

**Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination under the  
European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as  
amended)  
for  
Rochestown Avenue – Active Travel Scheme at  
Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin**

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is proposing to enhance the safety and attractiveness of Rochestown Avenue by providing necessary Active Travel infrastructure in an area where existing gaps of safe, continuous and consistent walking and cycling infrastructure are present. The proposed scheme will upgrade the pedestrian and cycle infrastructure along 2.2 km of road from Bakers Corner to the Graduate Roundabout; the urban realm will also be improved with new hard and soft landscaping, wildflower planting, SuDS measures and some street furniture and incidental play area close to the National Rehabilitation Hospital. The scheme will include works to the following roads:

The project consists of:

- Implement a 3.0m wide two-way cycle track running on northern side of Rochestown Avenue, with footpath on both the northern and southern sides of the road.
- Removal of the existing left turn slip lane westbound from Rochestown Avenue onto Pottery and implementation of a signalised 3-arm junction at this location with rationalised and shorter crossings points for pedestrians
- Upgrading of existing signalised junctions to provide safer pedestrian and cycle crossings including junctions with Pottery Road, Sallynoggin Road, Johnstown Road, Rochestown Park and Granitefield.
- New pedestrian crossings provided at the entrance to Grangewood, Sefton, Pearse Park, eastern end of Pearse Park and Glenview.
- Safer pedestrian crossing across all the access roads along the scheme with high-quality surfaces free of trip hazards and removed level differences between pedestrian areas.
- a shared pedestrian and cycling path with new public lighting across Pearse Park.

The scheme ties in at the western end with proposed DLRCC DL Central Active Travel Scheme at the junction between Rochestown Avenue and Kill Avenue, and at the eastern end with the existing layout at the Graduate Roundabout.

The total length of the proposed development is 2.2km of road surface.

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 Revision 2 (September 2023) prepared by AECOM Ireland Limited 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 and scale of the proposed works to Rochestown Avenue, 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 projects<sup>1</sup>. Consequently, a Stage Two AA / Natura Impact Statement is not required for the project.

Signature

 Senior Engineer

Signatory (Approved Officer)



Date

05/09/2023\_\_\_\_\_

