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Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended)
(For Proposed Local Authority Development)

Project Title:	**New Public Realm and Plaza East and North of Waldemar Terrace, Dundrum Main Street, Taney Road and Dundrum Bypass, Dundrum, Dublin 14**

Description of the Proposed Development:

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is proposing to create a New Public Realm and Plaza East and North of Waldemar Terrace in Dundrum

- Reallocation of c. 1057 m² of road as public realm;
- New public realm of c. 3001 m², including a new civic plaza with high-quality paving, resurfacing, street furniture, and public lighting on independent columns; new accessible, raised podium; new incidental play areas; new mobility hub for cycle parking; retention of existing bike shelter and associated cycle parking; upgrade of existing pedestrian crossing;
- New landscaping, including tree planting and sustainable urban drainage system (SuDS); removal of 7 existing trees on site; removal and relocation of 5 existing trees on site; and retention of 1 existing tree on site.
- Drainage, utility, and all ancillary works.

The following Protected Structure: Usher Monument (RPS 934) is located within the proposed site boundary.

Legislative Context:

- Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora)
- Habitats and Birds Directives (Council Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds)
- European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (S.I. No. 477 of 2011)
- European Council Regulation on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species [2025/1422]
- Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
- Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended)
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028
- Dundrum Local Area Plan 2023
- River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022-2027 (Water Action Plan 2024)

AA Screening Report:

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council commissioned the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (AASR) from consultants JBA Engineers and Scientists Ltd. The report was dated November 2026.

The AASR has been examined and evaluated by Marguerite Cahill, Senior Executive Planner, Planning Department and Paul Kennedy, Director of Planning, Economic Development, Harbour & Property Management, who are satisfied that the AASR fully considers the relevant Directives and legislation, and agree with the contents and conclusion set out in the AASR and the reasons therein.

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This AASR has considered potential effects within the Zone(s) of Influence, resulting from the source pathway receptor model, which may arise during the construction and operational phases.

Through an assessment of the potential sources and potential pathways for significant effects, the project characteristics have been evaluated by this report, taking account of the processes involved and the distance of separation from European sites, concluding that there is no likelihood of significant effects occurring to the Qualifying Interests, Special Conservation Interests or the Conservation Objectives, of any designated European site, as a result of the implementation of the proposed development.

Given the nature of the proposed development in the context of the local environment, plans and projects, the proposed development will not lead to any significant effects in combination with effects arising from any other plans or projects.

The AASR concludes that the proposed development is not foreseen to have any likelihood of significant effects on any European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects – and therefore any potential for significant effects on any European site resulting from the proposed development can be ruled out. This conclusion is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated. Consequently, the proposed development does not need to be subject to Stage Two Appropriate Assessment, nor is a Natura Impact Statement required.

The main reasons for this are as follows:

- Having regard to the relevant directives and legislation.
- The scale and localised nature of the proposed development and the lack of direct impact pathways between the Site and European sites, it can be concluded that the Proposed Development will not result in any significant impacts either directly or indirectly on the conservation objectives or status of the listed European sites and will not result in the direct loss or disturbance of any Annex I habitats and/ or Annex II species for which the European sites are designated.
- That the Developments either alone, or in-combination with other plans, projects or land uses, have not had and will not have any direct or indirect significant effects on any European sites.

Determination:

Having regard to the foregoing, the proposed **New Public Realm and Plaza East and North of Waldemar Terrace, Dundrum Main Street, Taney Road and Dundrum Bypass, Dundrum, Dublin 14**, on the basis of objective information and in view of best scientific knowledge and applying the precautionary principle, for the reasons set out above and in the AASR, it has been concluded that the proposed development individually or in combination with other plans or projects[1], without relying on any mitigation measures, will not have a significant effect on any European Sites, in view of the sites' conservation objectives, and that there is no reasonable scientific doubt in relation to this conclusion.

Consequently, a Stage Two of the AA and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is not required.

The Proposed New Public Realm and Plaza East and North of Waldemar Terrace, Dundrum Main Street, Taney Road and Dundrum Bypass, Dundrum, Dublin 14 is being promoted by the Capital Section of the Infrastructure and Climate Change Department (ICC) in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

[1][11] 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.

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This Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination in respect of the Proposed New Public Realm and Plaza East and North of Waldemar Terrace, Dundrum Main Street, Taney Road and Dundrum Bypass, Dundrum, Dublin 14 has been made by Paul Kennedy, Director of Planning, Economic Development, Harbour & Property Management to apply appropriate functional separation in the carrying out of a Screening Determination for Appropriate Assessment.

Signature: Paul Kennedy

Signatory (Approved Officer): Paul Kennedy — *Name*; Director of Planning — *Position / Department*

Date: 20/11/26