

# MEMO

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To: Foreshore Unit, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government  
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Regarding: **Statement of Compliance regarding FS006909 – Foreshore Licence Application for Broadmeadow Way Greenway, Co. Dublin**

## 1.1 Policy Context

The National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF) was published on 30 June 2021. It brings together all marine-based human activities for the first time, outlining the government's vision, objectives and marine planning policies for each marine activity.

The NMPF details how these marine activities will interact with each other in an ocean space that is under increasing spatial pressure, ensuring the sustainable use of our marine resources to 2040.

It serves as a parallel to the NPF, as it sets out the Government's long-term planning objectives and priorities for the management of our seas over a 20-year time frame. This approach enables the Government to:

- Set a clear direction for managing our seas;
- Clarify objectives and priorities; and,
- Direct decision makers, users and stakeholders towards strategic, plan-led, and efficient use of our marine resources.

The NMPF has been prepared with an ecosystem-based approach and informed by best available knowledge. As part of the preparation of the NMPF, a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) have been carried out.

This document sets out how the Broadmeadow Way Greenway Project is compliant with the overall objectives of the NMPF and its relevant planning policies.

## 1.2 Compliance with NMPF Overall Objectives

Chapter 21 on NMPF deals with "Sports and Recreation" Objectives of the NMPF. In the context of the Broadmeadow Way Greenway Project, the following objectives of the NMPF are noted:

- *"Increased provision of physical activity and recreation amenities in our coastal and marine environment, including coastal trails and greenways, blueways and other outdoor recreation facilities."*

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- *Continued and improved access to marine and coastal resources for tourism activities and sport and recreation.*
- *Sustainable development of outdoor recreation facilities, promoting access for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, while encouraging the sharing of facilities where appropriate. The provision of marine recreational facilities should be considered an integral part of plans specific to coastal locations, including urban and suburban coastal development sites, with due consideration given to the environmental sensitivities of each site, such as increased visitor or infrastructural pressures on the environment”.*

As these objectives concern the increased provision of greenways, the improved access to the marine area and the sustainable development of outdoor recreational facilities for all age groups and the Broadmeadow Way Greenway delivers upon each of these objectives, the project is fully compliant with these overall objectives of the NMPF.

## 1.3 Compliance with NMPF Planning Policies

The Broadmeadow Way Greenway Project fully complies with planning policy objectives contained within Chapter 21 of the NMPF. Most notably, Sport and Recreation Policy 4 of the NMPF states:

- *Proposals that improve access to marine and coastal resources for tourism activities, and sport and recreation should be supported, where appropriate, at the applicable scale and aligned with existing development plans.*

Given that Section 6.5.6.2 of the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 specifically lists the Broadmeadow Way Greenway as being something that Fingal County Council will progress during the lifetime of the Plan, it is wholly compliant with this planning policy.

It is further noted that Chapter 21 of the NMPF states that:

*“There is potential to develop a more integrated network of greenways and blueways to support the diversification of rural and regional economies and promote more sustainable forms of travel and activity based recreation. On 29th July 2020, the Irish Government announced funding of €4.5 million for 26 further greenway projects, providing support for feasibility, planning and design of suitable projects. A number of existing and planned greenway developments, which can play an important role in supporting local communities, are in coastal areas or run through coastal cities and towns. These greenways will provide opportunities to link marine sports and recreational facilities with these developments, providing a safe and segregated space for physical activity and sport, in addition to supporting our tourism offering.”*

Therefore, the very nature of the subject project complies with the vision of the NMPF in so far as it concerns greenway developments.

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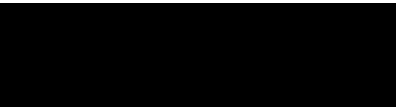
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## 1.4 Conclusion

This Memo describes the compliance review undertaken of the Broadmeadow Way Greenway Project against the requirements of the National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF).

It is concluded that the Broadmeadow Way Greenway Project is fully compliant with both the overall objectives of the NMPF and its associated Planning Policies.

Yours sincerely,



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