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Project:	Proposed Development 169 Clonsilla Road, Blanchardstown
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Subject:	Screening for Appropriate Assessment (in accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011-2015)
Report date:	17 February 2020

1.0 Background

Brady Shipman Martin has been appointed by Fingal County Council to undertake screening for Appropriate Assessment for the Proposed Development. The requirements for an Appropriate Assessment are set out under *Article 6 of the EU Habitats Directive (92/34/EEC)*, transposed into Irish law through the *European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011-2015* and the *Planning and Development Act, 2000* (as amended).

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2.0 The Proposed Development

The proposal consists of the construction of a single two-storey semi-detached dwelling and all associated site works in the side garden of an existing dwelling at 169 Clonsilla Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

3.0 Screening for Appropriate Assessment

The Proposed Development site is not under any wildlife or conservation designation. Furthermore, no rare, threatened or legally protected plant species, as listed in the *Irish Red Data Book 1 – Vascular Plants (Curtis & McGough, 1988)*, the *Flora Protection Order*, 2015 or the *EU Habitats Directive*, occur within the site.

The site has no key ecological receptors as defined by the ecological resource valuations presented in the National Roads Authority/Transport Infrastructure Ireland *Guidelines for Assessment of Ecological Impacts of National Road Schemes* (NRA/TII, 2009 (Rev. 2)).

No habitats or species with links to European sites, and no 'reservoir' type habitats, are present on the site. There will be no loss of any habitat or species listed as a Qualifying Interest or Special Conservation Interest of any designated site as a consequence of the works.

The Proposed Development site is not connected in any way with any European (Natura 2000) site. The nearest such site, the Rye Water Valley/Carton Special Area of Conservation (site code 001398) is c.7km to the south west. In addition, the European sites associated with Dublin Bay (South Dublin Bay SAC (site code 000210), North Dublin Bay SAC (site code 000206), South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA site code 004024) and North Bull Island SPA (site code 004006)) are a minimum of 11km to the east (straight line distance).

Given the nature and scale of the Proposed Development, which comprises a single house, to be constructed on appropriately zoned land and with access to all necessary services, there is no realistic pathway between the Proposed Development site and these or any other European sites.

4.0 In-combination effects

Having regard to the nature, scale and location of the Proposed Development it is considered that there is no likelihood of significant effects on any European sites during the construction or operation of the Proposed Development, and it is further considered that there are no other plans or projects that will act in combination with the Proposed Development to have a significant effect on European sites.

The Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023 has a series of objectives intended to protect and enhance the natural environment and to ensure residential development takes place in appropriately zoned land. The Proposed Development is in compliance with all of the relevant Plan objectives.

5.0 Conclusion

It is concluded on the best scientific evidence that it can be clearly demonstrated that no elements of the project will result in any likely significant impact on any relevant European site, either on their own or in-combination with other plans or projects, in light of their conservation objectives.

As such no mitigation measures are required for the protection of these European sites.

It is the opinion of the author of this note that the Proposed Development will not have any likely significant effects on European sites under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) in light of their conservation objectives and that the Proposed Development does not require an Appropriate Assessment and the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement.

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