption process, and the amendments would not give rise to a change to the conclusion of the assessment prepared in April 2022.

1.1 Qualification

This EIA Screening Report has been prepared by Richard Hamilton, BA MSc P.Grad EMAE, MIPI MRTPI. Richard is a Chartered Town Planner with 25 years experience in public and private sectors in Ireland including the preparation of EIA and EIA Screening for infrastructure, commercial and residential development projects. He has a Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Monitoring Assessment and Engineering (EMAE) from Trinity College Dublin.

Review of the AA Screening Report was undertaken by Nick Marchant, the principal ecologist of NM Ecology Ltd. He has an MSc in Ecosystem Conservation and Landscape Management from NUI Galway and a BSc in Environmental Science from Queens University Belfast. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management, and operates in accordance with their code of professional conduct. He has fourteen years of professional experience, including eleven years as an ecological consultant, one year as a local authority biodiversity officer, and two years managing an NGO in Indonesia. He provides ecological assessments for developments throughout Ireland and Northern Ireland, including wind farms, infrastructural projects (roads, water pipelines, greenways, etc.), and a range of residential and commercial developments.

2 Amendments to Project

Section 3 of the EIAR Screening Report and Section 2 of the AA Screening Report set out a detailed description of the project. Changes to project are summarised below.

The proposed scheme covers an approximate length of approx. 1km, proceeds along a section of Kill Lane, providing access to and from the Clonkeen Park, before travelling along the Deansgrange Road, terminating south of the Deansgrange Road/Brookville Park signalised junction. The extents of the scheme are highlighted red on Figure 1, with amended section of the scheme highlighted in dashed orange line.

The overall scheme aims to deliver a high quality, safe walking and cycling route that will meet the current school and commuting demand within the Deansgrange area for all cycle users.

The main amendment made to the scheme by DLR Co. Co was the omission of the segregated cycle route through Deansgrange Cemetery. This was replaced by the continuation of the two way cycle lane on the Deansgrange Road. The scheme;

- Maintains two-way access by vehicles;
- Maintains the bus service in both directions;
- Allow HGV access along the street;
- Maintains majority of parking / loading in front of parade of shops;
- Removes controlled car parking on the east side of Deansgrange Road adjacent to the cemetery;
- Provides segregated cycle facilities.

The scheme is illustrated in a series of maps below (Figures 2 to 7). The proposed scheme includes:

- Reconfigure west side footpath from Deansgrange Junction with Kill Lane to allow for the introduction of two-way segregated facility (this would require localised narrowing of the existing path).
- New two-way segregated facility provided on Deansgrange Road;
- Loss of parking on the east side of the Deansgrange Road adjacent to the cemetery (c 40 controlled parking spaces).

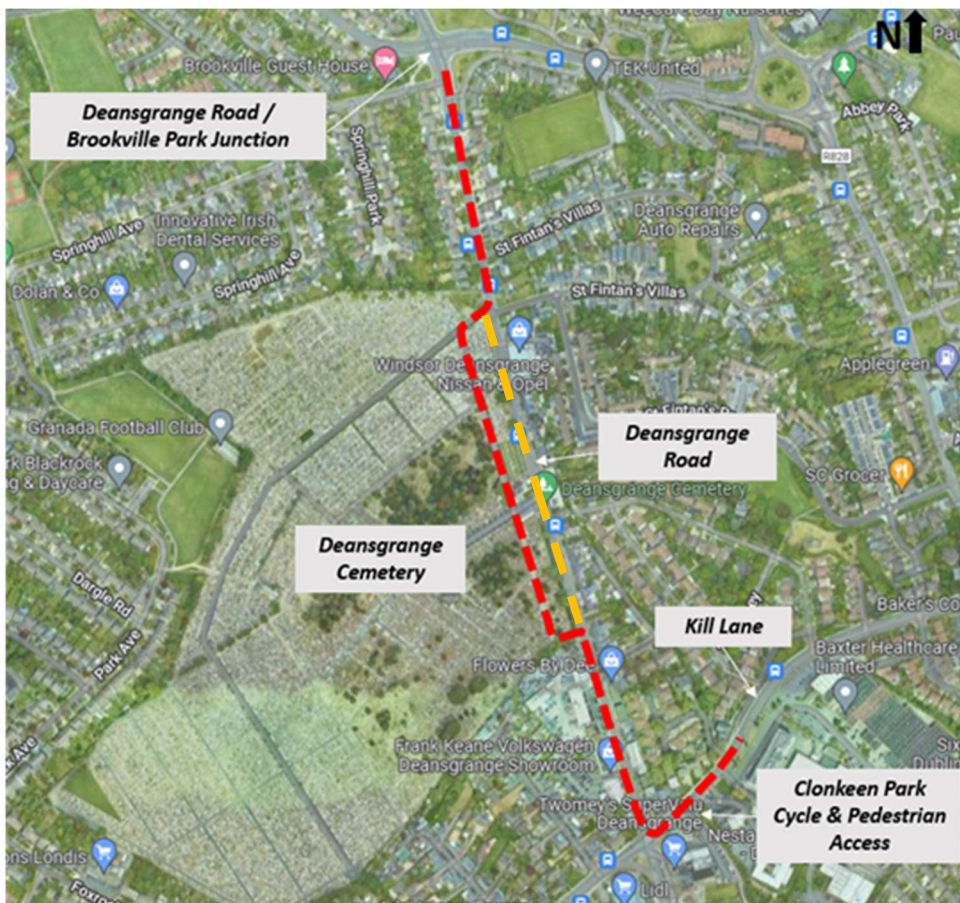


Figure 1: Scheme location – amendments to route shown in dashed orange line (source: DBFL)

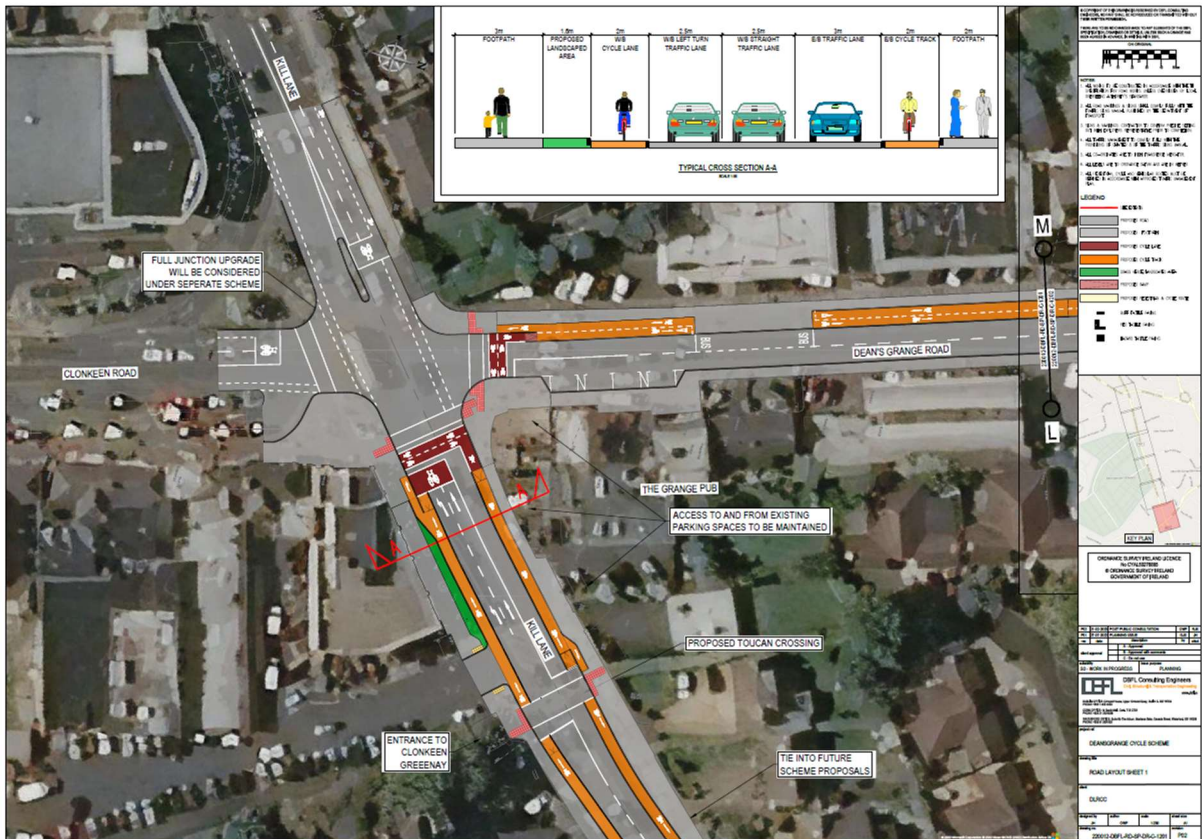


Figure 2 Outline design and layout of proposed scheme- Section 1 (source: DBFL Consulting Engineers)

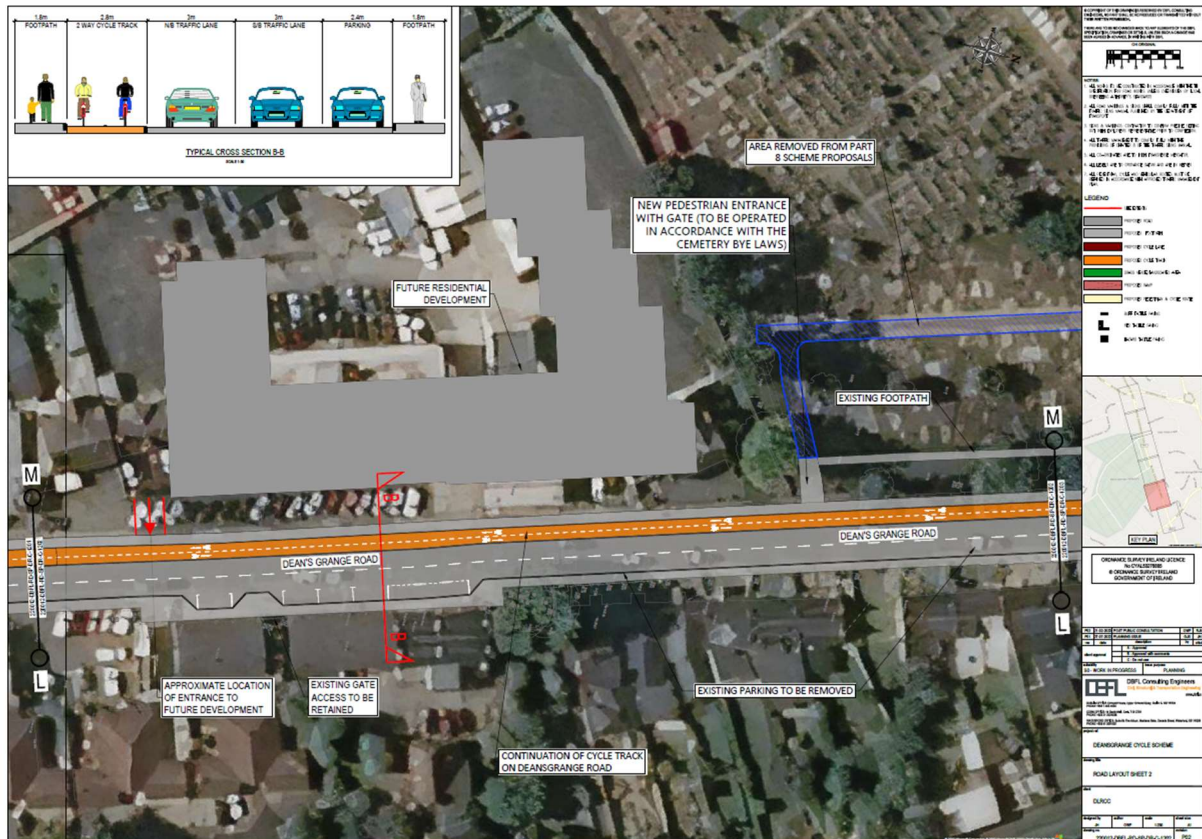


Figure 3 Outline design and layout of proposed scheme- Section 2 (source: DBFL Consulting Engineers)

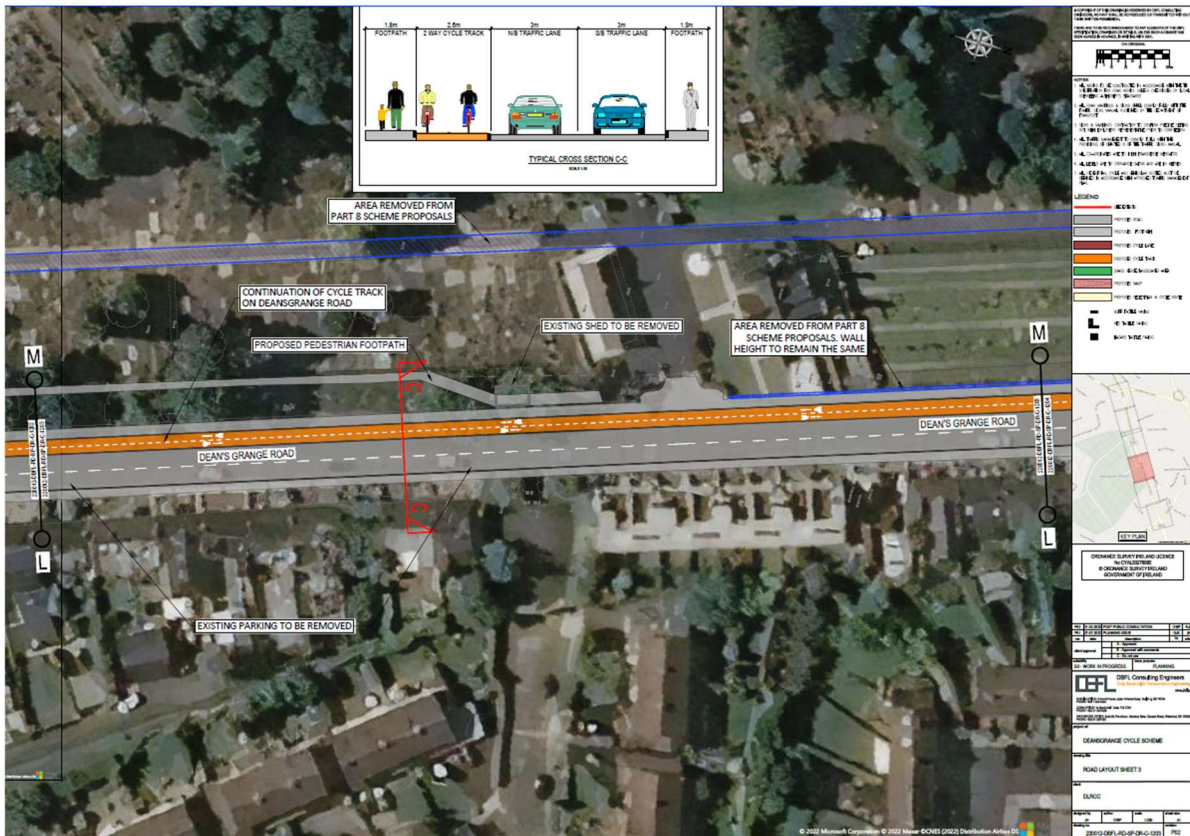


Figure 4 Outline design and layout of proposed scheme- Section 3 (source: DBFL Consulting Engineers)

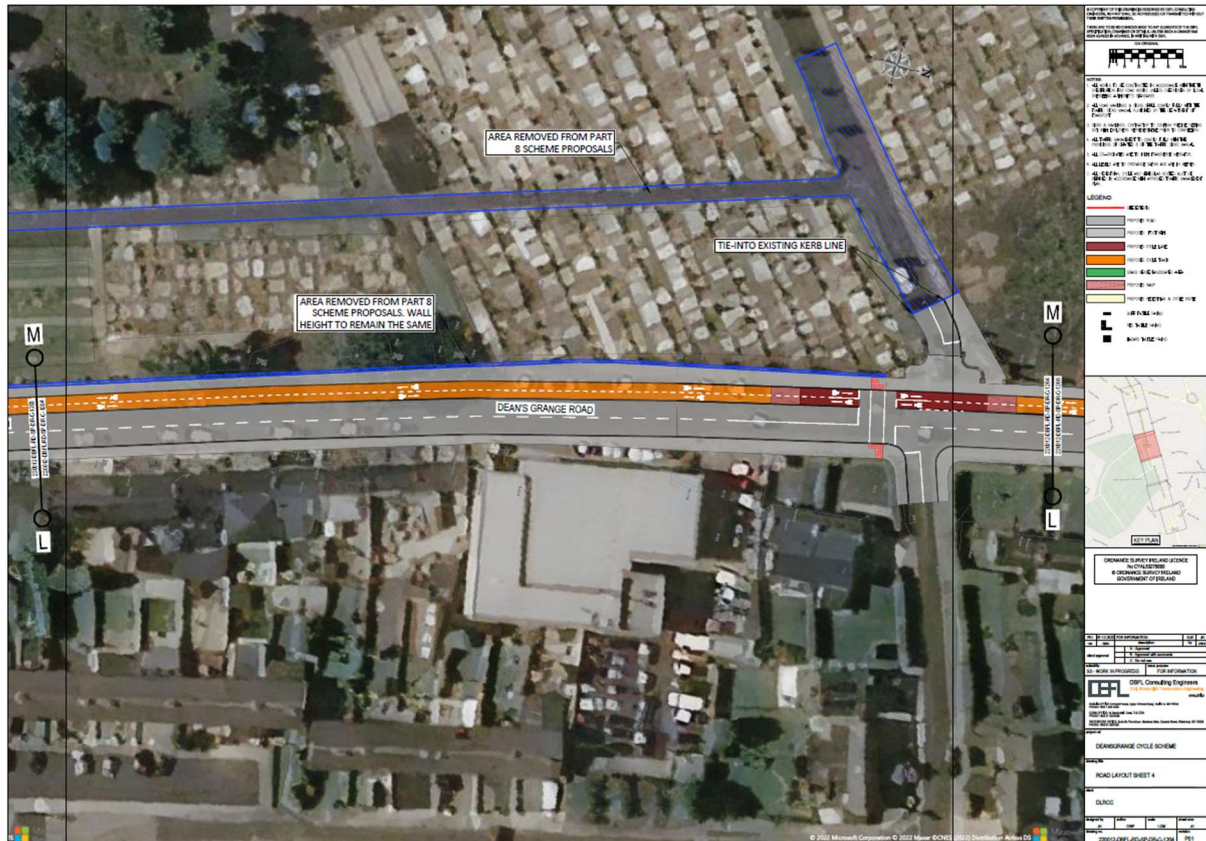


Figure 5 Outline design and layout of proposed scheme- Section 4 (source: DBFL Consulting Engineers)



Figure 6 Outline design and layout of proposed scheme- Section 5 (source: DBFL Consulting Engineers)

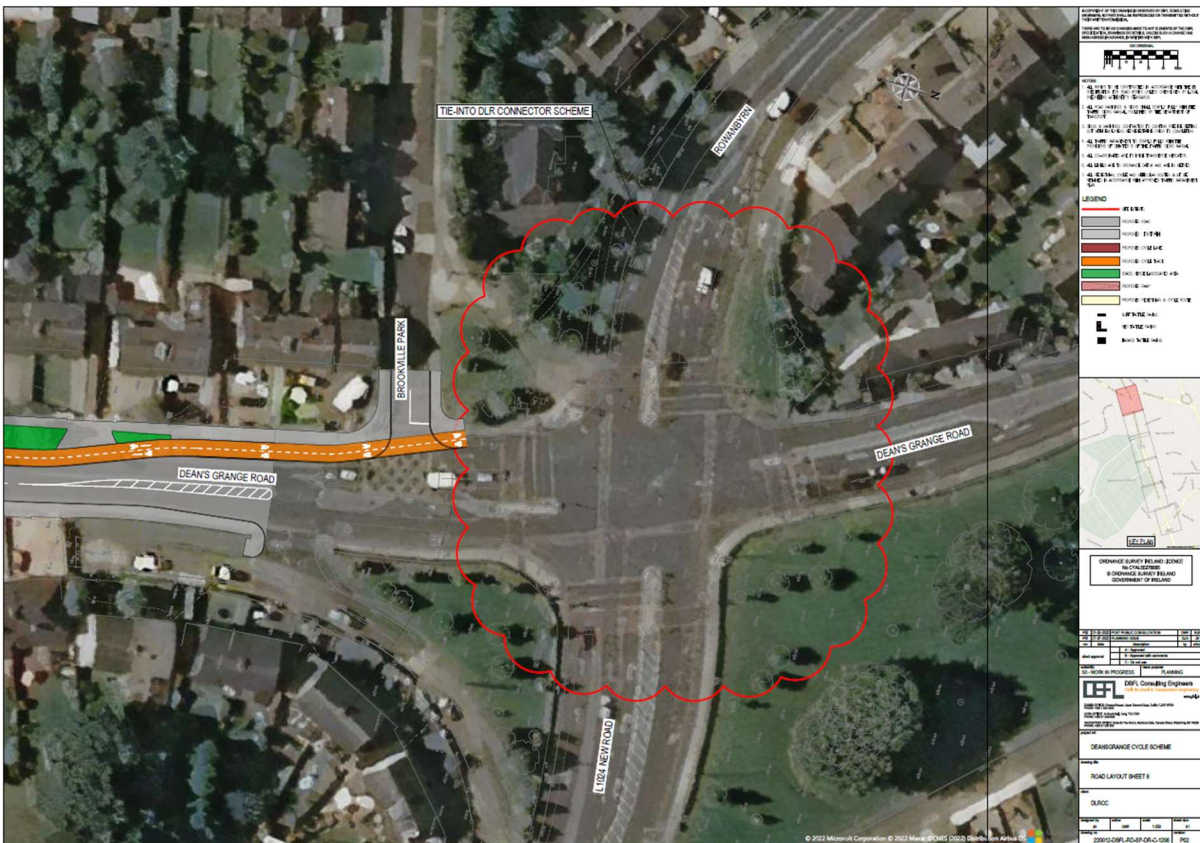


Figure 7 Outline design and layout of proposed scheme- Section 6 (source: DBFL Consulting Engineers)

3 Assessment

Sections 5 and 6 of the EIA Screening Report carried out a 3 stage Screening in of the project. Section 4 of the AA Screening Report set out an Assessment of Potential Impacts of the project. The amendments to the scheme do not have a material impact on the assessments made in the Screening Reports.

The author of this report reviewed some proposed amendments to the scheme in advance of the Council meeting on 13th March 2023 and also attended the meeting, where additional amendments were proposed. This allowed the consultants to advise the Council whether the proposed amendments under consideration had implications for the Conclusions set out in the following section.

4 Conclusions

Section 6.3 of the EIA Screening Report and Section 5 of the AA Screening Report set out conclusions in respect of the EIA and AA Screening. This report has considered whether changes to the Scheme have implications for the findings of the EIAR and AA Screening Report prepared by this office (April 2022).

With reference to the EIA Screening Report, it is considered that the amendment to the scheme would not alter the following conclusion;

Having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development which is below the thresholds set out in Class 10 of Part 2 of Schedule 5, the criteria in Schedule 7, the information provided in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and the following:

- *The scale, nature and location of the proposed impacts*
- *The potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures*
- *The results of the any other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment*

It is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and it is recommended that environmental impact assessment report is not required.

Appendix A of the April 2022 Screening Report comprises an Appropriate Assessment Screening. The Report has been reviewed in light of the amendments here under consideration.

The key finding of the AA screening report was that there are no potential pathways (e.g. surface water, groundwater) between the Site and any Natura 2000 sites, so there is no risk of direct or indirect impacts on any Natura 2000 sites. This remains the case for the amended scheme, so the following conclusion is unchanged:

With regard to Article 42 (7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, it can be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information following screening, that the plan or project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on a European site. Therefore, we conclude that Appropriate Assessment is not required.