

# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

## Chief Executive's Order No. CE/222/2022

### Redford Park Junction Improvement Scheme

#### **Background**

Wicklow County Council is proposing to upgrade the junction at Redford, Greystones, County Wicklow. The proposed development is the upgrading of the existing signalised controlled junction with measure to improve facilities for pedestrian, cyclist and public transport. A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided in Section 4 of the Appropriate Assessment Screening.

It is intended to place the plans and particulars of this development on public display in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to 2011 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2012 – Part 8.

According to the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the EU Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) that the effects of any plan or project, alone, or in combination with, other plans or projects on the Natura 2000 Site network, should be assessed before any decision is made to allow that plan or project to proceed.

Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) a Report for Screening of Appropriate Assessment was prepared by DBFL Consulting Engineers on behalf of Wicklow County Council. The report has determined that this project, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, does not require any further stages of the Appropriate Assessment process.

#### **Submitted:**

Based on objective information provided in the Report for Screening for Appropriate Assessment and by applying the precautionary principle, the report has concluded that:

- There are no direct pathway to Natura 2000 sites.
- No Natura 2000 sites are within the zone of influence of this development
- The construction and operation of the proposed project will not impact on the conservation objectives of features of interest of Natura 2000 sites.

Consequently, it has been determined by the consultants for the project that the possibility of any significant impacts on any European Sites, weather arising from the project itself or in combination with other plans and project can be excluded and therefore it is not necessary to carry out a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment process.

---

Email dated the 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 from Margaret Hartnett, Senior Executive Engineer endorsed this recommendation.

**ORDER:**

I hereby order that:

1. ***That Wicklow County Council as the Competent Authority having considered the report for Screening for Appropriate Assessment as prepared by DBFL Consulting Engineers, hereby makes the determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required for the proposed development Redford Park Junction Improvement Scheme, because the possibility of any significant impacts on any European Sites, whether arising from the project itself or in combination with other plans and project, can be excluded.***
2. ***The Consulting Engineers are notified of Wicklow County Council's determination.***

Signed:



**Chief Executive  
Wicklow County Council**

Date:

