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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**

**Development of Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge (adjacent to existing road bridge, protected structure  
– B11-103) over the River Liffey at Celbridge Co. Kildare**

**Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination**

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Kildare County Council is proposing to construct a new Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge over the River Liffey at Celbridge Co. Kildare.

- Development of Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge over River Liffey comprising of the following;
  - Piled abutment supports
  - Single-span, inclined, open-web truss bridge structure (hollow-section steel), modular deck and glass guarding and handrail (with LED lighting, designed for respecting wildlife);
  - From footpath adjacent to Bank of Ireland car park to the footpath outside the Abbey Lodge public house;
  - Bridge to span approximately 50m;
  - Constructed adjacent to existing road bridge - protected structure – B11-103,
  - No structural incidence on existing road bridge, no works to dry arch(wildlife).
  - Removal of footpath on existing bridge, rerouting of telecoms services, addition of a rubbing strip kerb in lieu of footpath at base of rubble-stone parapet wall.
  - All associated works, minor repairs and maintenance to bridge and surrounds;
  - No requirement for structures or construction works in the River Liffey

A detailed description of the proposed development has been provided in Section 3 of Report to Inform Screening for Appropriate Assessment prepared by Greenleaf Ecology and with other drawings and documentation(including but not limited to Ecological Impact Assessment(Greenleaf Ecology) , Bridge Report (dhb Architects), Preliminary Design (Clifton Scannell & Emerson Associates), Construction Environmental Management Plan (Clifton Scannell & Emerson Associates) provided with the Part 8 application.

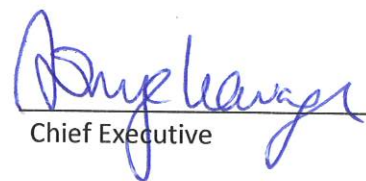
Having regard to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive and Part XAB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the guidance contained in the document entitled "*Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland Guidance for Planning Authorities*" (published by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2009) and following an examination of the objective information provided in the 'Report to Inform Screening for Appropriate Assessment' prepared by Greenleaf Ecology; Kildare County Council, as the Competent Authority, determines that the proposed pedestrian and Cycle Bridge (adjacent to existing bridge, protected structure – B11-103) over the River Liffey at Celbridge Co. Kildare either 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 a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.

**Key considerations in the determination:**

- There are two European Natura 2000 sites within 15km of proposed development –
  - Rye Water Valley/ Carton SAC (Site Code: 001398), c.4.07km due north(described in 4.2.1);
  - Rye Water River flows into the River Liffey c.4.8km downstream of the proposed site.
  - SAC designated to protect a range of riparian and aquatic biodiversity(documented in report). The proposed site and Rye Water Valley/ Carton SAC both located within the Dublin Groundwater Body;

**ORDER:** That Kildare County Council as the Competent Authority, having considered the Report to Inform Screening for Appropriate Assessment prepared by Greenleaf Ecology, makes a determination that a Stage 2: Appropriate Assessment/Natura Impact Statement will not be required to inform the Development of Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge (adjacent to existing bridge, protected structure – B11-103) over the River Liffey at Celbridge Co. Kildare either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, with respect to any Natura 2000 sites and their Conservation Objectives.

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

  
Chief Executive