



Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination for the Draft Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-2030

Fingal County Council has prepared a Draft Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) for Fingal (the Draft Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 – 2030). The Draft Plan establishes a framework for the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity in the Fingal County Council administrative area.

As per the requirements of Regulation 42(1) of the *European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011-2015* an Appropriate Assessment Screening report (the *Fingal County Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 – 2030 Appropriate Assessment Screening Report*) has been prepared. The AA Screening report was written by Brady Shipman Martin on behalf of Fingal County Council.

The AA Screening Report comprises an appraisal of the Draft BAP and its potential to impact on European sites as well as an appraisal of whether the implementation of the Draft BAP is likely to have a significant effect on any European sites.

The Draft BAP study area and surrounding environment (the “zone of influence” of the Draft Plan) are described in Section 3 of the AA Screening Report and Section 4 describes the Draft BAP itself. Section 5 appraises the potential impacts of the Draft BAP in the context of the European sites within the zone of influence of the Draft BAP area.

In addition, the AA Screening Report, at Section 8, examines the potential for other plans and/or projects to act in combination with the Draft BAP and to have a significant effect on European sites within the zone of influence of the Draft BAP. The appraisal concluded that there are no other plans or projects that will act in combination with the Draft BAP to have a significant effect on European sites.

The AA Screening Report concludes the following:

“Following review of the draft objectives of the Biodiversity Action Plan against the Conservation Objectives of the relevant European sites, it is concluded that there is no possibility that the implementation of the Draft BAP could result in any likely significant effects on European sites on its own or in combination with other plans and programmes.

In view of best scientific knowledge, this report concludes that the implementation of the Draft Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 – 2030, individually or in combination with another plan or project, will not have a significant effect on any European sites. This assessment was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European sites. The Draft Plan does not require an Appropriate Assessment and the preparation of a Natura Impact Report.”



Fingal County Council is satisfied that the Draft Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 – 2030 is not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. Therefore a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required.

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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