

Screening for SEA Determination

Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination under the SEA Directive¹ for:

Proposed Modifications/Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Amendment (No. 8) of the adopted Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone Planning Scheme, 2014, as amended

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening determination as to whether Proposed Modifications/Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Amendment (No. 8), comprising a building height and density review, of the adopted Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone Planning Scheme, 2014, as amended, are likely to have significant effects on the environment is being made by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council under the European SEA Directive, transposed into Irish legislation through European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 435 of 2004), as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011 European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Amendment Regulations and S.I. No. 436 of 2004 (Planning and Development (SEA) Regulations 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 201 of 2011 (Planning and Development (SEA) (Amendment) Regulations 2011).

In making the determination, the following is being taken into account:

- “Report to Inform Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening for Proposed Modifications/Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Amendment No. 8 to the Cherrywood SDZ Planning Scheme 2014 (as amended)” (December 2022), including: an examination of the need to undertake SEA against relevant criteria set out in Annex II of the SEA Directive, which is reproduced as Schedule 1 of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004, as amended, and Schedule 2A of the SEA Regulations (as amended); and various appendices².
- Written submissions made during public display of the proposed Amendment process; and
- Ongoing advice on SEA from the Council’s agents.

The above information and advice has been carefully considered and its reasoning and conclusion agreed with and adopted – allowing a determination to be made that Proposed Modifications/Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Amendment No. 8 would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects. Furthermore, the accompanying Report to inform Appropriate Assessment Screening demonstrate that the Proposed Modifications/Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Amendment No. 8 will not give rise to any likely significant effect on any European site.

Taking into account all of the above, it is determined that Proposed Modifications/Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Amendment No. 8 would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects and that SEA is not required to be undertaken on the Proposed Modifications/Proposed Material Alterations.

¹ Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, transposed into Irish legislation through European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 435 of 2004), as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011 European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Amendment Regulations and S.I. No. 436 of 2004 (Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 201 of 2011 (Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2011)

² Appendix I: Report to inform the SEA Screening for Proposed Amendment No. 8 to the Cherrywood SDZPS 2014 (as amended) [July 2022]

Appendix II: Screening for SEA Determination for Proposed Amendment No. 8 to the Cherrywood SDZPS 2014 (as amended) [July 2022]

Appendix III: SEA Screening of Proposed Amendment No. 8 Addendum I - SEA Screening Review of CE Recommendations [October 2022]

Appendix IV: SEA Screening of Proposed Amendment No. 8 Addendum II - SEA Screening Review of Members’ Motions and associated Chief Executive’s Recommendations [November 2022]

Appendix V: Cherrywood SDZ Pond 5A Rezoning - Technical Note [December 2022]



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