

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended)
for
Sports Centre Building (including Swimming Pools and Sports Hall) and Ancillary Amenities
at
Samuel Beckett Civic Campus, Ballyogan Road, Dublin 18.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is proposing to construct a Sports Centre Building and Ancillary Amenities at the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus, Ballyogan Road, Dublin 18.

The project consists of:

Sports Building to include Swimming Pools (25m and Learner Pool), Sports Hall, Gym, Studios, upgrades to 3 existing Grass Pitches, new small All-Weather Area, covered outdoor Changing Area, Children's Playgrounds, Teen Area, Skate Park, Bike Hub, Civic Space, Extension of existing Car Park, Drop-off parking areas, Peripheral Pathways with incidental activities, Viewing areas, Site drainage, Landscaped areas enhancing site biodiversity

The total area of the proposed development is 7.2 ha.

Having regard to the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Birds Directive (2009/147/EC), the Council determines that the proposal does not need to be subject to a Stage Two Appropriate Assessment (Natura Impact Statement).

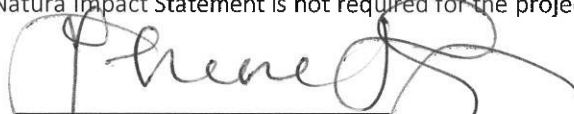
It is considered that the Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report prepared by Traynor Environmental Ltd gives full consideration to the Directives.

Through an assessment of the pathways for effects and an evaluation of the project characteristics, taking account of the processes involved and the distance of separation from European sites, it has been evaluated that there are no likely significant adverse effects on the qualifying interests, special conservation interest or the conservation objectives of any designated European site.

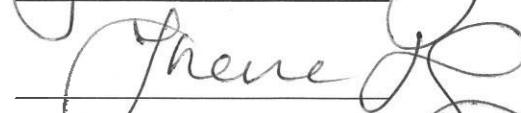
Given the nature of the proposed work to enhance the ecological value of the site, the scale and the localised and temporary nature of the potential effects, the proposed development will not lead to significant in-combination effects with any other plans or projects.

This evaluation is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated. It is concluded that the proposed development will not give rise to any significant adverse effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects¹. Consequently, a Stage Two AA / Natura Impact Statement is not required for the project.

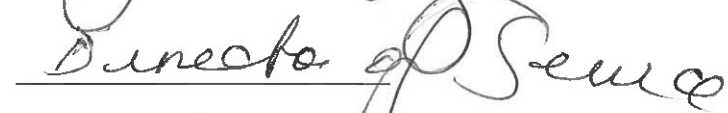
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Signatory (Approved Officer)



Date



08/03/2024

¹ 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.