

[Summary]

Final Screening for AA Determination

Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) under the Habitats Directive¹ for:

Amendment (No. 8) of the adopted Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone Planning Scheme, 2014, as amended

A summary Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) determination as to whether Amendment No. 8, comprising a building height and density review, of the adopted Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone Planning Scheme, 2014, as amended, could result in a likely significant effect on any European site is being made by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council – reflecting the process that has already been undertaken and concluded under Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive.

As there were no changes to the modifications subject to an AA screening determination on 20th December 2022 (with the original Proposed Amendment having already been subject to a previous AA screening determination on 25th July 2022), further, formal AA Screening considerations were not required after this date. However, this determination allows for a summary of the process undertaken.

In carrying out the Screening for AA, the Council has taken into account matters including those specified under Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), including:


- Report to inform the AA Screening for Proposed Amendment No. 8 to the Cherrywood SDZPS 2014 (as amended) [July 2022];
- Screening for AA Determination for Proposed Amendment No. 8 to the Cherrywood SDZPS 2014 (as amended) [July 2022];
- AA Screening of Proposed Amendment No. 8 Addendum I - AA Screening Review of CE Recommendations [October 2022];
- AA Screening of Proposed Amendment No. 8 Addendum II - AA Screening Review of Members' Motions and associated Chief Executive's Recommendations [November 2022];
- Cherrywood SDZ Pond 5A Rezoning - Technical Note [December 2022];
- Report to Inform Appropriate 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 various appendices;
- Written submissions made during public consultations; and
- Ongoing advice on AA from the Council's agents.

The above documentation demonstrates that the implementation of the Amendment will not give rise to any potential effect on the ecological integrity of any European site, alone or in combination with any other plans, programmes, projects, etc. The above documentation has been carefully considered and its reasoning and conclusion agreed with and adopted, allowing the making of a determination that 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 Amendment No. 8 will not give rise to any likely significant effect on any European site. Consequently, Stage 2 AA was not required to be undertaken on the Proposed Amendment.

¹ Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora, transposed into Irish legislation through, among other statutes, the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)


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