



**Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination under the
European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended)
for
Proposed Killiney Hill Park Accessible Entrance
at Killiney Hill Road, Killiney, Co. Dublin**

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is proposing to: create a universally accessible entrance with associated hard and soft landscaping works at the Victorian entrance to Killiney Hill Park.

The project consists of:

- A 2m wide footpath will link the park arrival area to the proposed entrance. A bespoke guardrail positioned along the Killiney Hill Road will provide a protective barrier between the pedestrian and vehicular movement.
- A reconstituted stone gateway structure will mark the entrance to the universal accessible path and ambulant accessible steps.
- Minor earth form manipulation of the sloped embankment to accept the proposed steps and accessible path. The embankment will be planted with suitable native / pollinator friendly species.
- The upper seating space associated with the Tearooms will be resurfaced and additional seating introduced.
- The installation of cycle racks will provide for short stay cycle parking and help prevent unauthorised parking within the pedestrian arrival space.
- A planting scheme will supplement the existing native woodland environment and create interest with selected specimen species.

The total area of the proposed development is 0.096ha.

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 CAAS 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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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.