

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS 1925 - 2014

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE BUSINESS CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDERS

Screening Determination under Section 177V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

for the

Draft Old Connaught Local Area Plan 2025

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLR) is preparing the Draft Old Connaught Local Area Plan (LAP) under Sections 19 and 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The prospective LAP will provide a land use framework to guide the future sustainable development of the settlement of Old Connaught. The LAP, in conjunction with the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan (CDP) 2022-2028, will inform and manage the future development of the area.

A Screening Determination for the need for Appropriate Assessment (AA) has been made by DLR with respect to the prospective LAP in accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the Directive 92/43/EEC (Habitats Directive) and Section 177V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

A report to inform AA Screening has been completed. The purpose of this report was to identify whether the implementation of the LAP has the potential to have likely, significant effects on the integrity of European sites, alone or in-combination with other plans and projects.

Having regard to the nature of the LAP, development aspirations for the LAP area and the characteristics of the baseline environment, DLR have concluded that the LAP:

- Is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European sites.
- Individually or in-combination with other plans or projects, has the potential to have likely, significant effects on 10 No. European sites (listed below), in view of site conservation objectives and best scientific knowledge.

Site Code	Site Name
000713	Ballyman Glen SAC
000725	Knocksink Wood SAC
003000	Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC
004040	Wicklow Mountains SPA
004172	Dalkey Islands SPA
004024	South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA
004186	The Murrough SPA
004006	North Bull Island SPA
004236	North-west Irish Sea SPA
004063	Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA

The Draft LAP provides a land use planning framework for the Plan Area and supports various types of development, including housing, transport and renewable energy development. The implementation of LAP policies and objectives, which are supportive of various forms of development, have the potential to result in likely significant effects on European sites from

the following: loss/reduction of habitat area; habitat or species fragmentation; disturbance to key species; reduction in species density; changes in key indicators of conservation value (water quality etc.); and climate change.

In consideration of the above, DLR must carefully consider the wording, content, focus and the scope of the LAP, so that adverse effects on European sites associated with its implementation are avoided/mitigated.

DLR, having regard to the 'Precautionary Principle' enshrined in EU and Irish environmental law, therefore determines that a Stage 2 AA / Natura Impact Report (NIR) is required for the LAP.

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Senior Planner

5-3-2025

Date

Order:

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Dated day of 05/03 2025

[Signature]
Approved Officer

Thereunto empowered by order of Príomhfheidhmeannach, Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire- Ráth An Dúin, Order No. 256, dated 28/08/22, delegating to me all his powers, functions and duties in relation to the County Council of Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown in respect of this matter.