

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination under European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended) for the Proposed Development at Marine Road & Georges Street Junction comprising a general upgrade to the Civic Space and all ancillary works at St. Michaels Square & Environs, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin within the Curtilage of a Protected Structure (St. Michaels Church)

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Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is proposing a Development at Marine Road & Georges Street Junction comprising a general upgrade to the Civic Space and all ancillary works at St. Michaels Square & Environs, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin within the Curtilage of a Protected Structure (St. Michaels Church)

The project consists of:

- New paving
- Contemplative seating area
- New level access off Georges Street
- Ornamental planting
- Associated civil and electrical works
- Ancillary works

The total proposed site area is approx. 490m²

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 engaged CAAS 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 CAAS Ltd.

The Council makes this determination based on the information and data supplied by CAAS Ltd. 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 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.


Determination:

Having regard to the foregoing, on the basis of objective information and in view of best scientific knowledge and applying the precautionary principle, for the reasons set out above and in the AA Screening Report, it has been concluded that the proposed development (St. Michaels Square and Environs) individually or in combination with other plans or projects, without relying on any mitigation measures, will not have a significant effect on any European Sites, in view of the sites' conservation objectives, and that there is no reasonable scientific doubt in relation to this conclusion.

Consequently, a Stage Two AA and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is not required.

The proposed development at Marine road & Georges Street Junction comprising a general upgrade to the Civic Space and all ancillary works at St. Michaels Square & Environs, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin within Curtilage of Protected Structure (St. Michaels Church) is being promoted by the Community and Cultural Development Department. This Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination in respect of the proposed general upgrade to the Civic Space of St. Michaels Square & Environs has been made by Aidan Blighe, Director of Planning and Economic Department to apply appropriate functional separation in the carrying out of a Screening Determination for Appropriate Assessment.

Signature (recommended by)  Senior Planner
 Name Position / Department

Signatory (Approved Officer):  Director of Planning + Economic Development
 Name Position / Department

Delegation No. 2505

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