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Fingal County Council

Fingal Heritage Plan 2011–2017

Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment Screening Report

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1. Introduction

The Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC) as transposed into Irish law by the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (Part 5) requires that all plans and projects must be screened for potential impact on Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or Special Protection Areas (SPAs). This process aims to establish whether a full Appropriate Assessment pursuant to Article 6 of the Directive is required in any particular case. This report presents a screening assessment for the Fingal Heritage Plan 2011-2017. It has been prepared by Fingal County Council in accordance with the relevant legislation cited above and taking account of Guidance issued by the Government [*Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland: Guidance for Planning Authorities*, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, 2009].

1.1 Background - The Habitats and Birds Directives

The Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora) is the main legislative instrument for the protection and conservation of biodiversity in the EU. Under the Directive member States are obliged to designate Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) which contain habitats or species considered important for protection and conservation in a European Union context. The Birds Directive (Council Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds), is concerned with the long-term protection and management of all wild bird species and their habitats in the EU. Among other things, the Directive requires that Special Protection Areas (SPAs) be established to protect migratory species and species which are rare, vulnerable, in danger of extinction, or otherwise require special attention. Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) designated under the Habitats Directive and Special Protection Areas, designated under the Birds Directive, form a pan-European network of protected sites known as Natura 2000.

The Habitats Directive sets out a unified system for the protection and management of SACs and SPAs. Article 6(3) and 6(4) of the Directive set out key elements of the system of protection including the requirement for Appropriate Assessment of plans and projects.

1.2 Screening for Appropriate Assessment

Screening has been undertaken in fulfilment of the requirements of the Habitats Directive and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and taking into account the Guidance issued by the Government in this regard.

2. Methodology

Screening has been undertaken in accordance with *Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland: Guidance for Planning Authorities* which comprises the following steps:

1. Description of the Plan and plan area characteristics
2. Identification of Natura 2000 sites and compilation of information on their qualifying interests and conservation objectives
3. Assessment of the likely effects – direct, indirect and cumulative – undertaken on the basis of available information
4. Screening statement with conclusions

3. Description of the Heritage Plan

The administrative area of Fingal covers 450 square kilometres (173 square miles) and stretches from the River Liffey and the Dublin City boundary in the south to the Meath boundary north of Balbriggan, and from the coast in the east to the Meath and Kildare boundaries in the west. The population of Fingal at the last Census (2011) was 237, 051 which makes Fingal the third most populous county in the country.

The County has a diverse and interesting character including both urban and rural areas, the coast, river valleys and upland areas. The main urban areas include Swords, Blanchardstown, Balbriggan, Skerries, Lusk, Rush, Donabate, Malahide, Portmarnock, Baldoyle, Sutton and Howth. The remainder of the County is rural in character and includes the villages of the Naul, Garristown, Oldtown, Ballyboghil, Rowlestown, Rivermeade/Toberburr, Coolquay, Balscaddan, Hollystown, Kinsealy, Balrothery and Loughshinny.

The Fingal Heritage Plan 2011-2017 sets out a series of actions to be undertaken over a 6 year period in relation to Fingal's natural and cultural heritage. Actions will be undertaken by a range of stakeholders as part of the implementation of the Plan which is led by Fingal County Council. The Plan sets out 49 actions under four themes as follows:

Communicating our heritage to a wide audience. There are 9 no. actions under this Theme which promotes better use of new media to raise awareness about Fingal's heritage, improved signage and making information available to relevant stakeholders and the general public.

Caring for our heritage. There are 16 no. actions under this Theme which involves adding to our knowledge of Fingal's heritage through research, building and integrating databases, facilitating training, and developing management plans

and other initiatives for key heritage sites, heritage properties and historic towns and villages.

Increasing the level of community activity for heritage. There are 13 no. actions under this Theme which aim to support the work of local communities and dedicated individuals in caring for and raising awareness of our heritage, through volunteering, local cleanups, Tidy Towns, events and award schemes.

Supporting the local economy. There are 11 no. actions under this Theme which concerns integrating care for our heritage with economic development, and supporting recreation and tourism through initiatives such as green infrastructure strategy implementation, and the development of walking and cycling routes and heritage trails.

The Heritage Plan comprises of the following:

- Part 1 give an introduction to Heritage
- Part 2 gives a description of the heritage services provided by Fingal
- Part 3 sets out the Themes and Actions of the Plan
- Part 4 outlines the Implementation of the plan
- The appendices give an overview of the process of formulating the Plan, the membership of the Fingal Heritage Forum, the public consultation process, including a list of the submissions made, relevant heritage legislation and sources of useful information - mostly contact details of various organisations involved in the different aspects of heritage.

The main objectives of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2011-2017 are:

- To communicate heritage to a wide audience and thereby build public support for the care of Fingal's heritage
- To learn more about Fingal's heritage by commissioning research which adds to our knowledge, and to provide training opportunities for those managing our local heritage
- To manage our heritage using the best-practice methods available, and to support the implementation of the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan
- To support local communities to care for their heritage, both built and natural
- To establish a vibrant family-friendly heritage events programme
- To integrate care for our heritage with economic development, and support the development of Fingal's green infrastructure strategy
- To support recreation and tourism, particularly through developing a network of walking and cycling routes and local heritage trails.

4. Brief Description of Natura 2000 sites

4.1 Natura 2000 sites

This section of the screening process describes the Natura 2000 sites within a 15km radius of the plan area. A 15km buffer zone was chosen as a precautionary measure to ensure that all potentially affected Natura 2000 sites are included in the screening process.

Table 1 (cSACs) and Table 2 (SPAs) list the Natura 2000 sites that are within a 15km range of the plan area. The Qualifying Features for each SAC site and the Features of Interest and Special Conservation Interests of the SPAs have been obtained through a review of the documentation available on each site from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) website (www.npws.ie).

Table 1: Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) within a 15km radius of Fingal

Site Code	Site Name	Qualifying Features	
		Annex 1 Habitat [* indicates priority habitats]	Annex II species
001957	Boyne Coast and Estuary	Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes), Embryonic shifting dunes, Atlantic salt meadows, Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (white dunes), Estuaries, Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide, <i>Salicornia</i> and other annuals colonizing mud and sand, Mediterranean salt meadows	
002299	River Boyne and River Blackwater	Alkaline fens, Alluvial forests with <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> and <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	River Lamprey, Otter
000204	Lambay Island	Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts	Grey seal
000208	Rogerstown Estuary	Estuaries, Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide, <i>Salicornia</i> and other annuals colonizing mud and sand, Atlantic salt meadows, Mediterranean salt	

		meadows, Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> ("white dunes"), * Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation ("grey dunes")	
000205	Malahide Estuary	Estuaries, Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide, <i>Salicornia</i> and other annuals colonizing mud and sand, <i>Spartina</i> swards, Atlantic salt meadows, Mediterranean salt meadows, Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> ("white dunes"), *Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation ("grey dunes")	
001398	Rye Water Valley/Cartron	Petrifying springs with tufa formation	<i>Vertigo angustior</i> <i>Vertigo moulinsiana</i>
000199	Baldoyle Bay	Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide, <i>Spartina</i> swards, <i>Salicornia</i> and other annuals colonizing mud and sand, Atlantic salt meadows, Mediterranean salt meadows	
000202	Howth Head	European dry heaths, Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts	
002193	Ireland's Eye	Perennial vegetation of stony banks, Vegetated seacliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts	
000206	North Dublin Bay	Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide, <i>Spartina</i> swards, <i>Salicornia</i> and other annuals colonizing mud and sand, Annual vegetation of drift lines, Atlantic salt meadows, Mediterranean salt meadows, Embryonic shifting dunes, Shifting dunes along the	Petalwort

		shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> ["white dunes"], *Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation ["grey dunes"], Humid dune slacks	
000210	South Dublin Bay	Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide	
002122	Wicklow Mountains	Blanket bog [*active only], Northern Atlantic wet heaths with <i>Erica tetralix</i> , European dry heaths, Old sessile oak woods with <i>Ilex</i> and <i>Blechnum</i> , Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels, Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds, Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or of the Isoëto-Nanojuncetea, Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation, Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation, Alpine and Boreal heaths, Species-rich <i>Nardus</i> grasslands, on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas, in Continental Europe)	Otter
001209	Glenasmole Valley	Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates [*important orchid sites], <i>Molinia</i> meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils, Petrifying springs with tufa formation	

Table 2: Special Protection Areas (SPAs) within 15km of Fingal

Site code	Site name	Special Conservation Interests & Features of Interest (species marked with * are Features of Interest only)
004080	Boyne Estuary	Shelduck, Oystercatcher, Grey Plover, Lapwing, Knot, Sanderling, Black-tailed Godwit, Redshank, Turnstone, Little Tern, Wetlands & Waterbirds, Golden Plover*
004158	River Nanny Estuary and shore	Oystercatcher, Ringed Plover, Knot, Sanderling, Wetlands & Waterbirds, Herring Gull*, Golden Plover*
004122	Skerries Islands	Shag, Light-bellied Brent Goose, Purple Sandpiper, Turnstone, Cormorant*, Herring Gull*
004014	Rockabill	Roseate Tern, Common Tern, Arctic Tern
004069	Lambay Island	Fulmar, Shag, Greylag Goose, Kittiwake, Guillemot, Razorbill, Puffin, Cormorant*, Lesser Black-backed Gull*, Herring Gull*,
004015	Rogerstown Estuary	Greylag Goose, Light-bellied Brent Goose, Shelduck, Shoveler, Oystercatcher, Ringed Plover, Grey Plover, Knot, Dunlin*, Black-tailed Godwit, Redshank, Wetlands & Waterbirds*
004016	Baldoyle Bay	Light-bellied Brent Goose, Shelduck, Ringed Plover, Grey Plover, Bar-tailed Godwit, Wetlands & Waterbirds, Golden Plover*
004025	Malahide Estuary	Great Crested Grebe, Light-bellied Brent Goose, Shelduck, Pintail, Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser, Oystercatcher, Grey Plover, Knot, Black-tailed Godwit, Bar-tailed Godwit, Redshank, Wetlands & Waterbirds, Dunlin*, Golden Plover*
004113	Howth Head coast	Kittiwake
004117	Ireland's Eye	Kittiwake, Guillemot, Razorbill, Cormorant*, Herring Gull*

004006	North bull Island	Light-bellied Brent Goose, Shelduck, Teal, Pintail, Shoveler, Oystercatcher, Golden Plover*, Grey Plover, Knot, Sanderling, Dunlin*, Black-tailed Godwit, Bar-tailed Godwit, Curlew, Redshank, Turnstone, Black-headed Gull*, Wetlands & Waterbirds
004024	South Dublin Bay and River Tolka estuary	Light-bellied Brent Goose, Oystercatcher, Ringed Plover, Golden Plover*, Knot, Sanderling, Dunlin, Bar-tailed Godwit, Redshank, Black-headed Gull*, Roseate Tern, Common Tern, Arctic Tern*, Wetlands & Waterbirds*
004040	Wicklow Mountains	Merlin, Peregrine

4.2 Conservation Objectives

The Habitats Directive aims, *inter alia*, to maintain or restore the favourable conservation status of habitats and species which have been identified as the qualifying features of sites designated as Special Areas of Conservation and the Special Conservation Interests of Special Protection Areas. These two designations are collectively known as the Natura 2000 network.

The maintenance of habitats and species within Natura 2000 sites at favourable conservation condition will contribute to the overall maintenance of favourable conservation status of those habitats and species at a national and European level.

Favourable conservation status of a habitat is achieved when:

- its natural range, and area it covers within that range, are stable or increasing, and
- the specific structure and functions which are necessary for its long-term maintenance exist and are likely to continue to exist for the foreseeable future, and
- the conservation status of its typical species is favourable.

The favourable conservation status of a species is achieved when:

- population dynamics data on the species concerned indicate that it is maintaining itself on a long-term basis as a viable component of its natural habitats, and
- the natural range of the species is neither being reduced nor is likely to be reduced for the foreseeable future, and

- there is, and will probably continue to be, a sufficiently large habitat to maintain its populations on a long-term basis.

For all of the SACs in Fingal the NPWS has identified the following as the Conservation Objective: To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitat(s) and/or the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected (see Table 1)

For all the SPAs in Fingal the NPWS has identified the following as the Conservation Objective: To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interests for this SPA (see Table 2).

5. Assessment of Likely Effects – Direct, Indirect and Cumulative

In order to assess whether the implementation of the Fingal Heritage Plan will have any effects on Natura 2000 sites, each of the actions in the Heritage Plan has been assessed for direct, indirect or cumulative impacts to Natura 2000 sites listed in Tables 1 and 2 (Table 3).

Of the 49 actions assessed it is considered that 41 actions will cause no direct, indirect or cumulative impacts to Natura 2000 sites. In the majority of cases, this is because the actions will not result in any works which could impact Natura 2000 sites either directly, indirectly or in-combination with other plans and projects. A small number of actions support the implementation of actions in the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2010-2015 and the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017. Both of these plans were subject to screening for appropriate assessment and the Fingal Development Plan was subject to full appropriate assessment prior to adoption by the Council. For both plans it was concluded that there would be no significant adverse impacts to Natura 2000 sites as a result of their implementation.

In relation to three actions in the Draft Plan there is a potential to indirectly impact Natura 2000 sites. These actions are listed below:

- Action 14: Work to improve the public realm in historic towns and villages by developing policy and guidance and/or through the development of public realm plans, village design statements, and/or by supporting best practice management initiatives
- Action 21: Develop awareness raising, conservation and management initiatives for County Geological Sites in Fingal in partnership with site

owners, the Geological Survey of Ireland and other stakeholders as appropriate

- Action 41: Support local communities to develop local heritage trails.

In relation to these actions there is a small possibility that public realm plans, other public realm initiatives, initiatives to conserve and manage County Geological Sites and the development of local heritage trails in historic towns and villages located close to Natura 2000 sites could have indirect impacts on these sites and therefore there is a small possibility that in combination impacts could arise also. In developing such plans, initiatives and trails the Council is fully committed to the implementation of the requirements of the Habitats Directive and screening for appropriate assessment will be undertaken for any plans or projects resulting from the implementation of these Actions. Statements to this effect are included in the Heritage Plan.

Table 3: Assessment of Heritage Plan Actions

No	Action	Direct impact to Natura 2000 sites	Indirect impacts to Natura 2000 sites	Cumulative impacts to Natura 2000 sites	Comment
1	Ensure the Heritage Plan, and any information generated through its implementation, is accessible to all and widely available	No impact	No impact	No impact	
2	Develop Fingal's Heritage Website as a one-stop-shop for information and communication for heritage matters	No impact	No impact	No impact	
3	Use a range of media, events and key messages to raise awareness about the value of our heritage	No impact	No impact	No impact	
4	Use new technologies to bring heritage to a broad audience (e.g. social media, smart phone applications or apps)	No impact	No impact	No impact	
5	Include a communications element as	No impact	No impact	No impact	

	an integral part of all Heritage Plan projects				
6	Improve signage and develop smart signage and information resources for publically accessible heritage sites throughout the county, and key locations such as Dublin Airport and other entry points to Fingal	No impact	No impact	No impact	
7	Make information available on the implementation of the heritage plan on Fingal's Heritage website	No impact	No impact	No impact	
8	(a) Build a database of digital images by scanning existing collections in partnership with local communities and by commissioning photographic surveys, and (b) develop a free on-line image bank of Fingal's heritage	No impact	No impact	No impact	
9	Work with Fingal County Council's Arts Office to communicate the value of heritage and the arts	No impact	No impact	No impact	
10	Continue to undertake research to fill knowledge gaps including but not limited to the following: the Council's	No impact	No impact	No impact	

	heritage properties, maritime heritage (including boats), science heritage, arts heritage, sports heritage, 20 th century heritage, farming, food and horticultural heritage. Ensure that appropriate digital data standards are met by all research projects and that the information provided by such research is integrated into the Council's GIS system				
11	Use opportunities, such as the preparation of Local Area Plans (LAPs), to fill knowledge gaps	No impact	No impact	No impact	
12	Support the collection of community histories from the people of Fingal	No impact	No impact	No impact	
13	Provide training in heritage management and traditional skills by supporting skills workshops and other events and by providing training opportunities	No impact	No impact	No impact	
14	Work to improve the public realm in historic towns and villages by developing policy and guidance and/or	No impact	Potential impact	No impact	It is possible that works in certain historic towns which are in close proximity to Natura 2000 sites (e.g. Skerries, Portmarnock) could

	through the development of public realm plans, village design statements, and/or by supporting best practice management initiatives				result in indirect impacts to Natura 2000 sites. Any such proposals will be subject to further assessment as part of AA Screening reports for public realm plans or for projects which could indirectly affect Natura 2000 sites.
15	Develop masterplans for key Natura 2000 sites in the county in consultation with stakeholders including the National Parks and Wildlife service of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht	No impact	No impact	No impact	This issue was considered in detail in the AA Screening Report for the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2010-2015. It was considered that such masterplans will not adversely impact Natura 2000 sites because they will support the conservation objectives of the sites. In addition, each masterplan will be subject to project level AA.
16	Support the implementation of the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan, especially the key demonstration projects detailed in the Biodiversity Action Plan	No impact	No impact	No impact	The AA Screening Report for the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2010-2015 concluded that the Plan would not have significant adverse impacts on Natura 2000 sites.
17	(a) Assess the condition of protected structures and archaeological sites and monuments owned and/or managed by the Council, (b) develop	No impact	No impact	No impact	

	conservation plans and associated management plans and works programmes for historic properties owned and managed by the Council, and (c) undertake research on the Council's historic properties to inform their care, conservation, management and promotion (d) develop maintenance regimes for archaeological sites and monuments located in open space which is owned and/or managed by the Council				
18	Continue to undertake work to understand and manage Fingal's archaeological resource utilising schemes such as The Heritage Council's Field Monuments Advisor programme and by developing links and collaborations with third level institutions, or other bodies, as appropriate	No impact	No impact	No impact	
19	Create an archive of records arising from archaeological investigations	No impact	No impact	No impact	

	conducted in Fingal (including historic records, as far as is practicable) and establish a requirement that a copy of new records from any future archaeological investigations commissioned or sought by the Council in carrying out its functions is lodged with the proposed archive				
20	Support the care of important heritage sites and collections in Fingal through the provision of advice and guidance to owners and/or managers	No impact	No impact	No impact	
21	Develop awareness raising, conservation and management initiatives for County Geological Sites in Fingal in partnership with site owners, the Geological Survey of Ireland and other stakeholders as appropriate	Potential impact	Potential impact	Potential impact	It is possible that conservation and management initiatives for County Geological Sites within or in close proximity to Natura 2000 sites could result in direct, indirect, or in-combination impacts to Natura 2000 sites. Any such proposals will be subject to further assessment as part of AA Screening reports for projects which could affect Natura 2000 sites.
22	Co-operate with Government and with Dublin City Council, South Dublin	No impact	No impact	No impact	

	County Council and Kildare County Council in establishing a Liffey Valley Regional or National Park				
23	(a) Ensure that the requirements of relevant national and EU legislation are met by the Council in undertaking its functions, and (b) raise awareness in relation to the requirements of relevant national and EU legislation through Fingal's Heritage website and by holding regular information events including seminars and workshops	No impact	No impact	No impact	
24	Develop Council policy and guidelines in relation to heritage as the need arises	No impact	No impact	No impact	
25	Develop a Council-wide annual operational plan and capital programme for heritage in order to implement heritage plan actions and to reflect the total expenditure by Fingal County Council on heritage	No impact	No impact	No impact	
26	Support Fingal Heritage Forum and Fingal Heritage Network in performing	No impact	No impact	No impact	

	their functions				
27	Develop local awards for achievement in heritage projects, and to recognise the contribution of groups and individuals to heritage awareness and management in Fingal	No impact	No impact	No impact	
28	Support local Tidy Towns groups in their approach to the natural and built heritage	No impact	No impact	No impact	
29	Support local communities in undertaking local cleanup initiatives along the coast and along rivers	No impact	No impact	No impact	
30	Support local communities to audit and evaluate their local heritage and to publish the results of this work (e.g. local heritage guides, local heritage maps)	No impact	No impact	No impact	
31	Establish a Volunteer Programme in association with the Fingal Volunteer Centre to enable volunteering in the Council's Parks and Heritage Properties	No impact	No impact	No impact	
32	Explore, develop and pilot a heritage	No impact	No impact	No impact	

	and integration initiative with youth groups				
33	Develop strong links between Fingal County Council's Parks and Heritage Properties and local communities, including local schools	No impact	No impact	No impact	
34	Establish effective mechanisms such as the Area Liaison Committees to enable local communities to engage with the Council in relation to local heritage matters	No impact	No impact	No impact	
35	Develop and roll out an annual Fingal County Council Heritage Events programme	No impact	No impact	No impact	
36	Encourage and support local communities to showcase their local heritage during National Heritage Week and at other events and festivals	No impact	No impact	No impact	
37	Co-ordinate and focus Fingal County Council's Heritage Week events to focus on a key element of our heritage each year	No impact	No impact	No impact	
38	Commemorate landmark historic	No impact	No impact	No impact	

	events including the Easter Rising 1916 and World War I, with particular emphasis on how these events involved and affected the people of Fingal				
39	Work to ensure that the care, conservation and enjoyment of heritage is integrated into planning processes and significant infrastructure provision projects	No impact	No impact	No impact	
40	Support the achievement of the Fingal Development Plan's heritage objectives	No impact	No impact	No impact	A full appropriate assessment was carried out for the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017. This concluded that there would be no significant adverse impacts on Natura 2000 sites as a result of the implementation of the Plan.
41	Support the development and implementation of the green infrastructure strategy and the achievement of green infrastructure objectives in the Fingal Development Plan	No impact	No impact	No impact	A full appropriate assessment was carried out for the Fingal Development Plan 2011-2017. This concluded that there would be no significant adverse impacts on Natura 2000 sites as a result of the implementation of the Plan.
42	Prioritise the development of a network of walking and cycling routes to	No impact	No impact	No impact	A full appropriate assessment was carried out for the Fingal Development Plan 2011-

	enhance access to the County's heritage as set out in the Fingal Development Plan				2017. This concluded that there would be no significant adverse impacts on Natura 2000 sites as a result of the implementation of the Plan.
43	Develop a Fingal Heritage brand to promote Fingal's rich heritage	No impact	No impact	No impact	
44	Develop a marketing strategy for Fingal County Council's heritage properties	No impact	No impact	No impact	
45	Develop information and educational resources, including signage, for the Council's heritage properties to raise awareness about their rich and diverse heritage	No impact	No impact	No impact	
46	Support local communities to develop local heritage trails	No impact	Potential impact	Potential impact	It is possible that works associated with the development of heritage trails in locations which are in close proximity to Natura 2000 sites (e.g. Rush) could result in indirect impacts to Natura 2000 sites. Any such proposals will be subject to further assessment as part of AA Screening reports for such projects.
47	Develop a project to record and care	No impact	No impact	No impact	

	for historic graveyards in partnership with local communities and use new technology to create an online resource for information on historic graveyards				
48	Utilise the opportunities which the Council's Parks and Heritage Properties provide to promote Fingal's heritage	No impact	No impact	No impact	
49	Create a register of people of outstanding historical significance with connections to Fingal	No impact	No impact	No impact	

6. Screening statement with conclusions

On the basis of the assessment carried out here, and the inclusion of statements in the Fingal Heritage Plan 2011-2017 in relation to the implementation of the requirements of the Habitats Directive as set out in Section 5 above, it is concluded that the Fingal Heritage Plan 2011-2017 will not have significant adverse impacts on Natura 2000 sites. It is therefore concluded that a full appropriate assessment is not required in this case.