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### **Statement on requirement for an Appropriate Assessment**

An Appropriate Assessment is required if likely significant effects on Natura 2000 sites arising from a proposed development cannot be ruled out at the screening stage, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

#### **Natura 2000 Sites:**

No Natura 2000 sites are located on or adjacent to the subject site.

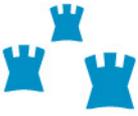
The following sites are located within approximately a 15km radius of the site:

South Dublin Bay cSAC	North Dublin Bay cSAC
Howth Head cSAC	Glenasmole Valley cSAC
Wicklow Mountains cSAC	Knocksink Woods cSAC
Ireland's Eye cSAC	Baldoyle Bay cSAC
Malahide Estuary cSAC	North Bull Island SPA
Sandymount Strand / River Tolka Estuary SPA	Dalkey Islands SPA,
Broadmeadow / Swords Estuary SPA	Baldoyle Bay SPA
Baldoyle Bay SPA	Wicklow Mountains SPA
Howth Head Coast SPA.	

#### **Notes on Proposal:**

Works of this description and scale would not usually require Planning Permission.

Planning permission is required for these works because of the building is a protected structure.



**Location of the Proposed Works:**

Hugh Lane Gallery, Parnell Square North, Dublin 1

The site is located approx. 3 km from the Sandymount Strand /Tolka Estuary SPA (Bird Directive Site, Code: IE0004024).

**Description of the Proposed Works:**

The proposed upgrade works consist of the following:

- Roof works, including the upgrading of the existing roof, the replacement of existing rooflights, the installation fall-arrest systems for safe permanent roof access.
- Installation of environmental services in the 1930s Wing and associated Buildings Services Management System and the integration of same with the systems serving the wider gallery complex to ensure a continuity of environmental conditions throughout the gallery complex appropriate for the exhibition and curation of works of art international importance.
- New M&E plant located on the roof of the 1980's within an acoustic enclosure.
- New Mechanical ductwork at roof level of the 1930s and 1980s Wing serving the 1930s Galleries
- The Installation of new data cabling and/or wireless electronic services as required to meet existing and changing future needs to the 1930's Wing.
- The Installation of a new gallery lighting system in the 1930's Wing.
- Provision of the new Environmental control lobbies to the public gallery entrance, staff entrance of Charlemont House and the rear Service entrance to the 1930's wing.

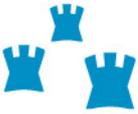
**Description of Context:**

The site is located within the central area of Dublin City in a highly urbanised area. There is no stream or watercourse located on or in proximity to the subject site. Surface and foul water in this area is connected to the public sewer and drainage system. There are no protected species on the site and having regard to

Dublin Bay being the nearest SPA there is no likelihood of any impacts occurring as a result of this development on Natura 2000 sites.

**Potential for Direct Effects:**

The project site is not located within or immediately adjacent to the Natura 2000 Network. The project site contains none of the habitats or species of special interest which have been designated for the



purpose of protection and management under the Habitats Directive. The proposed development does not therefore involve the direct loss, reduction, disturbance or fragmentation of any of the habitats,

species or habitats of species that are of conservation interest under the Natura 2000 network.

Therefore with the absence of any direct relationship with the project site and the Natura 2000 site, the potential for significant direct effects on features of qualifying interest can be ruled out and no further assessment of them considered necessary.

**Potential for Indirect Effects:**

The project does not provide for any hydrological connection between the project site and the river Liffey during the construction or operation of the project. The potential for significant indirect effects of the project on the Natura2000 network are consequently unlikely.

**Screening Statement for the Purposes of Determining the need for Appropriate Assessment**

We would consider that

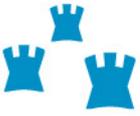
*The proposal does not require an Environmental Impact Statement but should include screening for appropriate assessment. We would suggest that a paragraph may be sufficient rather than a full report. When the Part 8 is lodged the PA will make its own assessment which is likely to conclude that AA would not be required.*

**Conclusion:**

Due to the minor nature of the work and the sites urban location the project will not result in direct or indirect impacts on the Natura 2000 network either alone or in combination with other plans or projects by way of loss, fragmentation, disruption, disturbance to habitats, species, or habitats of species that are of conservation interest.

The evaluation therefore concludes that it is unlikely that there will be any significant indirect effects on the Natura 2000 network. It is considered that the proposed development, having regard to the nature and location of the proposed works and lack of ecological pathways, will have no material impact on the integrity of any of the Natura 2000 sites located within 15km of the subject site.

As the project will have no adverse effect on the integrity on any of the Natura 2000 sites, this report



returns a conclusion that there is no potential for significant effects on the Natura 2000 sites and no assessment is considered necessary.