



**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 Active Travel Strategy for Fingal**

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 Active Travel Strategy for Fingal 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 Minogue & Associates (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 Active Travel Strategy for Fingal has reached the conclusion that a SEA is not required for the Draft Active Travel Strategy for Fingal, based on the following considerations:

- The Active Travel Strategy 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 licencing requirements as appropriate) that form the statutory decision-making and consent granting framework.
- This screening exercise will be used to inform and embed the Active Travel Strategy into the draft Fingal County Development Plan 2023 -2029 which has a suite of environmental protection measures that will apply.
- In addition, the current Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023 includes a suite of environmental protection measures that apply currently.

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". The undersigned hereby determines pursuant to Regulation 9 of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004, as amended, that SEA is not required.

Signatory:

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Date: 24th January 2023