



Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination for proposed Local Authority Development

Project Name: Quiet Streets, Drynam

Description:

The Scheme aims to enhance access for cyclists and pedestrians by restricting through traffic for motor vehicles at the junction of Feltrim Road and Drynam Heath/Green. The scheme includes the installation of physical barriers in the form of bollards and planters, effectively creating a cul-de-sac that allows only cyclist's and pedestrian access from Feltrim Road. This development aligns with Fingal County Council's ongoing efforts to promote sustainable travel, reduce traffic-related impacts and improve connectivity within residential areas. The works are part of the Council's broader commitment to improving local road safety, active travel infrastructure, and air quality in the vicinity.

The works proposed as part of the scheme include:

Feltrim Road / Drynam Heath Junction:

- Installation of bollards creating a cul-de-sac that allows only cyclist's and pedestrian access from Feltrim Road.
- Signage will be implemented to guide pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

Fingal County Council will be providing regulatory traffic signs in accordance with Section 95 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 (as amended).

Legislative Context:

This determination has considered the relevant legislative context as outlined in Section 1.3 of the AA Screening Report, including, but not limited to:

- Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora)
- Birds Directive (Council Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds)
- European Communities (Bird and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011), as amended
- Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Screening Report:

Brady Shipman Martin was appointed by Fingal County Council (FCC) to prepare a report to assist FCC, as the Competent Authority, in undertaking a screening exercise for Appropriate Assessment (AA). The prepared Screening Report, titled "Filtered Permeability Scheme at the junction of Feltrim Road and Drynam Heath/Green, Swords Co. Dublin APPROPRIATE

ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT," The Senior Engineer, Active Travel Department of Fingal County Council, has examined and evaluated the report and agrees with the conclusions in the screening report and the reasons outlined therein.

The AA Screening Report concluded that,

"in view of best scientific knowledge, it can be concluded that the proposed development, 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."

Determination:

Based on the information provided, the best scientific knowledge available, and the application of the precautionary principle, it is concluded that the proposed Filtered Permeability Scheme at the junction of Feltrim Road and Drynam Heath/Green, Swords, Co. Dublin, will not have a significant effect on any European sites, given the sites' conservation objectives, and there is no reasonable scientific doubt concerning this conclusion.

It is therefore determined that the proposed development does not require a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.

This AA Screening Determination in respect of the Filtered Permeability Scheme at the junction of Feltrim Road and Drynam Heath/Green, Swords, Co. Dublin, has been made by Sinéad Murphy, Senior Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department of Fingal County Council.

Signature:  Senior Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Dept.
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