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KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Record of Executive Business and Chief Executive's Orders

**Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) – Part XAB
Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) – Part 8**

Community Playground Project Allenwood

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing to construct a Community Playground and associated items within the grounds of the Allenwood Enterprise Park, Allenwood.

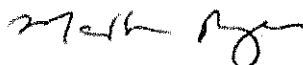
A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided in the Section 4.0 of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and with drawings provided with the Part 8 application.

Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the guidance contained in the document entitled "*Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities*" (published by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2009) and following an examination of the objective information provided in the Appropriate Assessment "*Allenwood Playground Project Screening for Appropriate Assessment*" (the Screening Report) prepared by Mary O'Connor Consultant Ecologist, Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the proposed Playground at Allenwood Enterprise Park, Allenwood, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, does not have the potential to give rise to likely significant effects on European sites, their conservation objectives or integrity, and therefore does not require an Appropriate Assessment.

Key points in the determination

- Five Natura Sites – Pollardstown Fen SAC; Moulds Bog SAC; Ballynafagh Lake SAC; Ballynafagh Bog SAC and The Long Derries SAC – occur within the likely zone of impact (15km) of the proposed development.
- It has been objectively concluded during the Screening Report prepared by Mary O'Connor Consultant Ecologist that none of the 5 sites, referred to above, are likely to be significantly impacted by the proposed Allenwood Community Playground.

Therefore a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the project appraisal either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.




Acting / Senior Executive Planner

16th November 2020

ORDER: That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority, having considered the AA Screening Report prepared by Golder Associates Ltd., makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment will not be required to inform the Proposed Gallowshill Welfare Facility project, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

Date: 16/11/20



Chief Executive