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Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination
(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:

- Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended)
- 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)
- Water Framework Directive
- Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009
- Flood Risk Management Guidelines (DEHLG/OPW, 2009)
- Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
- Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended)
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028

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EIA Screening Report:

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council commissioned the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report (EIASR) to determine whether the proposed development may have potential to give rise to significant environmental effects and whether an EIA is required for the Proposed Development. The EIASR was prepared by consultants JBA Engineers and Scientists Ltd. The report was dated November 2026.

The EIASR details the characteristics of the Proposed Development and its likely significant effects (if any) on the environment.

The EIASR has been considered and evaluated by Marguerite Cahill, A/Senior Planner, Planning Department and Paul Kennedy, Director of Planning, Economic Development, Harbour & Property Management, who are satisfied that the EIASR fully considers the relevant legislative context and sets out the requirements or mandatory and sub-threshold EIA, and agree with the contents and conclusion set out in the EIASR.

EIA requirements derive from EU Directive 2011/92/EU (as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment. The Directive has been transposed into various Irish legislation of which the following are the most relevant to this development.

- Planning and Development Acts 2000-2020 (Part X)
- Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (S.I. 600/2001) as amended
- European Union (Planning and Development) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 296/2018)

Notwithstanding, the EIASR has examined whether there are likely any significant environmental effects from the Proposed Scheme on the receiving environment with regard to Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

The EIASR concludes that no significant impacts on the environment will arise from the construction or operation of the Proposed Development and that an EIA is not required.

The reasons for this as set out in the report are as follows:

- The proposed development is well below the mandatory EIA thresholds and therefore does not trigger mandatory EIA requirements.
- Proposed Development will not present a likelihood of significant environmental effects, having considered the nature, size and location of the Proposed Development during the Construction or operational Phases, and the information necessary to enable this screening assessment has been provided in the EIASR
- The proposed development by itself or in combination with other projects is not likely to have significant effects on the environment and therefore an EIAR is not required to be prepared.

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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, does not trigger a mandatory EIA under the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended, or the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. Further, the Council (as Competent Authority) determines, for the reasons set out above and in the EIA Screening Report, that the proposed development, is not likely to have significant effects on the environment due to the nature, scale or location of the proposed development relevant to areas of environmental sensitivity and the types and characteristics of potential impacts, cumulation of effects with those arising from other existing and/or proposed projects and measures to avoid or prevent what might otherwise have been significant adverse effects on the environment.

The Council determines that no significant impacts on the environment will arise from the construction or operation of the proposed New Public Realm and Plaza that an EIA is therefore not required and an EIAR is not required to be prepared.

Therefore, it has been concluded, for the reasons set out above and in the EIA Screening Report, that the proposed development, by itself or in combination with other projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment and accordingly that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required. An EIAR is therefore not required.

No real likelihood of significant effects on the environment	x	EIA is not required
Real likelihood of significant effects on the environment		EIA is 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.

This screening determination 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 Environmental Impact Assessment,. which is an appropriate functional separation in accordance with Article 9a of the EIA Directive.

Signature: Paul Kennedy

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

Date: 20/11/26