

Limerick City and County Council

Chief Executives Order

File Ref: Devplan04

Order No. CE|2022|102

Subject:

Determination in advance of adoption of the proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028, that the Draft Plan and Material Alterations proposed will not affect the integrity of a European site.

In accordance with Section 12 (8) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Chief Executive issued the Chief Executive's Report on the public consultation process on the Material Alterations to the proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028, dated 10th May 2022. The proposed Material Alterations were screened for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment. The conclusion on these screenings were that there was no further environmental impacts associated with the Material Alterations set out in the Chief Executive's Report.

The existing Draft Plan and Material Alterations have been informed by a Stage 2 AA and Natura Impact Report has been prepared. Mitigation has been integrated into the Draft Plan that allow the Natura Impact Report to conclude that the Draft Plan and Material Alterations are not foreseen to give rise to any significant effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with any other plans or projects.

Section 177 (V)(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires that the Competent Authority shall make the proposed Development Plan only after having determined that it shall not affect the integrity of a European site. Accordingly, to ensure the Elected Members have all the relevant information, to inform decision making, it is considered appropriate to issue this determination in advance of the Council Meeting on June 17th 2022.

Order: I hereby determine pursuant to Section 177(V)(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and for the purposes of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive that the Material Alterations set out in the Chief Executive's Report dated 10 May 2022, do not give rise to further environmental impacts on any European Site.

The proposed Development Plan has been subject to Appropriate Assessment to date and the mitigation measures set out in the Natura Impact Report has concluded that the Draft Plan and Material Alterations are not foreseen to give rise to any significant effects on designated European sites, alone or in combination with any other plans or projects.

An AA conclusion statement will be prepared following adoption, which will detail the AA process undertaken for the plan.

Signed:

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Pat Daly

Chief Executive

Dated this 7th day of June 2022