

**DRAFT PARK WEST – CHERRY ORCHARD
LOCAL AREA PLAN 2019**

**Appropriate Assessment
Screening Statement (Adopted LAP)**



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1 AA Screening Conclusion of Final LAP

1.1 Introduction

Dublin City Council (DCC) prepared a Local Area Plan (LAP) for Park West – Cherry Orchard under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Elected Members of Dublin City Council adopted the LAP at the City Council meeting on the 7th October 2019. In accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Plan comes into effect on the **4th November 2019**.

A Local Area Plan sets out planning policies and objectives for a specifically defined area over an initial 6-year period, which may be extended by the local authority, for a period of up to 10 years. As required by legislation, Appropriate Assessment must be carried out to assess the potential effects of the proposed plan, on its own or in combination with other plans or projects, on one or more Natura 2000 sites, also referred to as 'European sites'.

1.2 Background

The Draft Park West – Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan (LAP) was placed on public display for a period of 6 weeks from 11th June to 22nd July 2019 (inclusive) during which time submissions and observations were invited. The Draft LAP was accompanied by the Appropriate Assessment Screening Statement, SEA Environmental Report and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

A total of 126 no. submissions were received by Dublin City Council during this consultation period. In accordance with the requirements of Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act (as amended), a Chief Executive's Report was prepared, which summarised and detailed the submissions received on the Draft Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP and provided a response and recommendations of the Chief Executive to the issues raised during the consultation (Report no. 275/19 refers).

The Elected Members, having considered the views expressed by the public proposed motions giving direction to the Chief Executive regarding local planning and development issues. The Chief Executive provided responses and recommendations to the issues raised in the motions (Report no. 276/19 refers).

The proposed amendments in the Chief Executive reports No. 275/19 and 276/19 were considered to be non-material in nature. At the Council Meeting on the 7th October 2019, the Elected Members considered the Draft Park West – Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan, and the Chief Executive's Report No. 275/19 on submissions, and Report No. 276/19 on Motions, and resolved to make the Local Area Plan, in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief Executive.

1.3 Consideration of the Final Adopted Park West – Cherry Orchard LAP

The minor alternations proposed in the Chief Executive's reports 275/19 and 276/19, as adopted by the members of Council, were not considered material in nature. They did not change the overriding vision and objectives of the Draft Local Area Plan 2019 which is focused on consolidating development, maximising resources, reducing vacancy, providing for mixed tenure and exploration of additional sporting and open space requirements. It was thus determined that the adopted Plan would not result in additional impacts to those already identified in the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report.

Therefore the adopted Local Area Plan will not have a significant negative impact on the Natura 2000 network.

1.4 Conclusion

In preparing the Park West – Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan, the City Council carried out an Appropriate Assessment. Having assessed the LAP in terms of direct, indirect and cumulative impacts, it can be objectively concluded that there will be no significant effects on any Natura 2000 sites.

The AA screening process has identified that there is **no potential for significant impacts** on Natura 2000 sites in the zone of influence of the Local Area Plan.

The LAP and any developments arising within will be consistent with the Dublin City Development Plan in operation, which is also subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment during its preparation and adoption.