



Determination for the Need for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) under Section 12(7)(aa) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended for:

Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

A determination for the need for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is being made by Fingal County Council in respect of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029.

The proposed Material Alterations have been prepared following a review of the issues raised during the prescribed public consultation period for the Draft Plan from 24 February 2022 to 12 May 2022 and subsequent consideration by the Elected Members of Fingal County Council at Special Meetings on September 20th, 21st, 26th, 29th and October 3rd, 4th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th and 19th.

A number of these alterations constitute a Material Alteration to the Draft Fingal Development Plan. Accordingly, the Council resolved to place the Material Alterations on public display for public consultation.

Section 12(7)(aa) of the Act, requires a determination to be made as to whether the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan require the undertaking of a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

The existing Draft Plan has already been informed by a Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Environmental Report has been prepared outlining the likely environmental effects of the Plan, in accordance with the SEA Directive 2001/42/EC and the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 & 2011. Measures have been already integrated into the Draft Plan that provide for and contribute towards environmental protection, environmental management and sustainable development.

The Material Alterations proposed to be made to the Draft Plan were examined and assessed for their potential to have significant / uncertain environmental effects having regard to the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the 2004 Regulations & 2011.

The majority of proposed material alterations to the Draft Plan do not give rise to significant / uncertain environmental effects as they are either neutral or are positive and protective in nature.

The examination of the Proposed Material Alterations, has found, however, that a number of material alterations have the potential for potential significant or uncertain environmental effects on aspects of the environment, including on biodiversity, water, air, climate, material

assets, cultural heritage, and landscape and therefore, require Strategic Environmental Assessment. These are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Material Amendment Reference Number
PA CH 2.14; PA CH 2.19; PA CH 2.20; PA CH 2.24; PA CH 2.25; PA CH 2.28; PA CH 3.16; PA CH 3.20; PA CH 3.21; PA CH 3.22; PA CH 4.3; PA CH 4.4; PA CH 4.6; PA CH 5.6; PA CH 5.7; PA CH 6.7; PA CH 6.8; PA CH 6.11; PA CH 6.13; PA CH 6.14; PA CH 6.15; PA CH 6.17; PA CH 7.15; PA CH 9.3; PA CH 9.5; PA CH 9.7; PA CH 9.9; PA CH 9.11; PA CH 9.12; PA CH 9.20; PA CH 9.21; PA CH 9.22; PA CH 10.7; PA CH 11.6; PA CH 11.16; PA CH 11.17; PA CH 11.18; PA CH 13.11; PA CH 13.12; PA CH 14.16; PA CH 14.18; PA CH 14.22;
Map based Material Amendment Reference Number
PA SH 2.2; PA SH 3.1; PA SH 3.2; PA SH 3.3; PA SH 3.4; PA SH 3.5; PA SH 3.6; PA SH 3.8; PA SH 3.9; PA SH 3.10; PA SH 3.11; PA SH 4.3; PA SH 5.3; PA SH 5.6; PA SH 6A.1; PA SH 6B.1; PA SH 7.1; PA SH 7.2; PA SH 7.3; PA SH 7.4; PA SH 7.7; PA SH 7.8; PA SH 8.4; PA SH 8.5; PA SH 8.6; PA SH 8.9; PA SH 9.2; PA SH 9.6; PA SH 9.7; PA SH 9.11; PA SH 9.12; PA SH 9.13; PA SH 9.14; PA SH 10.1; PA SH 10.2; PA SH 10.3; PA SH 10.4; PA SH 11.2; PA SH 11.3; PA SH 11.5; PA SH 11.6; PA SH 12.4; PA SH 12.6; PA SH 13.8; PA SH 14.1; PA SH 15.1; PA SH 15.2; PA SH 15.3; PA SH 17.1;

The proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan will be placed on public display for public consultation and will be accompanied by an Environmental Report providing information in support of the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Plan in accordance with SEA Directive and the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 / 2011.

An SEA Statement will be prepared following adoption of the Plan, which will detail the SEA process undertaken for the Plan.

This determination has been made following consideration of the examination of the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan for their potential for uncertain environmental

effects on aspects of the environment including biodiversity, water, air, climate, material assets, cultural heritage, and landscape.

I hereby recommend that a determination for the need for an Strategic Environmental Assessment be made pursuant to Section 12(7)(aa) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and for the purposes of the SEA Directive 2001/42/EC and the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 & 2011, that SEA is required for the Proposed Material Alterations listed in Table 1 above.



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