

# Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS 1925 - 2014

### RECORD OF EXECUTIVE BUSINESS CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDERS

#### Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Determination for the Racecourse South Lands Area Based Transport Assessment 2025

This determination relates to whether the Draft Racecourse South Lands Area Based Transport Assessment 2025 ("the ABTA"), would or would not, be likely to have significant environmental effects, taking into account relevant criteria set out under the SEA Directive (Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of Ministers, of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2001, on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment) and transposing Regulations<sup>1</sup>; and therefore would, or would not, necessitate the undertaking of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

The criteria set out under Annex II of the SEA Directive '*Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects referred to in Article 3(5)*' and Schedule 1 of the Regulations are considered in an accompanying Screening for SEA Report that has been prepared to inform this determination.

As identified in the SEA Screening Report:

- The ABTA is situated alongside a hierarchy of statutory documents that is subject to environmental assessment/screening for environmental assessment, as appropriate, and forms the decision-making and consent-granting framework. The ABTA does not provide consent or establish a framework for granting consent and will not itself be binding on any decisions relating to the granting of consent. In order to be implemented, relevant elements of the ABTA may be integrated future statutory land use plans, which will be subject to their own SEA/AA-related processes. In order to be realised, measures from the ABTA will have to comply with the various legislation, policies, plans and programmes that form the statutory decision-making and consent-granting framework – including the provisions of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028.
- The ABTA aligns with the provisions of the National Climate Action Plan 2024, the Regional Spatial and Economic Plan 2019-2031, the Transport Plan for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042 (including associated cycle network), the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028 and the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, all of which have been subject to legislative requirements relating to public consultation and environmental assessment/screening for environmental assessment. As such, the ABTA is wholly subject to the requirements of the provisions set out in these documents, including provisions relating to sustainable development, environmental protection and environmental management that have been integrated into these documents, including through SEA and AA processes.
- It is demonstrated that: significant beneficial environmental effects are present already under the existing planning framework and would not result from the ABTA; and potentially significant adverse effects, if unmitigated, are present, envisaged and mitigated under the wider planning framework and would not result from the ABTA.

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- Taking into account all of the above, it is advised that the ABTA would not result in likely significant environmental effects and does not necessitate the undertaking of SEA.

The undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented above and in the "Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment Report". The undersigned hereby recommends that a determination is made that SEA is not required for the Racecourse South Lands Area Based Transport Assessment 2025.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 14 MAY 2025  
Recommending Officer

### ORDER:

The undersigned, having carefully considered the information referred to above agrees with and adopts the reasoning and conclusion presented above and in the "Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment Report". The undersigned hereby determines that SEA is not required for the Racecourse South Lands Area Based Transport Assessment 2025.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 19/05/25  
Approved Officer

Thereunto empowered by order of Príomhfheidhmeannach, Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth An Dúin No. C.M.D. 2617, dated 16/03/25, delegating to me all his powers, functions and duties in relation to the County Council of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown in respect of this matter.

SUBMISSION		DATE
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