

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT

TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT (AA) OF:

PROPOSED VARIATION (NO. 6) OF THE DUBLIN CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022 – 2028:

Pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive European Union Directive 92/43/EEC, and, European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 to 2021 and Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Background to Report

Dublin City Council has prepared a proposed variation to the City Development Plan (the CDP). It is proposed to vary the zoning at One Royal Canal House, Royal Canal Park, Pelletstown, Dublin 15 from **Z1 (Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods)** to **Z3 (Neighbourhood Centres)** to better reflect and support the operational and permitted office use at this location and, in turn, to support the commercial core at Royal Canal Park.

The proposed variation must be screened to ascertain whether it is likely to result in any significant effects on those sites designated under the European Commission's Natura 2000 network of sites (European Sites). These sites are designated on the basis of the presence of certain habitats and species that are deemed to be of international importance.

In Ireland, European sites include Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs). SACs are selected for habitats listed on Annex I of the Habitats Directive and species listed on Annex II. SPAs are selected for bird species (listed on Annex I of the Birds Directive), regularly-occurring populations of migratory bird species, and areas of international importance for migratory birds. The specified habitats and species for which each SAC and SPA is selected, correspond to the qualifying interests (in the case of SACs) or special conservation interest species (in the case of SPAs) for the sites, for which conservation objectives are prepared.

The EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) requires the screening of plans and projects under Article 6 (3). If, following screening, likely significant effects may occur or cannot be ruled out, then a more detailed 'appropriate assessment (AA) is required.

Dublin City Council as the competent body has carried out this screening process / report. A competent authority (in this case Dublin City Council) can only agree to a

plan or project after having determined that it will not result in significant effects on the conservation management objectives of European Sites.

2.0 Screening Assessment

2.1 Formal Guidance

The guidance which has been taken into account during the screening process includes the following:

- Managing Natura 2000 Sites: The Provisions of Article 6 of the Habitat's Directive 92/43/EEC (EC Environment Directorate-General, 2019);
- Guidance Document on Article 6(4) of the 'Habitats Directive' 92/43/EEC. Clarification of the Concepts of Alternative Solutions, Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest, Compensatory Measures, Overall Coherence. Opinion of the European Commission (European Commission, January 2007).
- Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland - Guidance for Planning Authorities. (Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, 2010).
- Circular letter SEA 1/08 and NPWS 1/08. (February 2008) Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG)
- Appropriate Assessment under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive: Guidance for Planning Authorities. Circular NPW 1/10 & PSSP 2/10.
- Assessment of Plans and Projects Significantly Affecting Natura 2000 sites: Methodological Guidance on the Provisions of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC (European Commission Environment Directorate-General, 2001).
- Assessment of plans and projects significantly affecting Natura 2000 sites (*November 2001*) and Managing Natura 2000 sites: The provisions of Article 6 of the 'Habitats' Directive (*2018*).
- OPR Practice Note PN01 – Appropriate Assessment Screening for Development Management March 2021.

2.2 Assessment

The function of the Screening Assessment is to identify whether appropriate assessment is necessary by examining:

1) whether a plan or project is directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site, and

2) the likely effects of a project or plan, either alone or in combination with other projects or plans, on a NATURA 2000 site in view of its conservation objectives, and considering whether these effects will be significant.

In this context "likely" means a risk or possibility of effects occurring that cannot be ruled out based on objective information and "significant" means an effect that would undermine the conservation objectives of the European sites, either alone or in-

combination with other plans and projects (Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR), 2021) .

Screening for AA involves the following:

- a) determining whether the project or plan is directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site;
- b) describing the project or plan and the description and characterisation of other projects or plans that in combination have the potential for having significant effects on the NATURA 2000 site;
- c) identification of Relevant NATURA 2000 Sites; their qualifying interests and conservation objectives
- d) assessment of likely effects / significance of effects on the NATURA 2000 site;
- e) Screening Statement with Conclusions.

If there is no likelihood of significant effects arising on sites as a result of the proposed variation alone or in combination with other plans and projects, there is no requirement to undertake appropriate assessment.

In establishing which European sites are potentially at risk (in the absence of mitigation) from the proposed Variation, a source-pathway-receptor approach was applied. In order for an impact to occur, there must be a risk enabled by having a source (e.g. water abstraction or construction works), a receptor (e.g. a European site or its QI(s) or SCI(s), and a pathway between the source and the receptor (e.g. pathway by air for airborne pollution, or a pathway by a watercourse for mobilisation of pollution). For an impact to occur, all three elements must exist; the absence or removal of one of the elements means there is no possibility for the impact to occur.

The identification of a source-pathway-receptor link does not automatically mean that significant effects will arise. The likelihood for significant effects will depend upon the characteristics of the source, the pathway and the receptor. Where uncertainty exists, the precautionary principle is applied.

The source-pathway-receptor link will also help identifying the Zone of Influence (ZOI) of the proposed Variation, i.e. identifying those sites which are at risk of significant effects.

3.0 Management of NATURA 2000 Site

Proposed Variation No. 6 to the 2022 – 2028 Dublin City Development Plan is not directly connected with or necessary for the management of NATURA 2000 sites in Dublin City or elsewhere.

4.0 The Proposed Variation

It is proposed to vary the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028, by rezoning lands at One Royal Canal House, Royal Canal Park, Pelletstown, Dublin 15:

From: Zoning Objective Z1 ‘Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods’ - To protect, provide and improve residential amenities.

To: Zoning Objective Z3 'Neighbourhood Centre' - *To provide for and improve neighbourhood facilities.*

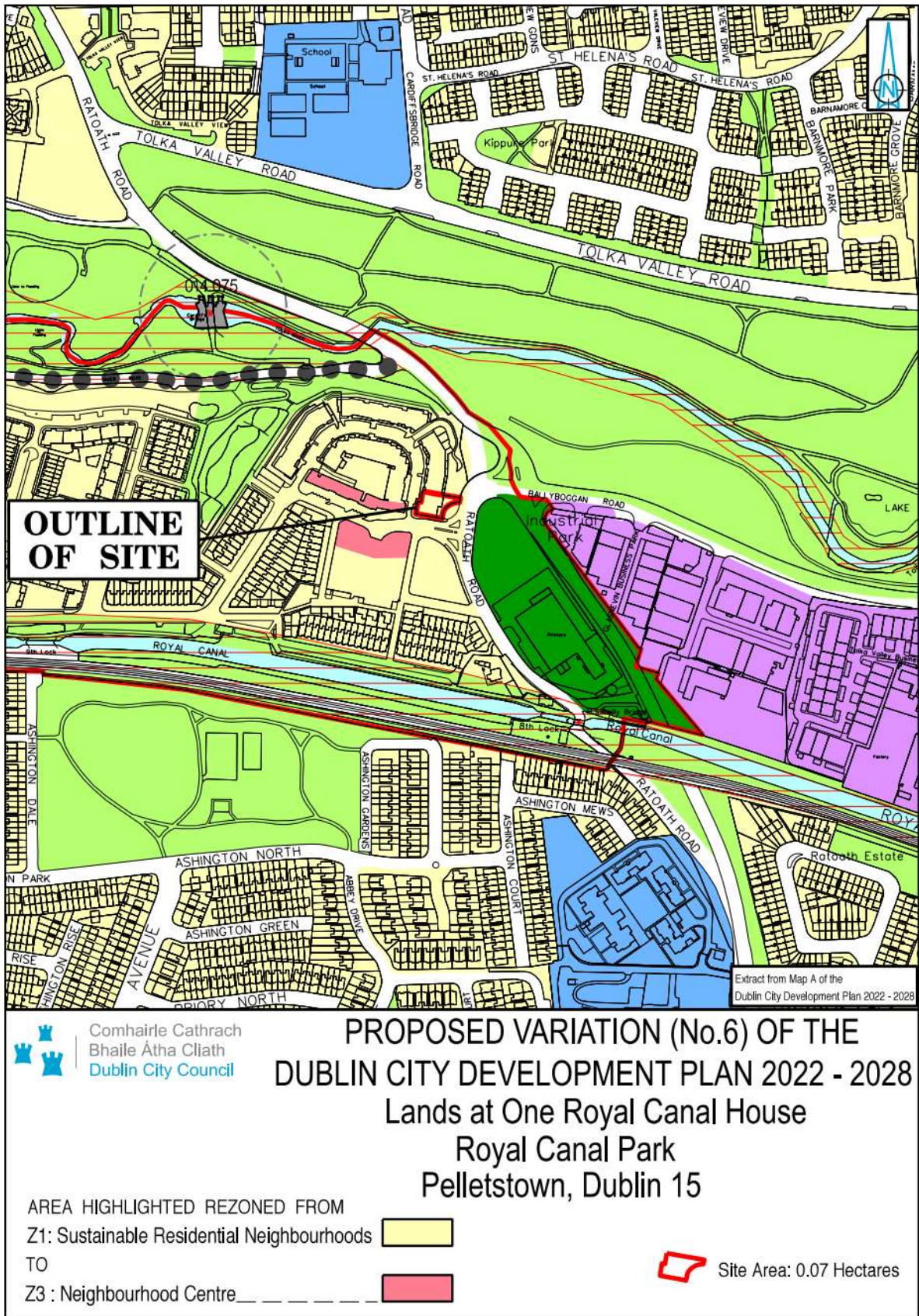


Figure. 1: Proposed Variation (No. 6) to the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 – Lands located at One Royal Canal House, Royal Canal Park, Pelletstown, Dublin 15.

5.0 Identification of NATURA 2000 Sites

To identify relevant NATURA 2000 Sites, regard was had to the approach set out under the Natura Impact Report (NIR) of the Appropriate Assessment of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

That NIR identified 25 no. European sites as falling within the potential Zone of Influence of the DCC administrative boundary. Following further assessment four of these 25 no. European sites (Rye Water Valley / Carton SAC; Ballyman Glen SAC; Glenasmole Valley SAC; and Knocksink Wood SAC) were deemed to have no likely pathways.

Two additional SPA's - Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA and the Murrough SPA were brought into the NIR for assessment and were deemed to fall within the potential Zone of Influence of the city.

The North-West Irish Sea candidate SPA (cSPA) was announced on the 13th July 2023 and is deemed to fall within the potential Zone of Influence of the city.

The **24 sites** within the Zone of Influence of the city are therefore listed below:

1. Baldoyle Bay SPA (IE004016)
2. Baldoyle Bay SAC (IE000199)
3. Dalkey Islands SPA (IE004172)
4. Howth Head SAC (IE000202)
5. Howth Head Coast SPA (IE004113)
6. Irelands Eye SAC (IE002193)
7. Irelands Eye SPA (IE004117)
8. Lambay Island SAC [000204]
9. Lambay Island SPA [004069]
10. Malahide Estuary SAC (IE000205)
11. Malahide Estuary SPA (IE004025)
12. North Dublin Bay SAC (IE000206)
13. North Bull Island SPA (IE004006)

14. Rockabill to Dalkey Islands SAC (IE003000)
15. Rogerstown Estuary SPA (IE004015)
16. Rogerstown Estuary SAC (IE000208)
17. Skerries Islands SPA [004122]
18. South Dublin Bay & River Tolka Estuary SPA (IE004024)
19. South Dublin Bay SAC (IE000210)
20. Wicklow Mountains SAC (002122)
21. Wicklow Mountains SPA (004040)
22. Poulaphouca reservoir SPA
23. The Murrough SPA
24. The North West Irish Sea candidate SPA (cSPA)

For all above referred sites see **Appendix 1** for each site name, corresponding code and qualifying interest (QI) for SACs and Special Conservation Interests (SCIs) for SPAs and the conservation objectives for each relevant SAC and SPA.

The location of all relevant SAC's are shown on a map in **Appendix 2** and all relevant SPAs are shown on a map in **Appendices 3, 4 and Figure 2 below**.

5.1 Identification of Relevant NATURA 2000 Sites

There are no Natura 2000 sites directly linked to the variation site at **One Royal Canal House, Royal Canal Park, Pelletstown, Dublin 15**. The subject site is not located on or located adjacent to such a site. The nearest Natura 2000 site, (*Special Protection Area [SPA]: South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA, site code 004024*) is **5.7 km** to the south east of the subject site, within Dublin Bay, See Figure 2 below.

The proposed variation is not directly connected with or necessary for the management of NATURA 2000 sites in Dublin City or elsewhere.

No water course runs through or adjacent the subject site or directly connects the lands to Natura 2000 sites. According to the now out of date Ashtown / Pelletstown LAP 2014, surface water from this area discharges to the River Tolka via sustainable drainage features.

As noted in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Stage 1 report, accompanying this proposed variation, the variation site is classified as Flood Zone C with a low probability of flooding. The referred report concludes that there is no

fluvial, pluvial or tidal flooding or surface water management issues within or adjacent to the relevant lands.

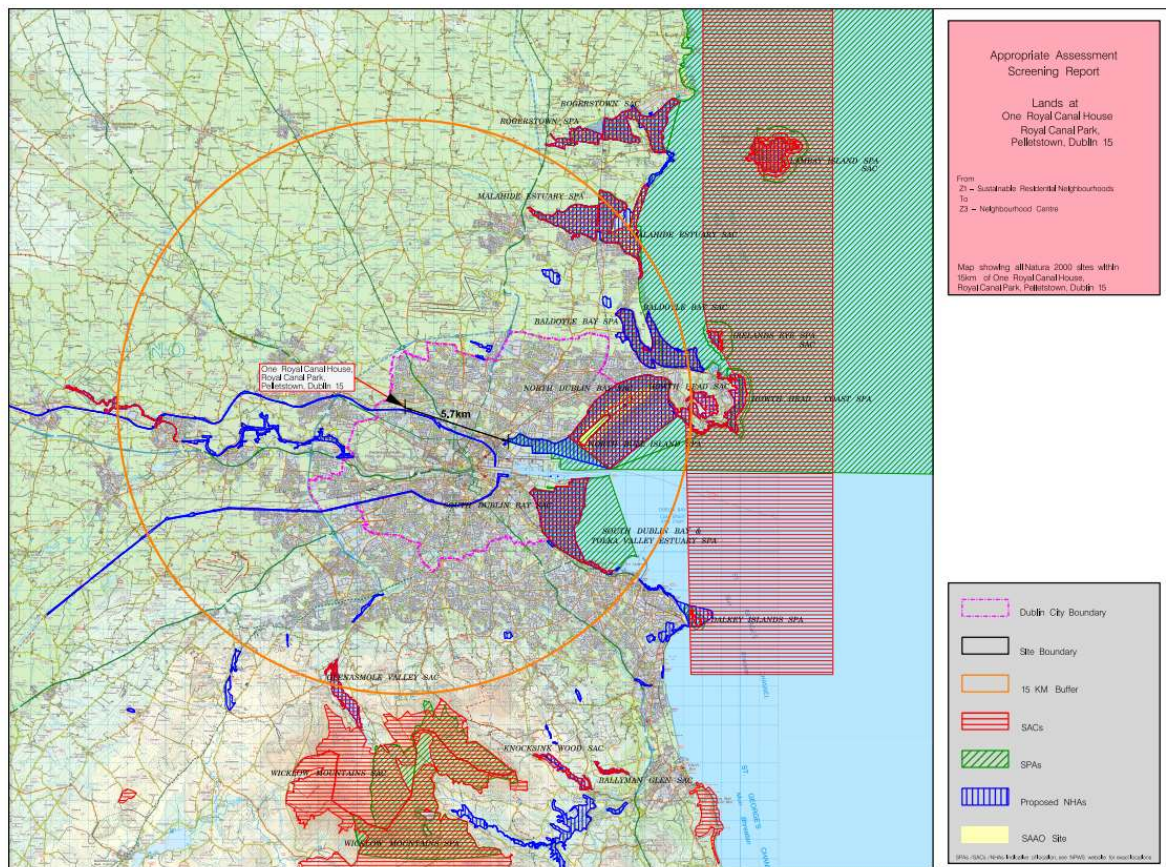


Figure 2 – Map showing relevant lands in relation to nearest **Natura Site, SPA (004024)**

Source: NPWS Designation Viewer, August 2024

5.2 Ex-Situ Sites

Ex-situ sites in the city are those sites which have been previously identified as highly important inland feeding lands in the city for those wintering birds which are a SCI for the following Natura 2000 sites:

1. Baldoyle Bay SPA (IE004016)
2. Malahide Estuary SPA (IE004025)
3. North Bull Island SPA (IE004006)
4. Rogerstown Estuary SPA (IE004015)
5. South Dublin Bay & River Tolka Estuary SPA (IE004024)

6. Poulaphouca reservoir SPA

7. The Murrough SPA

The subject site is not a known ex-situ Wintering Bird Inland Feeding site and is not located within a zone of influence of potential disturbance effects.

6.0 Identifying the Potential Effects / Assessing the Significance of Any Effects on NATURA 2000 sites

6.1 Screening

The next step in this report is to identify whether or not the proposed variation has the potential to damage, disturb or result in the loss of qualifying habitat or qualifying species of European sites and undermine the conservation objectives of the European Sites listed above (and in Appendix 1) or shown in Appendices 2-4 and Figure 2.

A Consideration Matrix, in line with European Commission (2001) Guidelines is provided below in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria
<p>Describe the individual elements of the proposed plan (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) likely to give rise to impacts on the European Sites.</p> <p>Dublin City Council is proposing to vary the land use zoning objective pertaining to One Royal Canal House, Royal Canal Park, Pelletstown, Dublin 15 from Z1 (Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods) to Z3 (Neighbourhood Centres). One Royal Canal House comprises a purpose built office building and attendant grounds. The building is in use as the corporate headquarters of the Ballymore Group.</p> <p>One Royal Canal House is zoned Z1 (Residential Neighbourhoods) in the current Dublin City Development Plan.</p> <p>To better reflect and support the operational and permitted office use at this location and, thereby in turn, support the commercial core at Royal Canal Park, it is proposed to vary the zoning at One Royal Canal House from Z1 to Z3 (Neighbourhood Centres).</p> <p>Due to the nature of the proposed variation, no source-pathway-receptor link, by which significant effects on European sites could arise, exists.</p> <p>Therefore, it is considered that the proposed variation will not undermine the conservation objectives of any of the qualifying interests or special conservation interests of the European sites and that likely significant effects can be excluded.</p>

Describe any likely direct, indirect or secondary impacts of the proposed plan (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) on the European site by virtue of:

Size and scale; Land-take; Distance from European site or key features of the site; Resource requirements (water abstraction etc); Emission (disposal to land, water or air); Excavation requirements; Transportation requirements; Duration of construction, operation, decommissioning, etc; Other

Due to the nature of the proposed Variation no source-pathway-receptor link, by which significant effects on European sites could arise, exists.

The Habitats Directive and the EC (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended require the impacts on European sites as a result of the plan be assessed in combination with other plans and projects that could affect the same European sites.

However, as the proposed variation will not have any likely significant effects on the QIs/SCIs or conservation objectives of any European sites there is no potential for any other plan or project to act in combination with it to result in likely significant effects on any European sites.

In summary, the variation will not result in land use effects / impacts that have the potential, alone or in-combination with other plans or projects, to result in likely significant effects to European Sites.

Describe any likely changes to the site arising as a result of:

Reduction of habitat area; Disturbance to key species; Habitat or species fragmentation; Reduction in species density; Changes in key indicators of conservation value; Climate change.

Not applicable.

Describe any likely impacts on the European Sites as a whole in terms of:

Interference with the key relationships that define the structure of the site;

No predicted likely impact on the structure of any European Site.

Interference with key relationships that define the function of the site;

No predicted likely impact on the conservation function of any European Site.

The proposed variation, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have the potential to interact with any European Sites or their qualifying features of interest, it will not have the potential to interfere with key relationships that define the structure and function of European Sites.

Provide indicators of significance as a result of the identification of effects set out above in terms of:

Loss; Fragmentation; Disruption; Disturbance; Change to key elements of the site (e.g. water quality etc).

Not Applicable

Describe from the above those elements of the project or plan, or combination of elements, where the above impacts are likely to be significant or where the scale or magnitude of impacts are not known.

Not applicable.

7.0 Consideration Conclusion - Finding of No Significance Effects Matrix

The consideration of the proposed Variation, as set out in Section 4.0 and assessed in Section 6.0 above, shows that the proposed variation will not have the potential, alone or in-combination with other plans or projects, to result in likely significant effects to European Sites. In light of the findings of this report, it is concluded by Dublin City Council that the variation is not likely, alone or in-combination with other plans or projects, to have a significant effect on any European Sites and their conservation objectives.

TABLE 2 FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS MATRIX

Name of Project or Plan:	Proposed Variation No. 6 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028.
Name and location of European Sites:	Natura 2000 sites in the city and within Zone of Influence of the city are outlined in Section 5.0 above – see also Appendices 1 to 4.
Description of the Project or Plan	As provided in Section 4.0 above.
Is the Project or Plan directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site (provide details)?	No.
Are there other projects or plans that together with the project or plan being assessed could affect the site (provide details)?	No. See Table 1: Consideration Matrix in Section 6.0 above
Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) is likely to affect the European Sites:	No predicted likely effects on European Sites. See Table 1: Consideration Matrix in Section 6.0 above
Explain why these effects are not considered significant:	As no predicted likely effects on European Sites. See Table 1: Consideration Matrix in Section 6.0 above

<p>List of Agencies Consulted: Provide contact name and telephone or email address:</p>	<p>The following environmental authorities were consulted as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage @ The Manager, Development Applications Unit (DAU) , Government Offices, Newtown Road, Wexford, Y35 AP90 • Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage at EU and International Planning Regulation Unit Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Custom House, Dublin, D01 W6X0 • Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine @ Environmental Co-Ordination, Climate Change & Bioenergy Policy Division, Dept. of Agriculture, Food & the Marine, Pavilion A, Grattan Business Centre, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 K857 • Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, @ Planning Advisory Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, Third Floor, 29 – 31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2 • Environmental Protection Agency, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford. • Fingal County Council / Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council / South Dublin County Council.
<p>Response to Consultation</p>	<p>Submission received from EPA on SEA Screening Report dated 1st August 2025.</p>
<p>Data Collected to Carry out the Assessment</p>	
<p>Who carried out the Assessment?</p>	<p>Planning, Property & Economic Development Department of Dublin City Council carried out desktop study</p>
<p>Sources of Data</p>	<p>Existing data As part of the Appropriate Assessment screening process for the proposed variation, particular reference has been made to the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Managing Natura 2000 sites. The provisions of Article 6, of the 'Habitats' Directive 92/43/EEC.</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular letter SEA 1/08 and NPWS 1/08. (February 2008) Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG) • Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG) Circular letter NPWS 1/10 and PSSP 2/10 (March 2010) • <i>Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland, Guidance for Planning Authorities</i>. Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (2010) DoEHLG, • <i>Natura Impact Report (NIR) of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028</i>. (Volume 6) • Dublin City Council's Biodiversity Action Plan 2021 – 2025. • Existing NPWS Data. (Source: https://www.npws.ie/ checked August 2024. • <i>Assessment of plans and projects significantly affecting Natura 2000 sites Methodological guidance on the provision of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC</i>. (2002) European Commission. • Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy for the Eastern & Midlands Region (incl. AA Screening and NIS) • The National Planning Framework (NPF) (Project Ireland 2040) (incl. AA Screening and NIS) • Dublin City Council Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029
Level of Assessment Completed	AA Screening - Desktop study.
Where can the full results of the assessment be accessed and viewed	This document contains the full results of the Appropriate Assessment Screening and it will be placed on the Council's Website with the proposed Variation.
Overall Conclusion	Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening indicates that an Appropriate Assessment of Variation No. 6 of the Dublin City Development

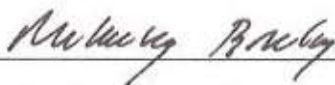
	Plan 2022 – 2028 is not required, as the Variation, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, does not have the potential to result in any land use effects that could in turn result in likely significant effects on European sites having regard to the conservation objectives of the relevant European sites.
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8.0 AA Screening Conclusion

Proposed Variation No. 6 was screened (under Article 6(3) of the EC Habitats Directive) to ascertain whether it is likely to result in any significant effects on sites designated under the European Commission’s Natura 2000 network of sites (European sites) and for their nature conservation importance.

The Screening Matrix in Section 6.0 above identifies the proposed variation itself will not have any likely significant effects on the Qis/SCIs or conservation objectives of any European sites and that there is no potential for any other plan or project to act in combination with it to result in likely significant effects on any European sites.

Having regard to this referred examination and assessment and having regard to the nature of the proposed Variation as well as considering other plans and projects, it is considered that Appropriate Assessment of Variation No. 6 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 is not required, as the Variation, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, does not have the potential to result in any land use effects that could in turn result in likely significant effects on European sites having regard to the conservation objectives of the relevant European sites.



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APPENDIX 1

TABLE A: NATURA 2000 SITES WITHIN THE CITY / WITHIN 15/20 KM RADIUS OF THE RELEVANT LANDS / OR CITY BOUNDARY.

European Site Name and code	Distance from City Boundary or Relevant lands where indicated	Reasons for Designation ¹ for – QIs or SCIs (*=Priority Annex I Habitat) Conservation Objectives
Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)		
North Dublin Bay SAC [000206]	8.7 km from relevant lands	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Annual vegetation of drift lines [1210]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; • Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae</i>) [1330]; • Mediterranean salt meadows (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) [1410]; • Embryonic shifting dunes [2110]; • Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> ('white dunes') [2120]; • Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation ('grey dunes') [2130]* ; and • Humid dune slacks [2190]. <p>Annex II Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petalwort (<i>Petalophyllum ralfsii</i>) [1395]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats and species [1140, 1330, 1395, 1410], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: "NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: North Dublin Bay SAC 000206. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht."</p> <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1210, 1310, 2110, 2120, 2130, 2190], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: "NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: North Dublin Bay SAC 000206. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht."</p> <p>See also North-West Irish Sea cSPA 004236.</p>

¹ "Qualifying Interests" (QI's) for SACs and "Special Conservation Interests" (SCI's) for SPAs based on relevant Statutory Instruments for each SPA, and NPWS Conservation Objectives for SACs taken from NIR for Appropriate Assessment for Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 / NPWS Designations Viewer in August 2024.

European Site Name and code	Distance from City Boundary or Relevant lands where indicated	Reasons for Designation ¹ for – QIs or SCIs (*Priority Annex I Habitat) Conservation Objectives
South Dublin Bay SAC [000210]	8km from relevant lands	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Annual vegetation of drift lines [1210]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; and • Embryonic shifting dunes [2110]. <p>To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: South Dublin Bay SAC 000210. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (004024). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Baldoyle Bay SAC [000199]	Approximately 420m from the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; • Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritima</i>) [1330]; and • Mediterranean salt meadows (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) [1410]. <p>To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1140, 1310, 1330, 1410], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2012) Conservation Objectives: Baldoyle Bay SAC 000199. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>See also North-West Irish Sea cSPA 004236</p>
Howth Head SAC [000202]	Approximately 1.5km from the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230]; and • European dry heaths [4030]. <p>To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1230, 4030], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: Howth Head SAC 000202. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Howth Head Coast SPA (004113) (North Bull Island SPA (004006) and adjoins North Dublin Bay SAC (000206) and Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>

European Site Name and code	Distance from City Boundary or Relevant lands where indicated	Reasons for Designation ¹ for – QIs or SCIs (*Priority Annex I Habitat) Conservation Objectives
		See also North-West Irish Sea cSPA 004236.
Ireland's Eye SAC [002193]	Approximately 3.8km offshore from the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perennial vegetation of stony banks [1220]; and • Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230]. <p>To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1220, 1230], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Ireland's Eye SAC 002193. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Ireland's Eye SPA (004117) and is adjacent to Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p> <p>See also North-West Irish Sea cSPA 004236.</p>
Malahide Estuary SAC [000205]	Approximately 3.4km from the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140] • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310] • Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritima</i>) [1330] • Mediterranean salt meadows (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) [1410] • Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (white dunes) [2120] • Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130] <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1140, 1310, 1410], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Malahide Estuary SAC 000205. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1330, 2120 and 2130], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Malahide Estuary SAC 000205. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Malahide Estuary SPA (004025). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p> <p>See also North-West Irish Sea cSPA 004236.</p>

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Rogerstown Estuary SAC [000208]	Approximately 9.7km from the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estuaries [1130]; • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; • Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritima</i>) [1330]; • Mediterranean salt meadows (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) [1410]; • Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (white dunes) [2120]; and, • Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130]*. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1130, 1140, 1310 & 1410], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Rogerstown Estuary SAC 000208. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1330, 2120 and 2130], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Rogerstown Estuary SAC 000208. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Rogerstown Estuary SPA (004015). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p> <p>See also North-West Irish Sea cSPA 004236</p>
Lambay Island SAC [000204]	Approximately 11.7km offshore from the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reefs [1170] • Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230] • <i>Phocoena phocoena</i> (Harbour Porpoise) [1351] • <i>Halichoerus grypus</i> (Grey Seal) [1364] • <i>Phoca vitulina</i> (Harbour Seal) [1365] <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats and species [1170, 1231, 1364 and 1365], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Lambay Island SAC 000204. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Lambay Island SPA (004069) and adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The conservation</p>

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		objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate. See also North-West Irish Sea cSPA 004236
Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC [003000]	Approximately 2.4km offshore from the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reefs [1170]. <p>Annex II Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbour porpoise (<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>) [1351]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitat and species [1170 and 1351], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC 003000. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with North Bull Island SPA (004006), Rockabill SPA (004014), Lambay Island SPA (004117), Dalkey Islands SPA (004172). It also adjoins Howth Head SAC (000202), Lambay Island SAC (000204) and Ireland Eye SAC (002193). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate. See also North-West Irish Sea cSPA 004236</p>
Wicklow Mountains SAC [002122]	Approximately 6.7km from the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (<i>Littorelletalia uniflorae</i>) [3110]; • Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds [3160]; • Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i> [4010]; • European dry heaths [4030]; • Alpine and Boreal heaths [4060]; • Calaminarian grasslands of the <i>Violetalia calaminariae</i> [6130]; • Species-rich <i>Nardus</i> grasslands, on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas, in Continental Europe) [6230]; • Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]; • Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (<i>Androsacetalia alpinae</i> and <i>Galeopsietalia ladani</i>) [8110]; • Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8210]; • Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8220]; and • Old sessile oak woods with <i>Ilex</i> and <i>Blechnum</i> in the British Isles [91A0]. <p>Annex II Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Otter (<i>Lutra lutra</i>) [1355]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats and species [1355, 3110, 3160, 6130], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p>

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		<p>“NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Wicklow Mountains SAC 002122. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.”</p> <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [4010, 4030, 4060, 6230, 7130, 8110, 8210, 8220, 91A0], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Wicklow Mountains SAC 002122. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Wicklow Mountains SPA (004040). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Special Protection Areas		
North Bull Island SPA [004006]	8.7 km from relevant lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light-bellied Brent Goose <i>Branta bernicla hrota</i> [A046]; • Shelduck <i>Tadorna tadorna</i> [A048]; • Teal <i>Anas crecca</i> [A052]; • Pintail <i>Anas acuta</i> [A054]; • Shoveler <i>Anas clypeata</i> [A056]; • Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i> [A130]; • Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i> [A140]; • Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> [A141]; • Knot <i>Calidris canutus</i> [A143]; • Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i> [A144]; • Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i> [A149]; • Black-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa limosa</i> [A156]; • Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i> [A157]; • Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i> [A160]; • Redshank <i>Tringa tetanus</i> [A162]; • Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i> [A169]; • Black-headed Gull <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i> [A179]; and • Wetlands and Waterbirds [A199]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of North Bull Island SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: North Bull Island SPA 004006. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with North Dublin Bay SAC (000206) and Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000) and adjoins Howth head SAC (000202) and South Dublin Bay And river Tolka Estuary SPA (004024). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>

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South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA [004024]	5.7 KM from relevant lands	<p>Light-bellied Brent Goose (<i>Branta bernicla hrota</i>) [A046]</p> <p>Oystercatcher (<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>) [A130]</p> <p>Ringed Plover (<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>) [A137]</p> <p>Grey Plover (<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>) [A141]</p> <p>Knot (<i>Calidris canutus</i>) [A143]</p> <p>Sanderling (<i>Calidris alba</i>) [A144]</p> <p>Dunlin (<i>Calidris alpina</i>) [A149]</p> <p>Bar-tailed Godwit (<i>Limosa lapponica</i>) [A157]</p> <p>Redshank (<i>Tringa totanus</i>) [A162]</p> <p>Black-headed Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>) [A179]</p> <p>Roseate Tern (<i>Sterna dougallii</i>) [A192]</p> <p>Common Tern (<i>Sterna hirundo</i>) [A193]</p> <p>Arctic Tern (<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>) [A194]</p> <p>Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]</p> <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA 004024. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with South Dublin Bay SAC (000210) and adjoins North Bull Island SPA (004006) and North Dublin Bay SAC (000206). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
Baldoyle Bay SPA [004016]	Approximately 890m from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light-bellied Brent Goose <i>Branta bernicla hrota</i> [A046]; • Shelduck <i>Tadorna</i> [A048]; • Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> [A137]; • Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i> [A140]; • Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> [A141]; • Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i> [A157]; and • Wetlands and Waterbirds [A999]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of Baldoyle Bay SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p>

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		<p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Baldoyle Bay SPA 004016. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Baldoyle Bay SAC (000199). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Howth Head Coast SPA [004113]	Approximately 3.8km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kittiwake Rissa tridactyla [A188]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Howth head Coast SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Howth Head Coast SPA [004113]. First Order Site-specific Conservation Objectives Version 1.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Howth Head Coast SAC (000202) and adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000) .The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Ireland’s Eye SPA [004117]	Approximately 3.6km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo [A017]; • Herring Gull Larus argentatus [A184]; • Kittiwake Rissa tridactyla [A188]; • Guillemot Uria aalge [A199]; and • Razorbill Alca torda [A200]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Ireland’s Eye Coast SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Ireland’s Eye SPA [004117]. First Order Site-specific Conservation Objectives Version 1.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Ireland Eye SAC (002193) and adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000).The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Malahide Estuary SPA [004025]	Approximately 4.1km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Crested Grebe Podiceps cristatus [A005]; • Light-bellied Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota [A046]; • Shelduck Tadorna [A048]; • Pintail Anas acuta [A054]; • Goldeneye Bucephala clangula [A067]; • Red-breasted Merganser Mergus serrator [A069]; • Oystercatcher Haematopus ostralegus [A130]; • Golden Plover Pluvialis apricaria [A140]; • Grey Plover Pluvialis squatarola [A141];

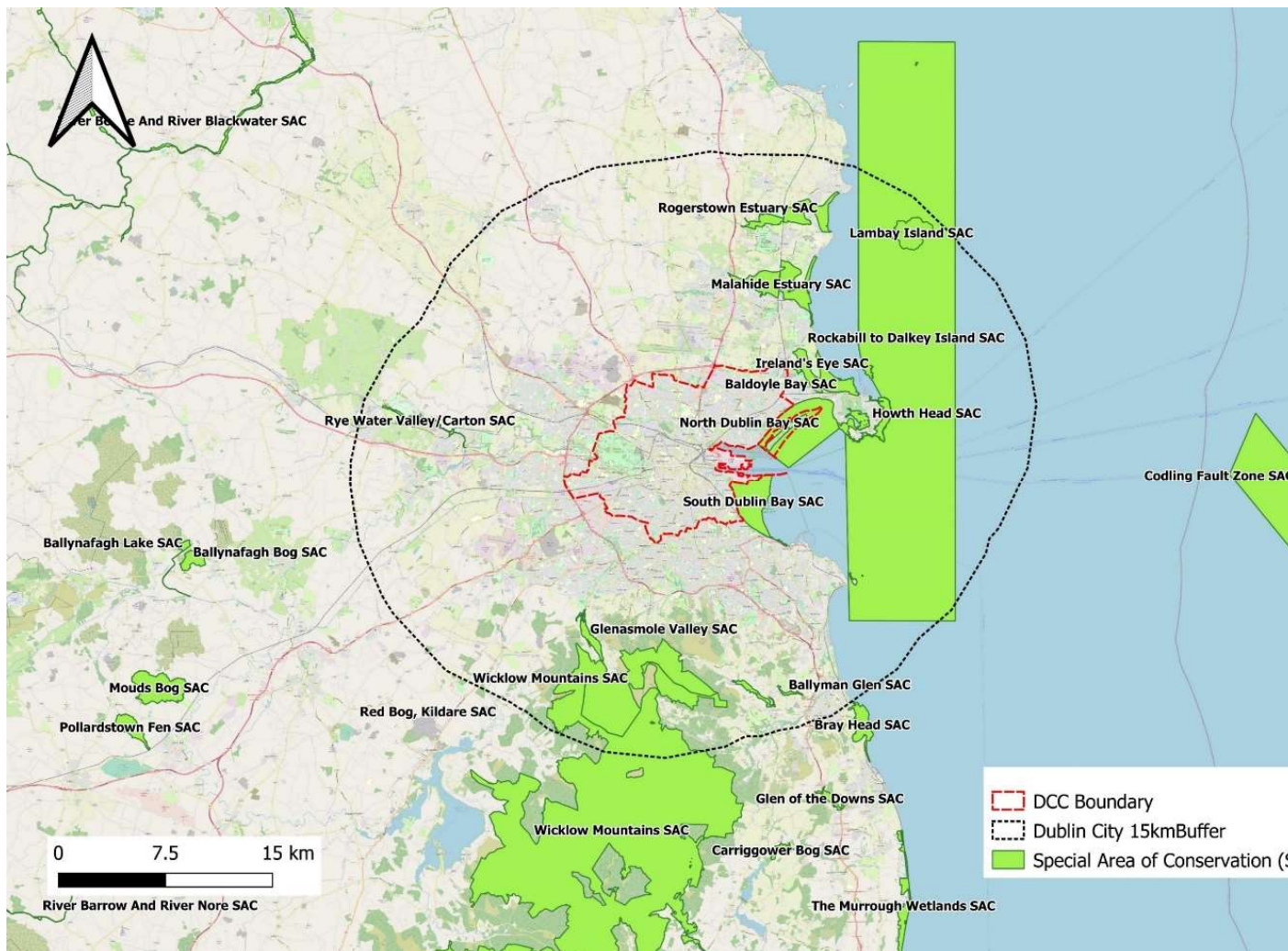
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knot Calidris canutus [A143]; • Dunlin Calidris alpina [A149]; • Black-tailed Godwit Limosa [A156]; • Bar-tailed Godwit Limosa lapponica [A157]; • Redshank Tringa totanus [A162]; and, • Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of Malahide Estuary SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Malahide Estuary SPA 004025. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht”.</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Malahide Estuary SAC (000205).The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Rogerstown Estuary SPA [004015]	Approximately 9.7km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greylag Goose Anser anser [A043]; • Light-bellied Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota [A046]; • Shelduck Tadorna [A048]; • Shoveler Anas clypeata [A056]; • Oystercatcher Haematopus ostralegus [A130]; • Ringed Plover Charadrius hiaticula [A137]; • Grey Plover Pluvialis squatarola [A141]; • Knot Calidris canutus [A143]; • Dunlin Calidris alpina [A149]; • Black-tailed Godwit Limosa [A156]; • Redshank Tringa totanus [A162]; and, • Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of Rogerstown Estuary SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Rogerstown Estuary SPA 004015. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Rogerstown Estuary SAC (000208).The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Lambay Island SPA [004069]	Approximately 11.6km offshore from the city boundary	<p>Fulmar (Fulmarus glacialis) [A009]</p> <p>Cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo) [A017]</p> <p>Shag (Phalacrocorax aristotelis) [A018]</p>

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		<p>Greylag Goose (<i>Anser anser</i>) [A043]</p> <p>Lesser Black-backed Gull (<i>Larus fuscus</i>) [A183]</p> <p>Herring Gull (<i>Larus argentatus</i>) [A184]</p> <p>Kittiwake (<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>) [A188]</p> <p>Guillemot (<i>Uria aalge</i>) [A199]</p> <p>Razorbill (<i>Alca torda</i>) [A200]</p> <p>Puffin (<i>Fratercula arctica</i>) [A204]</p> <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Lambay Island SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Lambay Island SPA [004069]. First Order Site-specific Conservation Objectives Version 1.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage’.</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Lambay Island SAC (000204) and adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000).The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Dalkey Islands SPA [004172]	Approximately 7.9km offshore from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roseate Tern <i>Sterna dougallii</i> [A192]; • Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i> [A193]; and • Arctic Tern <i>Sterna paradisaea</i> [A194]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Dalkey Islands SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Dalkey Islands SPA [004172]. First Order Site-specific Conservation Objectives Version 1.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Wicklow Mountains SPA [004040]	Approximately 6.7km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merlin <i>Falco columbarius</i> [A098]; and • Peregrine Falco <i>peregrinus</i> [A103]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Wicklow Mountains SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2024) Conservation Objectives: Wicklow Mountains SPA 004040. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.”</p>

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		Please note that this SPA overlaps with Wicklow Mountains SAC (0021220). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.
Skerries Islands SPA [004122]	Approximately 18.3km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> [A017]; • Shag <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i> [A018]; • Light bellied Brent Goose <i>Branta Bernicla hrota</i> [A046]; • Purple Sandpiper <i>Calidris maritima</i> [A148]; • Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i> [A169]; and • Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i> [A184]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Skerries Island SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in “NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Skerries Islands SPA [004122]. First Order Site-specific Conservation Objectives Version 1.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000) and Rockabill SPA.</p>
Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA [004063]	Approximately 19km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greylag Goose <i>Anser</i> [A043]; and • Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>Larus fuscus</i> [A183]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2024) Conservation Objectives: Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA 004063. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage”</p>
The Murrough SPA [004186]	Approximately 25.6km from the city boundary	<p>Red-throated Diver (<i>Gavia stellata</i>) [A001]</p> <p>Greylag Goose (<i>Anser anser</i>) [A043]</p> <p>Light-bellied Brent Goose (<i>Branta bernicla hrota</i>) [A046]</p> <p>Wigeon (<i>Anas penelope</i>) [A050]</p> <p>Teal (<i>Anas crecca</i>) [A052]</p> <p>Black-headed Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>) [A179]</p> <p>Herring Gull (<i>Larus argentatus</i>) [A184]</p> <p>Little Tern (<i>Sterna albifrons</i>) [A195]</p> <p>Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]</p> <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of The Murrough SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p>

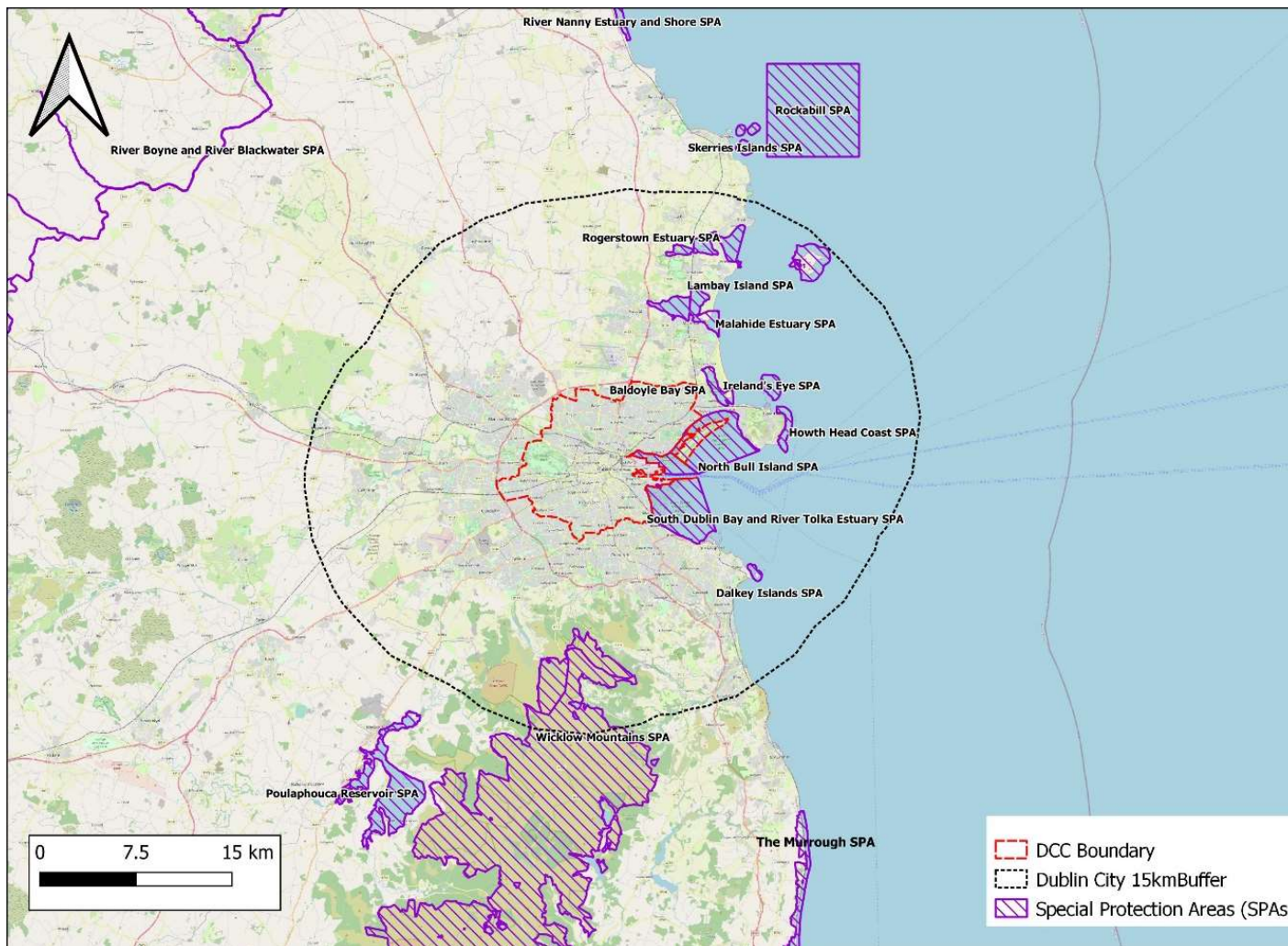
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North-West Irish Sea cSPA 004236	11.41 K from relevant lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A001 Red-throated Diver <i>Gavia stellata</i> A003 Great Northern Diver <i>Gavia immer</i> A009 Fulmar <i>Fulmarus glacialis</i> A013 Manx Shearwater <i>Puffinus puffinus</i> A017 Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> A018 Shag <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i> A065 Common Scoter <i>Melanitta nigra</i> A179 Black-headed Gull <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i> A182 Common Gull <i>Larus canus</i> A183 Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>Larus fuscus</i> A184 Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i> A187 Great Black-backed Gull <i>Larus marinus</i> A188 Kittiwake <i>Rissa tridactyla</i> A192 Roseate Tern <i>Sterna dougallii</i> A193 Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i> A194 Arctic Tern <i>Sterna paradisaea</i> A195 Little Tern <i>Sterna albifrons</i> A199 Guillemot <i>Uria aalge</i> A200 Razorbill <i>Alca torda</i> A204 Puffin <i>Fratercula arctica</i> A862 Little Gull <i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i> <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of the North-west Irish Sea SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2023) Conservation Objectives: North-west Irish Sea SPA 004236. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. See this document for overlapping or adjoining SPAs and SAC’s.</p>

APPENDIX 2



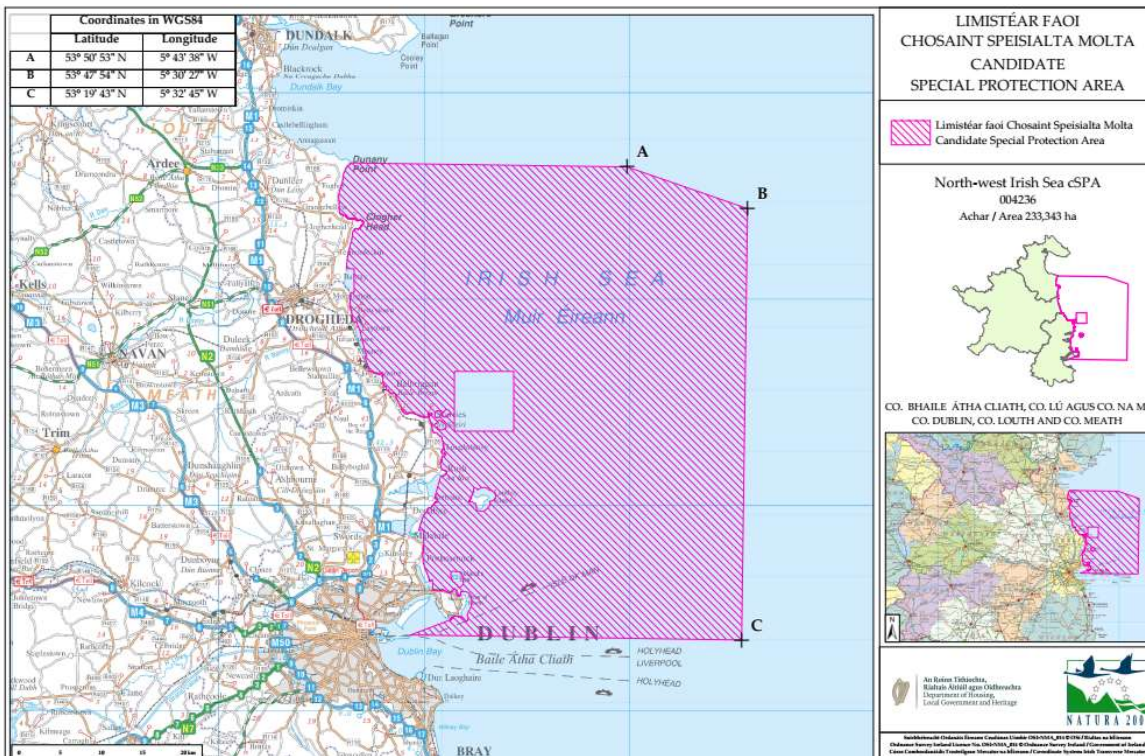
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)

APPENDIX 3



Special Protection Areas (SPAs)

APPENDIX 4



DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDER OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PLANNING, PROPERTY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Screening Determination for Appropriate Assessment under Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC as transposed under S.I. No 477/2011 European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

For: PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 6 OF THE DUBLIN CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022 – 2028

Dublin City Council (DCC) as the Competent Authority has undertaken Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) under Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, in respect of Proposed Variation No. 6 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028.

Proposed Variation No. 6 was screened to ascertain whether it is likely to result in any significant effects on sites designated under the European Commission's Natura 2000 network of sites (European sites) and for their nature conservation importance.

The Appropriate Assessment Screening identifies that the proposed variation will not have any likely significant effects on the Special Conservation Interests/Qualifying Interests or conservation objectives of any European sites and that there is no potential for any other plan or project to act in combination with it to result in likely significant effects on any European sites.

Having regard to Articles 6(3) and 6(4) of the Habitats Directive, it has been determined that Variation No. 6 is not likely to have a significant effect, individually or in combination with other plans or projects on the Special Conservation Interests/Qualifying Interests and their respective Conservation Objectives of any Natura 2000 site. This determination has been made following consideration of the distance from European sites, the nature of direct connections with regard to Source-Pathway-Receptor model, the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for Variation No. 6 and the Appropriate Assessment that informed the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028.

Signed Máire Igoe
Máire Igoe
Executive Manager

Date: 03/09/2025

ORDER:

That Dublin City Council as the Competent Authority makes the following determination:

Pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive European Union Directive 92/43/EEC, and, European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 to 2021 and

Order No. SA/0076/2025

Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, consideration of proposed Variation No. 6, the information contained in the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and to the consultation response received from the Environmental Protection Agency, Variation No. 6 does not have the potential to give rise to likely significant effects on the Special Conservation Interests/Qualifying Interests and their respective Conservation Objectives of any Natura 2000 site, either alone, or in combination with other plans or projects and that a Stage II Appropriate Assessment will not be required.

Signed Anthony Flynn
Anthony Flynn
Assistant Chief Executive

Date: 3/9/2025

To whom the appropriate powers have been delegated by the Order No. CE 6959 of the Dublin City Chief Executive.

ADDENDUM

Copies of the Proposed Variation, together with the SEA and AA screening reports and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, were placed on public display from 4th September to 3rd October 2025. Following the public display a report was prepared (the Chief Executive's Report) identifying, summarising and responding to the submissions received and gave the Chief Executives response and recommendations to the issues raised. Following the review of the submissions received, the Chief Executive's report did not propose amendments to the Proposed Variation.

In accordance with Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), following consideration of the Chief Executive's Report, on 1st December 2025 Dublin City Council resolved to make Variation No. 6 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028, without modification.

As the variation was made without modification, the findings of the original AA Conclusion and Determination stand.