

Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination

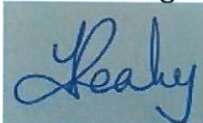
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Project reference: FS007192 – University College Dublin sampling of soil from saltmarsh in Baldoyle Estuary, Co. Dublin.

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended ('The Regulations'), the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has undertaken screening for Appropriate Assessment to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of relevant European sites, if sampling of soil from saltmarsh by University College Dublin in Baldoyle Estuary, Co. Dublin, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on European sites.

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 SI 477 as amended, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on European sites. The risk of likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded on the basis of objective evidence. This determination is based on the location, scale, extent and duration of the proposed development and has not taken account of measures intended to avoid or reduce significant effects on European sites.

Signature and Date of Recommending Officer - Marine Advisor Environment:



Ph.D. 11th May 2023

Signature and Date of Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage:



20th September 2023