



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council

Infrastructure Development Directorate

Appropriate Assessment (Habitats Directive) Screening &
Screening Determination Report

Passage Greenway Phase 3 - Skehard Road Link

1. EUROPEAN SITE DATA

Great Island Channel Special Area Of Conservation (site code 001058)	
Conservation objective	To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected.
Qualifying interests	Annex I listed habitats: mudflats, sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide, estuaries, spartina swards, Atlantic salt meadows.
References and further information	Conservation Objectives for Great Island Channel SAC [001058] (NPWS), Natura 2000 Standard Data Form (NPWS), Site Synopsis Great Island Channel Site Code 001058 (NPWS) (see www.npws.ie for further details)

Cork Harbour Special Protection Area (site code 004030)	
Conservation objective	To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as special conservation interests for this SPA.
Qualifying interests	Annex I-listed bird species: bar-tailed godwit, common tern (breeding), golden plover, ruff, whooper swan. Other birds of special conservation interest include black-headed gull, black-tailed godwit, common gull, curlew, dunlin, great crested grebe, grey heron, grey plover, lapwing, lesser black-backed gull, little grebe, oystercatcher, pintail, red-breasted merganser, redshank, shelduck, shoveler, teal, and widgeon. This site is an internationally important wetland site supporting > 20,000 wintering waterfowl.
References and further information	Conservation Objectives for Cork Harbour SPA [004030] (NPWS), Natura 2000 Standard Data Form (NPWS), Site Synopsis Cork Harbour SPA Site Code 004030 (NPWS) (see www.npws.ie for further details)

2. DETAILS OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Reference no.	Passage Greenway Phase 3 - Skehard Road Link
Development consent type	Part 8 Planning Local Authority own development
Development location	From junction of R852 Skehard Road, along L5006 Bessborough Road, to the entrance with “Heritage Business Park”.
Description of development	The proposed development will consist of works to improve access and connectivity between Skehard Road, and its environs, and the Passage Greenway. The proposed development comprises: • Upgrading of pedestrian crossings to “Toucan” crossings at the junction of Skehard Road and Bessborough Road. • Construction of new footpaths a new two-way cycle track south of the junction, incorporating raised “entry treatment” at side roads and entrances to premises. • Removal of the existing mini-roundabout on Bessborough Road and replacement with a priority junction and an associated zebra crossing. • Ancillary improvements such as: public lighting, road drainage improvements, improved road traffic signage, replacement and additional road markings, and other associated works will also be implemented where necessary.
Distance from SAC	5.1 km
Distance from SPA	750 m
Relevant strategies or policies	Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 Road Safety Strategy 2022-2030 Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy Cork Cycle Network Plan
EIAR submitted?	No
Screening report/NIS submitted?	Yes

3. ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY DIRECT, INDIRECT AND CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

Yes / No

1. Is the proposed development directly connected to or necessary for the conservation management of the SPA and/or SAC? <i>(If yes, no further assessment required. If no, screening required.)</i>	No
2. Is the proposed development located within or partly within the SPA?	No
3. Is the proposed development located within 100m of the SPA?	No
4. Does the proposed project involve the development, extension or upgrade of a cycleway or walkway within 200m of the SPA?	No
5. Does the proposed development involve development in the intertidal or coastal zone within the potential impact zone of the SPA?	No
6. Could the proposed project increase the level of recreational or other use of marine or intertidal areas within the potential impact zone of the SPA?	No
7. Does the proposed development involve the excavation of previously undeveloped land within an area that has been identified to be at risk of flooding within the potential impact zone of the SPA?	No
8. Does the proposed development involve the removal of significant amounts of topsoil within 100m of the SPA?	No
9. Does the existing wastewater treatment system have the capacity to treat any additional loading?	N/A
10. Would the proposed development result in direct surface water or other discharge to water bodies in or feeding into the SPA or SAC? Would it result in additional storm flows into a combined sewer and subsequently into a combined sewer overflow (CSO), resulting in increased frequency, quantity and/or duration of overflow from the CSO to watercourses feeding into the European sites?	Yes
11. Would the proposed development involve dredging or could it result in the mobilisation of marine sediments in the Harbour area?	No
12. Could the proposed development give rise to increased risk of oil or chemical spillage or leaks within the marine environment or watercourse within the potential impact zone for the SPA or cSAC?	No
13. Are there relevant plans or projects which, in combination with the proposed development, are likely to give rise to any cumulative effects?	No
Comments or notes Q.9 No wastewater loading associated with this project. Q.10 Any additional surface water from newly paved areas will be collected, as is currently the case, in the existing road drainage system.	

4. SCREENING CONCLUSION STATEMENT

In view of the above it is considered that (tick one box only):

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Appropriate Assessment is not required

The proposed development is directly connected / necessary to the conservation management of a site.

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Appropriate Assessment is not required

It can be excluded through screening that the proposed development will have significant effects on the sites.

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Further information is required

Potential impacts have been identified through initial screening and/or there is insufficient information to enable the planning authority to screen out impacts, but on balance it is determined that the issues could be resolved through minor modifications to the proposed development or by appropriate conditions. The information required is specified below.

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Appropriate Assessment is required

Significant issues have been identified and/or significant effects are certain, likely or uncertain, and the submission of a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is required, or the proposed development must be rejected.

Further information required / Comments or Notes

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