



**Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination under the
European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended)
for
the Proposed All Weather Pitch at Oatlands College, Mount Merrion, Blackrock,
Co. Dublin**

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is proposing to; develop an all weather pitch at Oatlands College, Mount Merrion, Blackrock, Co. Dublin

The project consists of:

an all-weather pitch comprising earthworks & formation preparation, retaining walls, drainage, sub-base preparation, shockpad & synthetic turf, fencing & netting, ballstop netting, floodlighting, prefabricated buildings, new access steps & paths, tree & woodland planting and all ancillary civil, building and landscaping works at Oatlands College

The total proposed site area is approx. 1.65 ha.

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended Dun Laoghaire County Council caused Altermar Ltd to undertake Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the European Sites, if the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s).

As required under Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the County Council determines following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required.

No European sites are within the zone of influence of the proposed development. The proposed development is not directly, connected with or necessary to the management of any European site and it can be concluded on the basis of objective information, that the proposed development individually or in combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant effect on the European sites identified and listed in the AA Screening Report prepared by Altermar Ltd.

The Council makes this determination based on the information and data supplied by Altermar Ltd including the Wintering Bird Survey as detailed in the Report. From the AA screening exercise undertaken the Council is satisfied having regard to

- the nature and extent of the proposed works
- the distance between the proposed development site and designated conservation sites
- the lack of a direct hydrological pathway or biodiversity corridor link any European site
- the dilution, mixing and settlement effect of surface water within the drainage network, watercourses and in the marine environment
- the Wintering Bird Assessment
- the absence of any in combination effects from other projects in the vicinity of the proposed development

that the proposed development would not give rise to any significant effects on any European site through surface water, land and air, and groundwater pathways and that the construction and



operation of the development will not impact on the conservation objectives of qualifying interests of European sites.

This assessment was, undertaken in the absence of mitigation measures. The proposed development has, therefore, screened out for Appropriate Assessment based on the location of the works, the nature and the scale of the works.

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Signatory (Approved Officer)

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