

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination under: S.I. 435 of 2004 - European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004), as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011 - European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 for the Draft Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan

In order to comply with the requirements of Article 9 of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No 435 of 2004), as amended by the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 200 of 2011), this determination has been made by Fingal County Council in relation to the potential for the Draft Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan to give rise to likely significant effects on the environment.

This determination has been made by Fingal County Council following consideration of information contained in the SEA Screening Report prepared by Brady Shipman Martin (accompanying this determination), the content of higher-level plans, and the submissions / responses received from the environmental authorities. Following analysis and evaluation of the information, Fingal County Council, as the competent authority responsible for developing the Draft Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan has reached the conclusion that a SEA is not required for the Draft Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan Fingal, based on the following considerations:

- The Draft Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan does not provide consent, establish a framework for granting consent or contribute towards a framework for granting consent. In order to be realised, potential projects or proposals arising from the Strategy will have to comply, as relevant, with various legislation, policies, plans and programmes (including requirements for lower-tier Appropriate Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment and other licensing requirements as appropriate) that form the statutory decision-making and consent granting framework.
- The actions of the Plan have been reviewed with regard to the potential for unintended negative environment effects and it is considered that there is no real likelihood of significant negative environmental effects occurring as result of the implementation of the Plan.
- In consultation with Brady Shipman Martin, the Plan wording was carefully refined to ensure that it does not give rise to commitments to specific sites or projects. Instead, the Plan is framed to support and be consistent with existing plans and permitted projects, thereby avoiding the pre-determination of outcomes and ensuring appropriate planning flexibility.
- The implementation of the Plan will result in the implementation of actions set out under the six strategic objectives as set out in the Plan, all of which are likely to result in positive or neutral environmental effects. On the basis of information presented, it can

be excluded that the implementation of the Plan, individually or in-combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on the environment.

The undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented above and in the "Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report".

Pursuant to Regulation 9 of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004, as amended, it is hereby determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.

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David Storey

Director of Services