

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE BAILE ATHA CLIATH THEAS****South Dublin County Council****Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Orders**

Planning and Development Act 2000 (Part XI) (as amended)

Planning and Development Regulations, 2001(Part 8) (as amended)

Proposed Park Upgrade at Butler McGee Park

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, South Dublin County Council is proposing to upgrade Butler McGee Park in the townland of Tallaght, Co Dublin.

It is intended to place the plans and particulars for the development on public display in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) and Planning and Development Regulations, (as amended) - Part 8.

Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive, the guidance contained in the Department of Housing Planning Community and Local Government's *"Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities"* (2010), screening of the development for Appropriate Assessment was carried out in October 2025 by MKO Planning, Environmental Consultants, Tuam Road, Galway, Ireland, H91 VW84.

The subsequent AA Screening Report concludes the following:

Following initial screening of the proposed development, and based upon best scientific judgement, it is concluded that significant impacts are not expected from the project on the following Nature 2000 sites:

- Glenasmole Valley SAC
- Wicklow Mountains SPA
- South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA
- South Dublin Bay SAC
- Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC

Following an examination, analysis and evaluation of the relevant information and potential for significant effects on the conservation objectives of Natura 2000 sites, and application of the Precautionary Principle, the Report determines, on the basis of objective information that the proposed development; either alone or in-combination with other plans and projects, will not result in likely significant effects on any European site in view of their conservation objectives. A Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is therefore not required.

For the reasons outlined above it is considered that the proposal to upgrade the existing open space in Butler McGee Park in the townland of Tallaght will not present a risk to any Natura 2000 sites. As

such this screening exercise concludes that an Appropriate Assessment is not required for this project

  
Senior Planner

**ORDER:** That South Dublin County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by MKO Consulting for South Dublin County Council, makes a Determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required for the Butler McGee Park Upgrade either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 site and its Conservation Objectives.

  
Director of Services

3/11/2025  
Date

To whom the appropriate powers have been delegated by order number DELG 2825 of the Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council