



**Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination under: S.I. 435 of 2004 (the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004), as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011 (the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011
For the Draft Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-2030**

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 Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-2030 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 Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-2030 has reached the conclusion that a SEA is not required for the Draft Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-2030, based on the following considerations:

- The Draft Biodiversity Plan establishes a framework for the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity in the Fingal County Council administrative area.
- The Draft Plan has no real likelihood of having likely significant negative effects on the environment, and on the contrary, the implementation of the Draft Plan is considered likely to have positive effects in relation to at least the following aspects of the environment in Fingal:
 - Biodiversity, (including habitats, species and sites protected under national and European provisions); water quality; flood risk; climate change (mitigation and adaptation); population and human health (e.g. in relation to amenity and public health); and soil quality.

Fingal County Council is satisfied that the Draft Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-2030 will not give rise to likely significant environmental affects and does not require SEA.



This determination and the associated screening report may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) at the following locations from **Tuesday 24th May 2022 to Tuesday 5th July 2022 (inclusive)**:

- The offices of Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin and the Fingal County Council Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 during office hours Monday – Thursday between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm and Friday between the hours 9.00am and 4.30pm (excluding Bank & Public Holidays).
- Fingal County Council's online consultation portal (Inspection Only) at: <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse>

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