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**Statement in relation to Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment of
Proposed Variation no. 1 'City Edge' to the South Dublin County Development
Plan 2022-2028**

**Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004. (S.I.
436/2004), as amended.**

South Dublin County Council is proposing to carry out a Variation to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 to incorporate a planning framework for the City Edge regeneration area. A Strategic Environmental (SEA) Screening Report in relation to the proposed Variation was prepared by Minogue & Associates Environmental Consultancy (MEC Ltd.), Tuamgraney, County Clare on behalf of South Dublin County Council.

This SEA Screening statement is being made under the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004. (S.I. 436/2004), as amended.

As part of the SEA Screening process, the Council considered whether or not implementation of the proposed Variation would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, taking account of relevant criteria set out in Schedule 2A of the above Regulations. The criteria are as follows:

The characteristics of the plan [proposed Variation] having regard, in particular, to:

- the degree to which the Plan sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources,
- the degree to which the Plan influences other plans, including those in a hierarchy,
- the relevance of the Plan in the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development,
- Environmental problems relevant to the Plan,
- the relevance of the Plan to the implementation of European Union legislation on the environment (e.g., plans linked to waste-management or water protection).

Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to:

- the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects,
- the cumulative nature of the effects,
- The transboundary nature of the effects,
- the risks to human health or the environment (e.g., due to accidents),
- the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected),
- the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:

- a. special natural characteristics or cultural heritage,
- b. exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values,
- c. intensive land-use,
- d. the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, European Union or international protection status.

The screening concluded that having regard to these criteria including the scale, extent and risk of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed Variation, a full SEA is required.

In addition, the Appropriate Assessment Screening report concluded that the proposed Variation will have the potential to result in significant effects to European Sites and that as such, a Natura Impact Report (NIR) is required to inform an Appropriate Assessment of the proposed Variation. The requirement for a Stage II Appropriate Assessment (and associated NIR) is one of the criteria to trigger full SEA.

With reference to the foregoing considerations, it is determined that the proposed Variation would, if unmitigated, be likely to result in significant effects on the environment and that full Strategic Environmental Assessment is required to be undertaken on proposed Variation No 1 to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022 -2028.



Senior Planner

Order: That South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority, having considered the SEA Screening Report prepared by Minogue & Associates Environmental Consultancy (MEC Ltd.) makes a determination that, having regard to the criteria set out in Schedule 2A of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004. (S.I. 436/2004), as amended, including the scale, extent and risk of significant effects on the environment arising from proposed Variation no. 1 'City Edge' to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028, and having regard to the fact that the Appropriate Assessment Screening report concluded that a Stage II Appropriate Assessment is required, a full Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.



Director Land Use Planning and
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Date: 20 July 2023.