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KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Orders

**Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Part XAB  
Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Part 8**

**Environmental and Public Realm Improvement Works to Kilcullen Market Square and Main Street,  
Kilcullen, Co. Kildare**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing Environmental and Public Realm Improvement Works to Kilcullen Market Square and Main Street, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare, including part of Bentley's Lane (L-60741-0) and part of the pedestrian walkway along the eastern banks of the River Liffey.

A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided in Section 3 of the Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report, prepared by CAAS Ltd. on behalf of Kildare County Council, with drawings provided with the Part 8 application.

Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the guidance contained in the document entitled "*Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities*" (published by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2009) and following an examination of the objective information provided in the Screening for Appropriate Assessment report (the Screening Report) prepared by CAAS Ltd, on behalf of Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the proposed environmental and public realm improvement works, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, does not have the potential to give rise to likely significant effects on European sites, their conservation objectives or integrity, and therefore does not require an Appropriate Assessment.

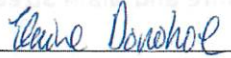
Key points in the determination – there are no European sites present within the redline boundary and the closest European site is 7.52 km away (Pollardstown Fen SAC, site code: 000396). There were no Annex I habitats or supporting habitat for Annex II species identified on site. Therefore, there will be no effects posed to European sites in this respect. Given the nature of the proposed work, the scale and the localised and temporary nature of the potential effects with negligible effects identified. There is a direct hydrological link between the proposed development site and European sites. The River Liffey flows through the town of Kilcullen, which is connected to a number of European sites through Dublin Bay approximately 80.5km from the proposed site. However, given this significant distance along with the nature, scale and nature of the proposed works, it is determined that there are no likely significant effects to sites in Dublin Bay.

The consideration of all potential effects which may arise during the construction and operational phases as a result of the implementation of the project have been considered by CAAS Ltd, on behalf of Kildare County Council. Through an assessment of the pathways for effects and an evaluation of the project characteristics, taking account of the processes involved and the distance of separation from European sites, it has been evaluated that there are no likely significant adverse effects on the qualifying interests, special conservation interest or the conservation objectives of any designated European site as a result of the proposed development.

It is therefore highly improbable that a project of this nature and scale will have any measurable impact on the qualifying interests of these Natura 2000 sites.

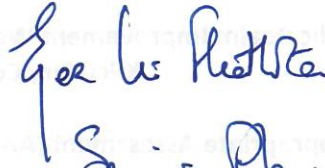
Therefore a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the project appraisal either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

Signed:



A/Senior Executive Planner

02/02/2022



Senior Planner

February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

**ORDER:** That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority, having considered the Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report, prepared by CAAS Ltd. on behalf of Kildare County Council, makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the proposed environmental and public realm improvement works at Kilcullen, Co. Kildare, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> february 2022

  
Chief Executive