

DLRCC AA Screening Determination

Project Ref: Harbour Rd Dun Laoghaire Section 38 Consultation

Applicant Name: AECOM/DLRCC

Development Location: Harbour Rd Dun Laoghaire

Site Area (Ha): c. 0.625 ha

Description of the project/proposed development and Overview:

The proposed BusConnects Network Redesign includes 8 new bus services that will terminate at Dun Laoghaire Train Station. To accommodate these new services, additional bus layover spaces are required to provide an efficient bus operation.

The purpose of this non-statutory public consultation is to provide notice of DLRCC's intention to carry out works under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.

Scheme Objectives

- Provide 3 additional bus layover spaces in addition to the 3 already existing on Harbour Road (6 in total), allowing for the independent arrival/departure of buses.
- Provide a bus turning facility on Harbour Road to minimise bus operation time delays.
- Provide a new bus stop on Harbour Road.
- Maintain access to the cruise ship terminal and Harbour Building and ensure these elements are managed carefully during the works to minimise the impact and provide a pleasant arrival location for these passengers at all stages of construction.
- Provide for pedestrian and cycle facilities along Harbour Road, tying into the Council's Coastal Mobility Route on the east and existing pedestrian facilities on the west.

It is proposed to extend the existing bus layover spaces by the reallocation of the adjacent existing parallel car parking spaces on the south side of Harbour Road. A new small roundabout is also proposed at the entrance to the cruise terminal allowing for bus turning manoeuvres and narrowing access to the terminal, providing safer pedestrian crossing points. A new bus stop with a shelter is proposed on the northern side of Harbour Road, west of the existing signalised pedestrian crossing, and a new 2 way off road cycle path in line with the realigned footway along Harbour Road with pedestrian/ cycle priority crossing points to provide enhanced pedestrian /cycle facilities, which ties back into existing facilities via shared areas.

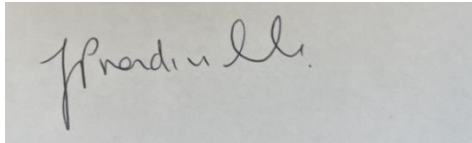
Determination

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report of the development was carried out by AECOM in accordance with the European Commission's Assessment of Plans and Projects Significantly affecting Natura 2000 Sites: Methodological Guidance on the provisions of Article 6(3) and 6(4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC(2021) and Managing Natura 2000 Sites: the provisions of Article section 386 of the 'Habitats' Directive 92/43/EEC(2018) as well as the Department of the Environment's Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland-Guidance for Planning Authorities (DOEHLG, 2010) and the Appropriate Assessment Screening for Development Management. Office of the Planning Regulator, Dublin 7, Ireland OPR (2021).

Following an examination, analysis and evaluation of the relevant information and potential for significant effects on any European Sites in combination with other plans and projects, the screening report determines that in view of best scientific knowledge, on the basis of objective information and

in light of the conservation objectives of the relevant European sites, that the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, will not have a significant effect on any European Site.

For the reasons outlined above it is considered that the proposal development , will not present a significant risk to any European Site. As such this screening exercise concludes that an Appropriate Assessment is not required for this project.

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Signed by Senior Executive Planner: Julieanne Prendiville

Date: 28/11/23