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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**

Proposed Redevelopment of Harbour Field, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing to redevelop Harbour Field, Maynooth, Co. Kildare for amenity purposes within the townland of Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

The proposed development will comprise

- (a) the removal of the existing earthen embankment and associated stone wall to allow the creation of a high-quality waterfront with designated cycle path, pedestrian boardwalk and waterfront seating. The provision of new footpaths, new playground, skate park, a sensory play garden, climbing boulder area, outdoor gym, table tennis and lawn bowling green.
- (b) A raised plinth to accommodate future built structures including a performance space, tearoom and toilet facilities. A maintenance building and a building to house a bike hire business. A large lawn to accommodate large crowds during organised events. (Any buildings and the events space structure will form part of a future Part 8 Application)

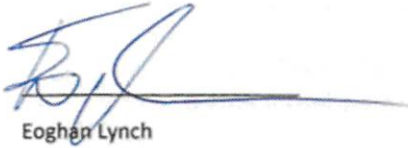
A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided the drawings and documents prepared for the Part 8 application.

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 "*Appropriate Assessment Screening Recommendation*" (the Screening Report) prepared by the Senior Executive Planner in consultation with the Heritage Officer, Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the proposal to redevelop Harbour Field, Maynooth, 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

- One Special Area of Conservation – the Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC Site Code:001398 – occurs within the likely zone of impact of the proposed development, approximately 1.3km from the subject site.
- There is no potential for significant effects on the local groundwater flow regime and subsequently on any associated qualifying interest of the Rye Water Vally Carton SAC Site Code:001398
- There is no potential for cumulative impacts on the Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC Site Code:001398 or any other European Site.

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.



Eoghan Lynch

Senior Executive Planner

Eoghan Lynch,
Senior Executive Planner
25th May 2021

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ORDER: That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority, having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by Eoghan Lynch, Senior Executive Planner, makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the Proposed Redevelopment of Harbour Field, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

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Date: 26/5/21



Chief Executive