

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT

TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT (AA) OF:

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC HERITAGE PLAN 2023 – 2028 (DRAFT)

Pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive European Union Directive 92/43/EEC, and, European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 to 2021 and by Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of Report

This 'Appropriate Assessment Screening Report' for the Dublin City Council Strategic Heritage Plan 2023 – 2028 has been prepared by Dublin City Council, the competent authority, to comply with Article 6(3) of Council Directive 92/43/EEC (The Habitats Directive).

The screening process, as set out in this report, assesses whether the Dublin City Council Strategic Heritage Plan 2023 - 2028 (hereinafter referred to as the Heritage Plan) has the potential to have significant effects on any European sites (NATURA 2000 sites), either alone or in combination with other plans and projects.

The report concludes the Heritage Plan is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European Site and that, on the basis of objective scientific information, following screening, the plan, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have a significant effect on a European Site - Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs).

1.2 Guidance

Documentation/guidelines of relevance to this Screening for Appropriate Assessment include the following:

- Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland - Guidance for Planning Authorities. (Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, 2010 rev.).
- Appropriate Assessment under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive: Guidance for Planning Authorities.
- Assessment of Plans and Projects Significantly Affecting NATURA 2000 sites: Methodological Guidance on the Provisions of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC (European Commission Environment Directorate-General, 2001); hereafter referred to as the EC Article Guidance Document.

- Managing NATURA 2000 Sites: The Provisions of Article 6 of the Habitat's Directive 92/43/EEC (EC Environment Directorate-General, 2000); hereafter referred to as MN2000.
- Managing NATURA 2000 Sites: The Provisions of Article 6 of the Habitat's Directive 92/43/EEC (EC, 2018).
- OPR Practice Note PN01 Appropriate Assessment Screening for Development Management (OPR, 2021).
 - Circular NPWS 1/08 & PSSP 2/08 and Circular NPWS 1/10 & PSSP 2/10.

2.0 Legislative Background and Appropriate Assessment Procedure

2.1 The Habitats and Birds Directives

The Birds and Habitats Directives - Council Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (the Birds Directive) and Council Directive 92 /43 /EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (the Habitats Directive) – require Ireland to establish protected sites as part of a European wide network of sites (the Natura 2000 network which are known in Ireland as European sites) for habitats and species that are of international importance for conservation. In Ireland, European sites include Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs). SACs are selected for habitats listed on Annex I of the Habitats Directive (including priority Annex I habitat types which are in danger of disappearance), and species listed on Annex II. SPAs are selected for bird species (listed on Annex I of the Birds Directive), regularly-occurring populations of migratory bird species (such as ducks, geese and waders), and areas of international importance for migratory birds. The specified habitats and species for which each SAC and SPA is selected, correspond to the qualifying interests (in the case of SACs) or special conservation interest species (in the case of SPAs) for the sites, for which conservation objectives are prepared.

Article 6(3) of Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the *Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora* (as amended) (hereafter 'the Habitats Directive') requires that, any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a designated site, but likely to have a significant effect thereon, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, shall be subject to **appropriate assessment** of its implications for the site in view of the site's conservation objectives. A competent authority (in this case Dublin City Council) can only agree to a plan or project after having determined that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site concerned.

2.2 Appropriate Assessment Procedure

The Commission's methodological guidance (see section 1.2 above) promotes a four-stage process to complete the AA and outlines the issues and tests at each stage. An important aspect of the process is that the outcome at each successive stage determines whether a further stage in the process is required. Stages 1 and 2 deal

with the main requirements for assessment under Article 6(3). Stage 3 may be part of Article 6(3) or may be a necessary precursor to Stage 4. Stage 4 is the main derogation step of Article 6(4).

Stage One: Screening — the process which identifies any appreciable impacts upon a Natura 2000 site of a project or plan, either alone or in combination with other projects or plans, and considers whether these impacts are likely to be significant, in the absence of mitigation;

Stage Two: Appropriate assessment — the consideration of the impact on the integrity of the Natura 2000 site of the project or plan, either alone or in combination with other projects or plans, with respect to the site's structure and function and its conservation objectives. Additionally, where there are adverse impacts, an assessment of the potential mitigation of those impacts;

Stage Three: Assessment of alternative solutions: The process which examines alternative ways of achieving the objectives of the project or plan that avoid adverse impacts on the integrity of the Natura 2000 site.

Stage Four: Assessment where no alternative solutions exist and where adverse impacts remain — an assessment of compensatory measures where, in the light of an assessment of imperative reasons of overriding public interest (IROPI), it is deemed that the project or plan should proceed.

3.0 Screening Assessment - Screening Steps

The function of the Screening Assessment is to identify whether appropriate assessment is necessary by examining:

- 1) whether a plan or project can be excluded from AA requirements because it is directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site, and
- 2) the likely effects of a project or plan, either alone or in combination with other projects or plans, on a NATURA 2000 site in view of its conservation objectives, and considering whether these effects will be significant.

In this context "likely" means a risk or possibility of effects occurring that cannot be ruled out based on objective information and "significant" means an effect that would undermine the conservation objectives of the European sites, either alone or in combination with other plans and projects (Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR), 2021) .

Screening for AA involves the following:

- a) determining whether the project or plan is directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site;
- b) describing the project or plan and the description and characterisation of other projects or plans that in combination have the potential for having significant effects on the NATURA 2000 site;

- c) identification of Relevant NATURA 2000 Sites; their qualifying interests and conservation objectives
- d) assessment of likely effects / significance of effects on the NATURA 2000 site;
- e) Screening Statement with Conclusions.

4.0 Management of NATURA 2000 Site

The Dublin City Strategic Heritage Plan 2023 – 2028 is not directly connected with or necessary for the management of NATURA 2000 sites in Dublin City or elsewhere.

5.0 Description of the Plan

5.1 The Draft Strategic Heritage Plan 2023 - 2028

In keeping with the Council's ongoing commitment to investing in the city's heritage, in all its diversity, the new Dublin City Strategic Heritage Plan 2023-2028 adopts a broad remit - embracing cultural heritage in all of its aspects; tangible, intangible and digital.

The Plan will guide the work of the Heritage Officer in collaboration with other Council departments and external partners and collaborators. While the Strategic Heritage Plan will be delivered by Dublin City Council, in partnership with the Heritage Council and other key partners, it will support the work of other organisations in different areas of Dublin city's heritage.

5.2 Overview of Dublin City Strategic Heritage Plan

The Heritage Plan establishes a framework for heritage work by DCC up to 2028. This Heritage Plan is based around the values of:

1. Diversity and Inclusion
2. Creative Collaboration
3. Promoting Best Practice
4. A Broader Definition of Heritage (A Holistic Approach)

Six **key strategic goals** have been developed and each strategic goal is supported by **Strategic Objectives** to progress the goal, and **Outcomes**, to measure success.

Key Strategic Goals:

COMMUNITY-LED AND LOCALLY-FOCUSED

Strategic Objectives:

- 1) Produce a toolkit for the development of local heritage projects in partnership with area offices, including information on how to access existing council-produced resources and interpretative materials.

- 2) Support heritage participation and engagement through the development of community-led local heritage plans, co-created and implemented with local community groups and supported by the City Council.
- 3) Develop an annual local heritage grant scheme to support cultural heritage activities identified in local heritage plans.
- 4) Support community-led projects (from communities of place and of interest) and work collaboratively with existing community organisations, building on and learning from the important work that they are already doing.
- 5) Support capacity building projects and events within communities of place and interest, and facilitate the sharing of knowledge and experience between communities.

MAKING ROOM FOR DIVERSE VOICES

Strategic Objectives

- 1) Develop thematic and multidisciplinary heritage projects that include intangible cultural heritage as an integral component. Support thematic projects that explore concepts and practices that are common to all traditions.
- 2) Work with partner organisations to support community-led heritage projects from historically marginalised communities.
- 3) Support projects that view existing heritage resources in a new light or from a previously unexplored perspective. Allow for projects that challenge existing heritage narratives.
- 4) Support projects that explore the heritage of communities of interest and community-based action.
- 5) Support projects that explore the long history of inward and outward migration to/from Dublin.

CREATING KNOWLEDGE

Strategic Objectives

- 1) Build on the success of the previous heritage plan to progress existing built, archaeological and cultural heritage research projects and to identify new ones.
- 2) Continue to identify and collect baseline built, archaeological and cultural heritage data (basic research, thematic surveys and reports) and to archive this data according to best practice guidance.

- 3) Collaborate with strategic partners to: carry out reviews of existing data and research, to identify gaps and emerging themes; put research strategies in place for individual subject areas; and to review funding opportunities for built, archaeological and cultural heritage-focused research, at national and international level.
- 4) Support and develop projects that allow for the collection of oral histories, social memory and personal or family artefacts.
- 5) Support and develop projects that illustrate the contribution that built, archaeological and cultural heritage can make to sustainability, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and to addressing the impacts of climate change.

ACCESS TO HERITAGE

Strategic Objectives

- 1) Build on projects implemented under the previous Heritage Plan to continue to make heritage data available as an online resource. Work with existing and new geospatial platforms as required to map published and unpublished heritage data.
- 2) Ensure that access and issues relating to access are fully considered in all built, archaeological and cultural heritage projects carried out under the remit of the Strategic Heritage Plan.
- 3) Collaborate with groups and individuals who have experienced barriers to accessing or celebrating heritage to identify ways in which improved access can be achieved. Work with groups and individuals to develop tailored opportunities and supports.
- 4) Develop and support projects and initiatives that value and embrace intangible cultural heritage, including the heritage of living practices.

HERITAGE MANAGEMENT

Strategic Objectives

- 1) Promote best practice in built, archaeological and cultural heritage in Dublin City, through guidance, and CPD-accredited training initiatives.
- 2) Continue to resource the review and ongoing implementation of existing conservation (management) plans and put funding in place to undertake and implement new plans for built, archaeological and cultural heritage places and sites in Dublin City. As part of this objective:
 - a. Encourage the use of the conservation (management) plan process by both the private and community sectors for places and sites not in state ownership.

- b. Identify and record places or building typologies of particular interest or vulnerability in Dublin City, in both public and private ownership, that would benefit from the conservation plan process.
- 3) Identify threats to Dublin's built, archaeological and cultural heritage as a result of climate change and as a result of climate adaptation measures. Provide guidance on the management of vulnerable heritage resources and advice on appropriate mitigation measures.
 - 4) Encourage the participation of community groups in actively managing Dublin's built, archaeological and cultural heritage, including participation in national community heritage schemes.

COMMUNICATING HERITAGE

Strategic Objectives

- 1) Develop a dedicated Dublin heritage website to provide access to heritage information and data and to updates on the work of the Dublin City Strategic Heritage Plan.
- 2) Continue to disseminate high-quality information on Dublin's built, archaeological, and cultural heritage through different means and media including exhibitions, pamphlets, publications, lectures and training.
- 3) Collaborate with strategic partners to develop quality approaches to the interpretation of local and national built, archaeological and cultural heritage, based on sound research.
- 4) Collaborate with strategic partners to produce and disseminate information that highlights the value of heritage to economic development, social wellbeing and environmental sustainability.
- 5) Support the development and interpretation of collections that are representative of Dublin's artistic, built, archaeological and cultural heritage.

In order to implement the objectives set out in the heritage plan actions must be identified. These actions will be achieved by means of a Heritage Forum (to be set up) and an annual Heritage Action Plan (to be prepared by the Heritage Forum each year).

Potential heritage projects (such as the creation of a Heritage Forum and the production of annual Heritage Action Plan) have been included in the Heritage Plan. These are concerned with heritage: interpretation, promotion, best practice, recording, experience access, participation / engagement, education / communication, collecting / dissemination / coordination / management / monitoring, sustainability / adaptation (climate), funding. These will be carried out through programmes, publishing / publications, mapping / digitising (information) / archiving , collaboration / plans / guides / guidelines, studies / surveys / audits, conservation

management plans (e.g. bridges / public sculpture), public engagement / events, strategies (reuse), surveys, courses / initiatives.

6.0 Identification of Relevant NATURA 2000 Sites

To identify relevant NATURA 2000 Sites, regard was had to the approach set out under the Natura Impact Report (NIR) of the Appropriate Assessment of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028. That NIR identified 25 no. European sites as falling within the potential Zone of Influence of the DCC administrative boundary. Following further assessment 4 of these 25 no. European sites (Rye Water Valley / Carton SAC; Ballyman Glen SAC; Glenasmole Valley SAC; and Knocksink Wood SAC) were deemed to have no likely pathways. Two additional SPA's - Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA and the Murrough SPA were brought into the NIR for assessment.

For this AA Screening, 14 Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) (within the city and within the vicinity of the Plan area) have been identified as relevant NATURA 2000 sites and these 14 SACs are shown on Figure 1 below. 13 Special Protection Areas (SPAs) have been identified as relevant NATURA 2000 sites and these are shown on Figure 2 below.

Each site name, corresponding code and qualifying interest (QI) for SACs and Special Conservation Interests (SCIs) for SPAs and the conservation objectives for each relevant SAC and SPA is set out in Table A in Appendix I below.

Figure 1 Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) within the vicinity of the Heritage Plan area

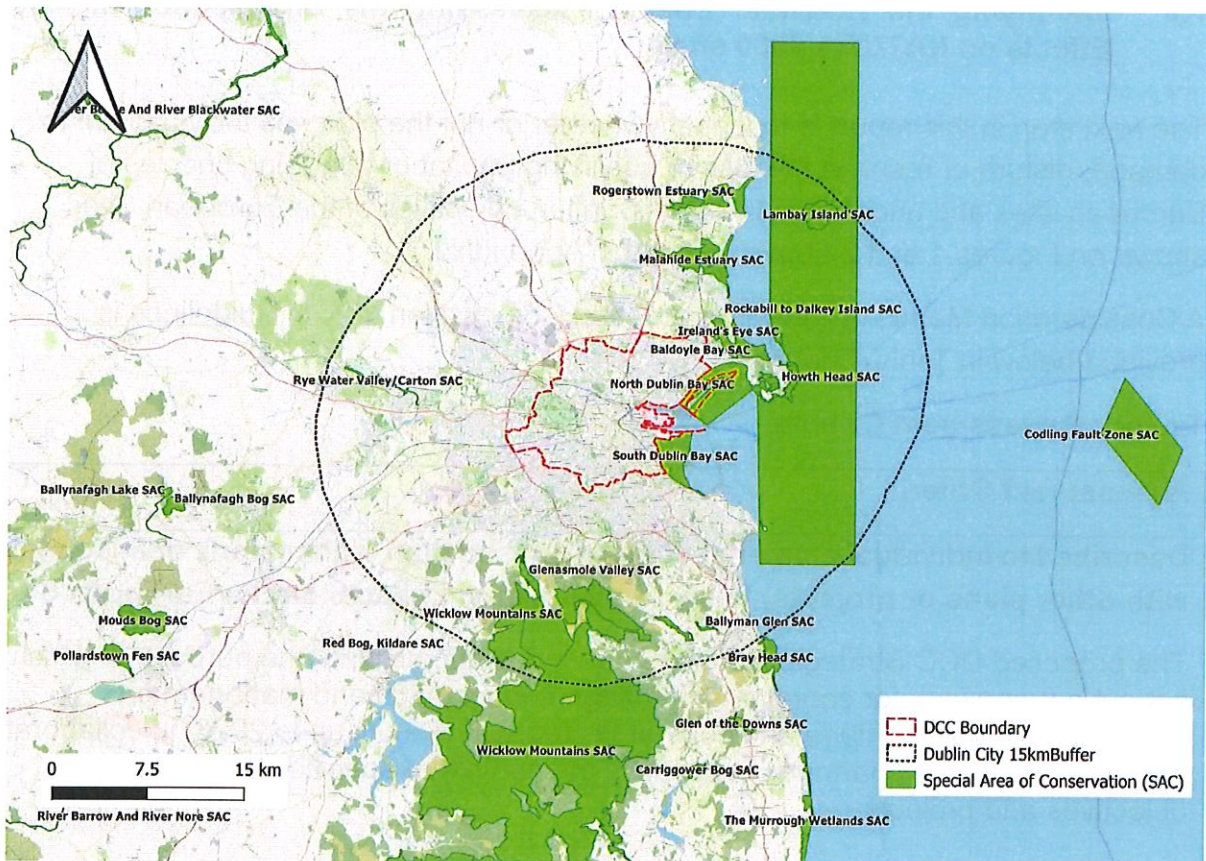
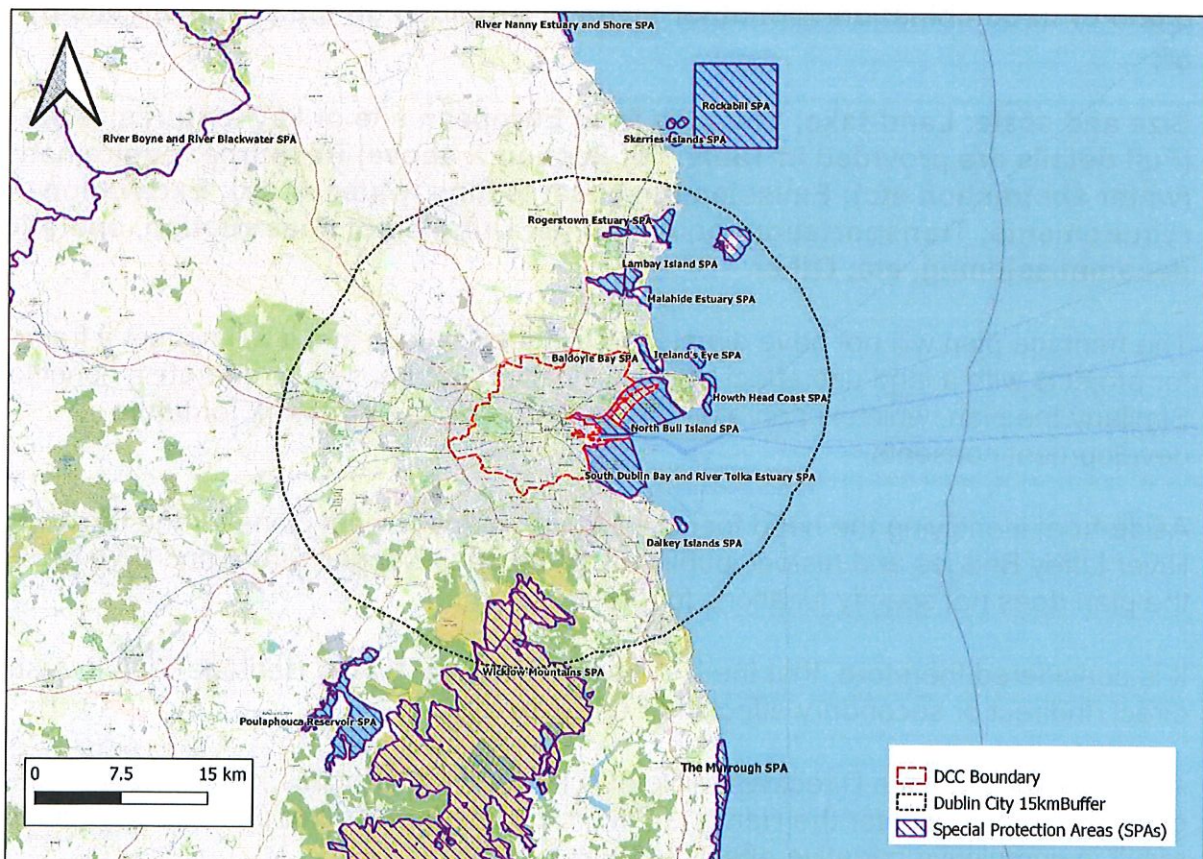


Figure 2 Special Protection Areas (SPAs) within the vicinity of the Heritage Plan area



7.0 Identifying the Potential Effects / Assessing the Significance of Any Effects on NATURA 2000 sites

The next step in this report is to identify whether or not the plan has the potential to damage, disturb or result in the loss of qualifying habitat or qualifying species of European sites and undermine the conservation objectives of the European Sites shown on Figures 1 and 2 above or listed in Appendix I.

A Consideration Matrix, in line with European Commission (2001) Guidelines is provided below in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria
<p>Describe the individual elements of the proposed plan (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) likely to give rise to impacts on the European Sites.</p> <p>The proposed DCC Strategic Heritage Plan is a strategic plan, the purpose of which is to set out a framework for coordinated heritage conservation and management (archaeology, built heritage and cultural heritage) in the city up to 2028, in collaboration with other agencies / partners / citizens in the context of specific strategic goals, objectives and projects.</p>
<p>Describe any likely direct, indirect or secondary impacts of the proposed plan (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) on the European site by virtue of:</p> <p>Size and scale; Land-take; Distance from European site or key features of the site; (Full details are provided in Table 1 of Section X above) Resource requirements (water abstraction etc); Emission (disposal to land, water or air); Excavation requirements; Transportation requirements; Duration of construction, operation, decommissioning, etc; Other</p> <p>The heritage plan will not have direct land use implications and it will not set a framework for projects with a land use effect such as location, nature, size or operating conditions. Similarly the plan, which is non-statutory, does not set a framework for future development consents.</p> <p>Aside from identifying the need for conservation management plans for the City Walls, River Liffey Bridges and historic public sculpture on O'Connell Street and College Green, the plan does not specify locations for projects.</p> <p>It is considered therefore, that there will be no potential for the Heritage Plan to result in direct, indirect or secondary effects to European Sites.</p> <p>As part of the Habitats Directive Article 6(3) assessment process, consideration must be given to the potential for the Heritage Plan to combine with other plans or projects to result in cumulative negative effects to European Sites.</p>

The Heritage Plan has been written in the context of the national and regional statutory and non-statutory plans and strategies, and international charters and conventions.

These plans include:

- *The National Planning Framework (NPF)*
- *Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)*
- *The Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028*
- *The Dublin City Development Plan 2016 - 2022*
- *Climate Action Plan 2021: Securing Our Future*
- *Climate Change Action Plan for Dublin City 2019-2024 (CCAP)*
- *Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage.*
- *Heritage at the Heart: Heritage Council Strategy 2018-2022*
- *Places for People: Ireland's National Policy on Architecture*
- *Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2025,*

Statutory land use plans and other relevant plans and programmes that may overlap with the scope of the Heritage Plan will have undergone a full AA, including the National Planning Framework (2018). Protective or mitigation measures have been incorporated (where relevant) in these plans which will have the effect of avoiding or reducing potential impacts on the Qualifying Interests and Special Conservation Interests of European sites to ensure that their conservation objectives are not undermined and, therefore, adverse effects on the integrity of European sites are avoided.

In addition to the above, given that the Heritage Plan will not result in significant land use effects or activities that have the potential to result in likely significant effects on European Sites, as identified above, there will be no potential for the Heritage Plan to combine with the above listed plans or any other plans or projects to result in likely significant effects to European Sites.

In summary, the Heritage Plan will not result in land use effects / impacts that have the potential, alone or in-combination with other plans or projects, to result in likely significant effects to European Sites.

Describe any likely changes to the site arising as a result of:

Reduction of habitat area; Disturbance to key species; Habitat or species fragmentation; Reduction in species density; Changes in key indicators of conservation value; Climate change.

Not applicable.

The Heritage Plan will not result in land use effects that have the potential to result in the: reduction in the extent of qualifying habitats of European Sites in the wider surrounding area; disturb qualifying species of European Sites in the wider surrounding area, or disturb the species that underpin the status of qualifying habitats of European Sites in the wider surrounding area; fragmentation of qualifying habitats or species populations; changes in

key indicators of conservation value such as water quality or the attributes that underpin the conservation status of qualifying feature of interest of European Sites in the wider surrounding area; emission of greenhouse gases that could contribute towards climate change.

Describe any likely impacts on the European Sites as a whole in terms of:

Interference with the key relationships that define the structure of the site;

No predicted likely impact on the structure of any European Site.

Interference with key relationships that define the function of the site;

No predicted likely impact on the conservation function of any European Site.

The Heritage Plan, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have the potential to interact with any European Sites or their qualifying features of interest, it will not have the potential to interfere with key relationships that define the structure and function of European Sites.

Provide indicators of significance as a result of the identification of effects set out above in terms of:

Loss; Fragmentation; Disruption; Disturbance; Change to key elements of the site (e.g. water quality etc).

Not Applicable

The Heritage Plan, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have the potential to interact with any European Sites or their qualifying features of interest it will not have the potential to result in the loss of qualifying habitats or habitats upon which qualifying species rely; fragmentation qualifying habitats or habitats upon which qualifying species rely; disruption qualifying habitats or habitats upon which qualifying species rely; disturbance qualifying habitats, habitats upon which qualifying species rely or qualifying species; and, change to key elements of European Sites (e.g. water quality etc.).

Describe from the above those elements of the project or plan, or combination of elements, where the above impacts are likely to be significant or where the scale or magnitude of impacts are not known.

Given that the Heritage Plan, as identified above, will not result in significant land use effects or activities that have the potential to result in likely significant effects on European Sites, there will be no potential for the plan to combine with the above listed plans and projects, or any other plans or projects to result in likely significant effects to European Sites.

The regulatory systems in place for the approval, operations and monitoring of the effects of projects arising from the Heritage Plan will ensure they too do not give rise to adverse effects on the integrity of any European Sites.

8.0 Consideration Conclusion - Finding of No Significance Effects Matrix

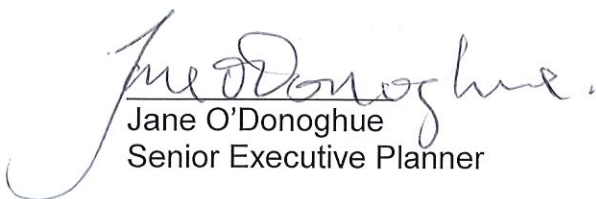
The consideration of the proposed Heritage Plan, as set out in Section 5.0 and assessed in Section 7.0 above, shows that the Plan has no land use elements and that the proposed Heritage Plan will not result in land use effects and that it will not have the potential, alone or in-combination with other plans or projects, to result in likely significant effects to European Sites. In light of the findings of this report, it is concluded by Dublin City Council that the Dublin City Council Strategic Heritage Plan 2023 - 2028 is not likely, alone or in-combination with other plans or projects, to have a significant effect on any European Sites and their conservation objectives.

TABLE 2 FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS MATRIX

Name of Project or Plan:	Proposed Dublin City Strategic Heritage Plan 2023 – 2028
Name and location of European Sites:	European Sites in the city and in the wider vicinity are listed in Table A in Appendix I and are shown on Figures 1 and 2 above.
Description of the Project or Plan	As provided in Section 5.0 above.
Is the Project or Plan directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site (provide details)?	No.
Are there other projects or plans that together with the project or plan being assessed could affect the site (provide details)?	No. See Table 1: Consideration Matrix in Section 7.0 above
Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) is likely to affect the European Sites:	No predicted likely effects on European Sites. See Table 1: Consideration Matrix in Section 7.0 above
Explain why these effects are not considered significant:	As no predicted likely effects on European Sites. On this basis, it is concluded that there are not likely to be changes to the sites habitats or species arising as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • loss • fragmentation • disruption • disturbance • changes to other key indicators of significance

<p>List of Agencies Consulted: Provide contact name and telephone or email address:</p>	<p>The following environmental authorities are to be consulted as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Manager, Development Applications Unit, Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage • Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage • Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine. Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications, • Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Inspectorate, Iniscarra, County Cork. • Fingal County Council / Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council / South Dublin County Council.
<p>Data Collected to Carry out the Assessment</p>	
<p>Who carried out the Assessment?</p>	<p>Planning and Property Development Department of Dublin City Council carried out desktop study</p>
<p>Sources of Data</p>	<p>Existing data As part of the Appropriate Assessment Consideration process for the proposed Heritage Plan, particular reference has been made to the following documents/ data sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland, Guidance for Planning Authorities.</i> Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (2009) • <i>Assessment of plans and projects significantly affecting NATURA 2000 sites Methodological guidance on the provisions of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.</i> (2002) NATURA 2000 Commission (2001) • Circular letter SEA 1/08 and NPWS 1/08. Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG, February 2008) • Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG) Circular letter NPWS 1/10 and PSSP 2/10 (March 2010)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dublin City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 (2019)</i> • <i>Dublin City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 – Appropriate Assessment Conclusion Statement (2019)</i> • <i>Dublin City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 – Final NATURA Impact Statement (2019)</i> • <i>Dublin City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 – Appropriate Assessment Determination (2019)</i> • <i>Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028. (incl. Appropriate Assessment (Volume 6) (2022, December)</i> • <i>Managing NATURA 2000 sites. The provisions of Article 6, of the ‘Habitats’ Directive 92/43/EEC. (2000)</i> • <i>Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy for the Eastern & Midlands Region (incl. AA Screening and NIS)</i> • <i>The National Planning Framework (NPF) (Project Ireland 2040) (incl. AA Screening and NIS)</i>
Level of Assessment Completed	AA Screening - Desktop study.
Where can the full results of the assessment be accessed and viewed	This document contains the full results of the Appropriate Assessment Screening will be placed on the Council’s Website with the Heritage Plan
Overall Conclusion	Stage 1 Consideration indicates that the Dublin City Strategic Heritage Plan (draft) is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European Site and that, on the basis of objective scientific information following screening, the plan, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have a significant effect on a European Site.


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APPENDIX I

TABLE A: NATURA 2000 SITES WITHIN THE CITY / WITHIN A 15 to c. 25KM RADIUS OF THE CITY BOUNDARY.

European Site Name and code	Distance from Plan	Reasons for Designation ¹ for – QIs or SCIs (*=Priority Annex I Habitat) Conservation Objectives
Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)		
North Dublin Bay SAC [000206]	Within the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Annual vegetation of drift lines [1210]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; • Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae</i>) [1330]; • Mediterranean salt meadows (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) [1410]; • Embryonic shifting dunes [2110]; • Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> ('white dunes') [2120]; • Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation ('grey dunes') [2130]* ; and • Humid dune slacks [2190]. <p>Annex II Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petalwort (<i>Petalophyllum ralfsii</i>) [1395]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats and species [1140, 1330, 1395, 1410], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: "NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: North Dublin Bay SAC 000206. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht."</p> <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1210, 1310, 2110, 2120, 2130, 2190], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: "NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: North Dublin Bay SAC 000206. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht."</p>
South Dublin Bay SAC [000210]	Within the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Annual vegetation of drift lines [1210]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; and • Embryonic shifting dunes [2110].

¹ "Qualifying Interests" (QI's) for SACs and "Special Conservation Interests" (SCI's) for SPAs based on relevant Statutory Instruments for each SPA, and NPWS Conservation Objectives for SACs taken from NIR for Appropriate Assessment for Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

European Site Name and code	Distance from Plan	Reasons for Designation ¹ for – QIs or SCIs (*Priority Annex I Habitat) Conservation Objectives
		<p>To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1140, 1210, 1310, 2110], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: South Dublin Bay SAC 000210. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (004024). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Baldoye Bay SAC [000199]	Approximately 420m from the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; • Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritima</i>) [1330]; and • Mediterranean salt meadows (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) [1410]. <p>To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1140, 1310, 1330, 1410], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2012) Conservation Objectives: Baldoye Bay SAC 000199. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p>
Howth Head SAC [000202]	Approximately 1.5km from the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230]; and • European dry heaths [4030]. <p>To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1230, 4030], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: Howth Head SAC 000202. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Howth Head Coast SPA (004113) (North Bull Island SPA (004006) and adjoins North Dublin Bay SAC (000206) and Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
Ireland’s Eye SAC [002193]	Approximately 3.8km offshore from the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perennial vegetation of stony banks [1220]; and • Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230]. <p>To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1220, 1230], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Ireland's Eye SAC 002193. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Ireland’s Eye SPA (004117) and is adjacent to Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The</p>

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Malahide Estuary SAC [000205]	Approximately 3.4km from the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; • <i>Spartina</i> swards (<i>Spartinion maritimae</i>) [1320]²; • Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae</i>) [1330]; • Mediterranean salt meadows (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) [1410]; • Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (white dunes) [2120]; and • Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130]*. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1140, 1310, 1410], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Malahide Estuary SAC 000205. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1330, 2120 and 2130], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Malahide Estuary SAC 000205. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Malahide Estuary SPA (004025). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Rogerstown Estuary SAC [000208]	Approximately 9.7km from the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estuaries [1130]; • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; • Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae</i>) [1330]; • Mediterranean salt meadows (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) [1410]; • Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (white dunes) [2120]; and, • Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130]*. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1130, 1140, 1310 & 1410], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p>

²1320 *Spartina* swards (*Spartinion maritimae*) habitat is included within the conservation objectives document for Malahide Estuary SAC, but not within the Statutory Instruments document. NPWS have stated that it is not necessary to assess the likely effects of plans or projects against this Annex I habitat at this site

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		<p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Rogerstown Estuary SAC 000208. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1330, 2120 and 2130], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Rogerstown Estuary SAC 000208. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Rogerstown Estuary SPA (004015). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
Lambay Island SAC [000204]	Approximately 11.7km offshore from the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reefs [1170]; and, • Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230] <p>Annex II Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey seal (<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>) [1364]; and, • Harbour seal (<i>Phoca vitulina</i>) [1365]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats and species [1170, 1231, 1364 and 1365], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Lambay Island SAC 000204. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Lambay Island SPA (004069) and adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC [003000]	Approximately 2.4km offshore from the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reefs [1170]. <p>Annex II Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbour porpoise (<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>) [1351]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitat and species [1170 and 1351], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC 003000. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with North Bull Island SPA (004006), Rockabill SPA (004014), Lambay Island SPA (004117), Dalkey Islands SPA (004172). It also adjoins Howth Head SAC (000202), Lambay Island SAC (000204) and Ireland Eye SAC (002193). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC [003198]	Approximately 7.2km from the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion) [7220]*. <p>Annex II Species:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vertigo angustior (Narrow-mouthed Whorl Snail) [1014]; and • Vertigo moulinsiana (Desmoulin's Whorl Snail) [1016]. <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitat and species [7220, 1014] and Maintain the the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest species [1016], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: "NPWS (2021) Conservation objectives for Rye Water Valley/Carlton SAC [001398]. Version 1.0. Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage."</p>
Ballyman Glen SAC [000713]	Approximately 11.8km from the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion) [7220]* • Alkaline fens [7230] <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [7220, 7230], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: "NPWS (2019) Conservation Objectives: Ballyman Glen SAC 000713. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. "</p>
Glenasmole Valley SAC [001209]	Approximately 6.7km from the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-Natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important orchid sites) [6210]; • Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) [6410]; and • Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion) [7220]*. <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [6210, 6410, and 7220], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: "NPWS (2021) Conservation objectives for Glenasmole Valley SAC [001209]. Version 1.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage."</p>
Knocksink Wood SAC [000725]	Approximately 10.8km from the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petrifying springs with tufa formation (Cratoneurion) [7220]*; • Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles [91A0]; and • Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae) [91E0]*. <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [7220, 91A0] and to Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitat 91E0, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: "NPWS (2021) Conservation objectives for Knocksink Wood SAC [000725]. Version 1.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage."</p>

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Wicklow Mountains SAC [002122]	Approximately 6.7km from the Plan boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae) [3110]; • Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds [3160]; • Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix [4010]; • European dry heaths [4030]; • Alpine and Boreal heaths [4060]; • Calaminarian grasslands of the Violetalia calaminariae [6130]; • Species-rich Nardus grasslands, on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas, in Continental Europe) [6230]; • Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]; • Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (Androsacetalia alpinae and Galeopsietalia ladani) [8110]; • Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8210]; • Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8220]; and • Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles [91A0]. <p>Annex II Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Otter (Lutra lutra) [1355]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats and species [1355, 3110, 3160, 6130], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Wicklow Mountains SAC 002122. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.”</p> <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [4010, 4030, 4060, 6230, 7130, 8110, 8210, 8220, 91A0], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Wicklow Mountains SAC 002122. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Wicklow Mountains SPA (004040. The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Special Protection Areas		
North Bull Island SPA [004006]	Within the Plan boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light-bellied Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota [A046]; • Shelduck Tadorna tadorna [A048]; • Teal Anas crecca [A052]; • Pintail Anas acuta [A054]; • Shoveler Anas clypeata [A056]; • Oystercatcher Haematopus ostralegus [A130]; • Golden Plover Pluvialis apricaria [A140]; • Grey Plover Pluvialis squatarola [A141]; • Knot Calidris canutus [A143]; • Sanderling Calidris alba [A144];

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i> [A149]; • Black-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa limosa</i> [A156]; • Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i> [A157]; • Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i> [A160]; • Redshank <i>Tringa tetanus</i> [A162]; • Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i> [A169]; • Black-headed Gull <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i> [A179]; and • Wetlands and Waterbirds [A199]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of North Bull Island SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: North Bull Island SPA 004006. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with North Dublin Bay SAC (000206) and Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000) and adjoins Howth head SAC (000202) and South Dublin Bay And river Tolka Estuary SPA (004024). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA [004024]	Within the Plan boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light-bellied Brent Goose <i>Branta bernicla hrota</i> [A046]; • Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i> [A130]; • Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> [A137]; • Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> [A140]; • Knot <i>Calidris canutus</i> [A143]; • Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i> [A144]; • Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i> [A149]; • Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i> [A157]; • Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i> [A162]; • Black-headed Gull <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i> [A179]; • Roseate Tern <i>Sterna dougallii</i> [A192]; • Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i> [A193]; • Arctic Tern <i>Sterna paradisaea</i> [A194]; and • Wetlands and Waterbirds [A999]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA 004024. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with South Dublin Bay SAC (000210) and adjoins North Bull Island SPA (004006) and North Dublin Bay SAC (000206). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
Baldoye Bay SPA [004016]	Approximately 890m from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light-bellied Brent Goose <i>Branta bernicla hrota</i> [A046]; • Shelduck <i>Tadorna</i> [A048];

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	the Plan boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> [A137]; • Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i> [A140]; • Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> [A141]; • Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i> [A157]; and • Wetlands and Waterbirds [A999]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of Baldoyle Bay SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Baldoyle Bay SPA 004016. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Baldoyle Bay SAC (000199). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Howth Head Coast SPA [004113]	Approximately 3.8km from the Plan boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kittiwake <i>Rissa tridactyla</i> [A188]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Howth head Coast SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Howth Head Coast SPA [004113]. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Howth Head Coast SAC (000202) and adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Ireland's Eye SPA [004117]	Approximately 3.6km from the Plan boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> [A017]; • Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i> [A184]; • Kittiwake <i>Rissa tridactyla</i> [A188]; • Guillemot <i>Uria aalge</i> [A199]; and • Razorbill <i>Alca torda</i> [A200]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Ireland's Eye Coast SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Ireland's Eye SPA [004117]. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage”.</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Ireland Eye SAC (002193) and adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Malahide Estuary SPA [004025]	Approximately 4.1km from the Plan boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Crested Grebe <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> [A005]; • Light-bellied Brent Goose <i>Branta bernicla hrota</i> [A046]; • Shelduck <i>Tadorna</i> [A048]; • Pintail <i>Anas acuta</i> [A054];

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goldeneye Bucephala clangula [A067]; • Red-breasted Merganser Mergus serrator [A069]; • Oystercatcher Haematopus ostralegus [A130]; • Golden Plover Pluvialis apricaria [A140]; • Grey Plover Pluvialis squatarola [A141]; • Knot Calidris canutus [A143]; • Dunlin Calidris alpina [A149]; • Black-tailed Godwit Limosa [A156]; • Bar-tailed Godwit Limosa lapponica [A157]; • Redshank Tringa totanus [A162]; and, • Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of Malahide Estuary SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: "NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Malahide Estuary SPA 004025. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht".</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Malahide Estuary SAC (000205). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Rogerstown Estuary SPA [004015]	Approximately 9.7km from the Plan boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greylag Goose Anser anser [A043]; • Light-bellied Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota [A046]; • Shelduck Tadorna [A048]; • Shoveler Anas clypeata [A056]; • Oystercatcher Haematopus ostralegus [A130]; • Ringed Plover Charadrius hiaticula [A137]; • Grey Plover Pluvialis squatarola [A141]; • Knot Calidris canutus [A143]; • Dunlin Calidris alpina [A149]; • Black-tailed Godwit Limosa [A156]; • Redshank Tringa totanus [A162]; and, • Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of Rogerstown Estuary SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: "NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Rogerstown Estuary SPA 004015. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht."</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Rogerstown Estuary SAC (000208). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Lambay Island SPA [004069]	Approximately 11.6km offshore from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo [A017]; • Shag Phalacrocorax aristotelis [A018]; • Greylag Goose Anser anser [A043];

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	the Plan boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>Larus fuscus</i> [A183] • Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i> [A184]; • Kittiwake <i>Rissa tridactyla</i> [A188]; • Guillemot <i>Uria aalge</i> [A199]; • Razorbill <i>Alca torda</i> [A200]; and • Puffin <i>Fratercula arctica</i> [A204]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Lambay Island SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Lambay Island SPA 004069. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage”.</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Lambay Island SAC (000204) and adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Dalkey Islands SPA [004172]	Approximately 7.9km offshore from the Plan boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roseate Tern <i>Sterna dougallii</i> [A192]; • Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i> [A193]; and • Arctic Tern <i>Sterna paradisaea</i> [A194]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Dalkey Islands SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Dalkey Islands SPA [004172]. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000) and . The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Wicklow Mountains SPA [004040]	Approximately 6.7km from the Plan boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merlin <i>Falco columbarius</i> [A098]; and • Peregrine <i>Falco peregrinus</i> [A103]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Wicklow Mountains SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2021) Conservation objectives for Wicklow Mountains SPA [004040]. Generic Version 8.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage”.</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Wicklow Mountains SAC (0021220). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Skerries Islands SPA [004122]	Approximately 18.3km from the Plan boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> [A017]; • Shag <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i> [A018]; • Light bellied Brent Goose <i>Branta bernicla hrota</i> [A046]; • Purple Sandpiper <i>Calidris maritima</i> [A148]; • Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i> [A169]; and • Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i> [A184].

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		<p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Skerries Island SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>"NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Skerries Islands SPA [004122]. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage".</p> <p>Please note that this SPA adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000) and Rockabill SPA.</p>
Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA [004063]	Approximately 19km from the Plan boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greylag Goose Anser [A043]; and • Lesser Black-backed Gull Larus fuscus [A183]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>"NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA [004063]. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage".</p>
The Murrough SPA [004186]	Approximately 25.6km from the Plan boundary	<p>Red-throated Diver Gavia stellata A001 Greylag Goose Anser A043 Light Bellied Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota A046 Wigeon Anas penelope A050 Teal Anas crecca A052 Black-headed Gull Chroicocephalus ridibundus A179 Herring Gull Larus argentatus A162 Little Tern Sterna albifrons A195 Wetlands A999</p> <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of The Murrough SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>"NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for The Murrough SPA [004186]. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage".</p>