



Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination Statement Relating to Advance Works Contracts (Ground Investigation and Access Track Works) to Facilitate the Broadmeadow Way Greenway Project, project ref PSI-012.

The Broadmeadow Way is a proposed 6km cycling and walking greenway running between Donabate and Malahide. It will provide a high quality active travel and recreational route and will run in part along the mainline Dublin-Belfast railway causeway.

Fingal County Council's appointed engineering and environmental consultants RPS prepared a report to inform Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) with respect to an advance works contract to facilitate the greenway, namely the ground investigation works and proposed temporary access track from Kilcrea Road to Malahide Estuary, which will enable access for completion of the ground investigation (GI) works. The GI works will be used to inform the detailed design of the Broadmeadow Way Greenway across Malahide Estuary, which was consented subject to a number of planning conditions, by An Bord Pleanála (ABP) in May 2020 (ABP Reference YA06F.304624).

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, Fingal County Council has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on European Site(s). In this context particular attention was paid to the European Site(s) listed below.

- Malahide Estuary SAC 000205
- Malahide Estuary SPA 004025

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, it is considered that, following screening, an Appropriate Assessment is not required on the basis that the effects from the proposed works and the potential in-combination effects with other plans or projects are not likely to have significant effects on European sites. This opinion is based on the nature, location, scale and duration of the proposed works.