

Amendment to FS006970 Cork County Council – Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination (eSubmission HLG 00289-22)

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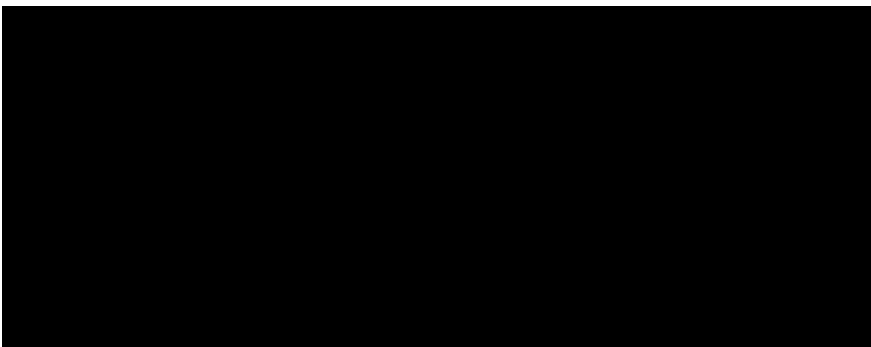
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Approval for amendments to Independent Environmental Consultant (IEC) Screening for AA report and Marine Advisor (MA) Environmental Report that were attached to HLG 00289-22 Cork County Council – Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination

Executive summary

Following approval of *eSubmission HLG 00289-22 Cork County Council – Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination*, it was noted by the Department’s MA that the Screening for AA Report submitted by the IEC Roughan & O’Donovan (ROD), contained some discrepancies. The IEC was requested to address these discrepancies, which resulted in an updated report containing two (2) corrections (**Tab 1**). An amended MA report is also attached, in light of these changes (**Tab 2**).

Comments



Detailed information

Approval is sought to amend the following Documents:

(Approved) eSubmission to Minister HLG 00179-22

1. Screening for AA original text, Section 1.5:

The determination of whether or not a plan or project requires AA is referred to as "Stage 1" or "AA Screening". A "Stage 1" or "AA Screening" is completed to determine whether or not the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, in view of best scientific knowledge, is likely to have a significant effect on areas designated as being of European importance for nature conservation ("European sites"), thereby enabling the Applicant, to fulfil its obligations under Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive.

As set out above, it is the considered opinion of ROD, as the author of this AA Screening Report, that the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to give rise to impacts which would constitute significant effects on three European sites, namely the Rye Water Valley/Cartron SAC, the South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA and the North Bull Island SPA, in view of their Conservation Objectives, and, therefore, that AA is required in respect of the proposed development.

Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive specifies that AA must be undertaken by the "competent national authorities".

Updated text:

The determination of whether or not a plan or project requires AA is referred to as "Stage 1" or "AA Screening". A "Stage 1" or "AA Screening" is completed to determine whether or not the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, in view of best scientific knowledge, is likely to have a significant effect on areas designated as being of European importance for nature conservation ("European sites"), thereby enabling the Applicant, to fulfil its obligations under Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive.

Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive specifies that AA must be undertaken by the "competent national authorities".

Reason: Removal of whole paragraph from Section 1.5 (outlined as paragraph 2 in extract above)

2. Screening for AA original text, Section 3.0:

*In the case of the proposed development, this AA Screening Report has found that the proposed development, individually, is likely to have significant effects on **three** European sites. Therefore, the assessment of the proposed development must proceed to Stage 2 (AA)*

Updated text:

In the case of the proposed development, this AA Screening Report has found that the proposed development, individually, is likely to have significant effects on **one** European site. Therefore, the assessment of the proposed development must proceed to Stage 2 (AA).

Reason: Discrepancy in the number of European sites stated

3. MA Environmental Screening Stage Report amendment:

Original MA Report removed and revised MA Report attached **Tab 2**.

Reason: The IEC amended Screening Report was reviewed by a **different** MA, who submitted an updated Environmental Screening Stage Report, with new signature and date

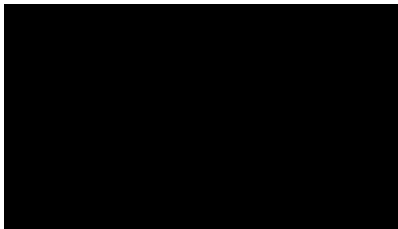
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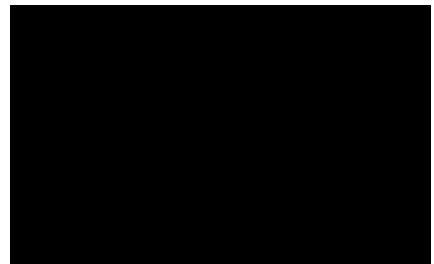
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