



SEA Screening Determination: Dún Laoghaire Rathdown (DLR) County Biodiversity Action Plan 2021 - 2025 Prepared under SI 435 of 2004 (as amended).

Section 9 (1) of the (2004) Regulations (S.I. No. 435) (as amended) states “*subject to sub-article (2), an environmental assessment shall be carried out for all plans and programmes*

(a) which are prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism and town and country planning or land use, and which set the framework for future development consent of projects listed in Annexes I and II to the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, or ”

(b) which are not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European site but, either individually or in combination with other plans, are likely to have a significant effect on any such site.”.

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown (DLR) County Biodiversity Action Plan (CBAP) 2021-2025 sets out the Objectives, Themes and Actions to commence the recovery, restoration and reconnection of our County’s biodiversity. The DLR CBAP recognises the biodiversity crisis and the associated climate change crisis and aims to ensure that biodiversity is considered in all areas of work in DLR. Some of these actions are already implemented, some are ongoing actions or have commenced recently. The actions will be reviewed and updated annually to ensure that they continue to be relevant.

The plan does not provide consent, establish a framework for granting consent or contribute towards a framework for granting consent. In order to be realised, potential projects or proposals arising from the DLR CBAP will have to comply, as relevant, with various legislation, policies, plans and programmes (including requirements for lower-tier Appropriate Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment and other licencing requirements as appropriate) that form the statutory decision-making and consent granting framework, of which the plan is not part and does not contribute towards. Should projects arise from the Plan, the application of the DLR CBAP will apply as well as relevant measures of the DLR CPD 2022-2028.

In relation to Section 9 (1) of the (2004) Regulations (S.I. No. 435) (b) which relates to the findings of the Screening Statement in support of Appropriate Assessment, a finding of no likely significant effects on the conservation management objectives of European Sites has been determined.

The plan and accompanying SEA Screening reports were issued to the statutory consultees for a four week period and submissions received have been noted and considered. These submissions have noted the SEA Screening Determination and in summary a final determination has been made



following consultation that full SEA is not required. This is the final determination of the SEA Screening of the **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown (DLR) County Biodiversity Action Plan 2021 -2025**.

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On behalf of **Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council**
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