

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH CHORCAI

CORK CITY COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDER

1086/21

ORDER NO:

SUBJECT: Determination on requirement for Appropriate Assessment for Proposed Curragh Road Scheme at Curragh Road in Cork City.

Whereas

I have considered the document titled "Appropriate Assessment Screening Report" for this project.

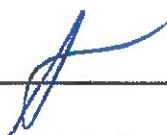
I have noted that the "Appropriate Assessment Screening Report" contains a comprehensive analysis in accordance with the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and Section 177 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

I am satisfied that the proposed development is unlikely to have an effect on the environment including the Cork Harbour SPA (004030) and the Great Island Channel cSAC (001058), and therefore deem that it is not necessary to undertake any further stage of the Appropriate Assessment process.

Accordingly the proposed development shall proceed subject to the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, and the provisions of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended.

Dated

25 Day of February 2021



G.O'Beirne

Director of Services, Infrastructure Development

1. EUROPEAN SITE DATA

Great Island Channel candidate 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	<i>Conservation Objectives for Great Island Channel SAC [001058] (NPWS), Natura 2000 Standard Data Form (NPWS), Site Synopsis Great Island Channel Site Code 001058 (NPWS)</i> (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	<i>Conservation Objectives for Cork Harbour SPA [004030] (NPWS), Natura 2000 Standard Data Form (NPWS), Site Synopsis Cork Harbour SPA Site Code 004030 (NPWS)</i> (see www.npws.ie for further details)

2. DETAILS OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Reference no.	Curragh Road Scheme at Curragh Road in Cork City
Development consent type	Local Authority own development – Part 8 of Planning and Development Regulations 2001
Development location	Curragh Road Scheme at Curragh Road in Cork City
Description of development	<p>The proposed development consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realignment of Curragh Road, Kinsale Road, Pearse Road and Green Lawn junction. • Realignment of Tory Top Road, Pearse Road junction. • Closing off existing entrance & exit, and provision of new entrance/exit, to properties to the west side of Curragh Road on north west side of the main junction. • Provision of improved pedestrian facilities with upgrades and buildouts of footpaths and provision of pedestrian crossings. These will provide improved pedestrian crossing facilities and reduce the road width to be traversed by pedestrians at Tory Top Road junction with Pearse Road via raised table uncontrolled pedestrian crossing, as well as safer pedestrian crossing at the junction of Curragh Road, Kinsale Road, Pearse Road and Green Lawn. • Provision of additional green space with low level planting at new buildouts. • Provision of upgraded on road cycle lanes on Curragh Road and Kinsale Road, new on road cycle lanes on Pearse Road, and new cycle facilities on the route from Pearse Road to Curragh Road. • Relocation of existing bus stops on Curragh Road and Pearse Road.
Distance from cSAC	Approximately 8.9 km
Distance from SPA	Approximately 2.1 km

Relevant strategies or policies	Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy, Cork City Walking Strategy 2013-2018
EIS submitted?	No
Screening report/NIS submitted?	Yes

3. ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY DIRECT, INDIRECT AND CUMULATIVE EFFECTS Yes / No


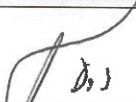
1. Is the proposed development directly connected to or necessary for the conservation management of the SPA and/or cSAC? (If yes, no further assessment required. If no, screening required.)	No
2. Is the proposed development located within or partly within the SPA?	No
3. Is the proposed development located 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 cSAC? 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?	No
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
<p>Comments or notes</p> <p>Q.9 No wastewater loading associated with this project.</p> <p>Q.10 Any surface water will be collected, as is currently the case, in the existing drainage system for the City.</p>	

4. SCREENING CONCLUSION STATEMENT

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

- Appropriate Assessment is not required**
The proposed development is directly connected / necessary to the conservation management of a site.
- Appropriate Assessment is not required**
It can be excluded through screening that the proposed development will have significant effects on the sites.
- 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.
- 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

	Name	Position	Signature	Date
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Approved by	G. O'Beirne	Director of Services		25/2/21

