



Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination under the SEA Directive 2001/42/EC as transposed into the Irish law under S.I. 435/2004, as amended for the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030

Fingal County Council as the Competent Authority for the Fingal Heritage Plan has undertaken screening for SEA under Directive 2001/42/EC. The screening assessment was carried out using the criteria for determining the likely significance of effects as set out in Schedule 1 of S.I. 435/2004, as amended.

The Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 sets out a vision for protecting the shared heritage of Fingal. The Plan includes a framework set out under six themes to guide the community, the Council and all stakeholders working across Fingal to protect, share and celebrate the county's unique heritage. The requirement for the preparation of the Fingal Heritage Plan is identified in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

Following assessment of the criteria and having regard to the nature of the Fingal Heritage Plan and the potential for likely significant environmental effects from implementation of the Plan, Fingal County Council has determined that the Plan will not give rise to likely significant effects on the environment.

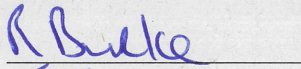
This determination has been made following consideration of the information contained in the SEA Screening Report (attached to this determination), the criteria set out in Schedule 1 to S.I. 435/2004 as amended, and consultation feedback from statutory Environmental Authorities for SEA.

The Fingal Heritage Plan (2024 – 2030) is a non-statutory land use plan. Having regard to the characteristics of the Plan and characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected as set out in Schedule 1 to S.I. 435/2004 as amended, it is considered, that the implementation of the Plan has no real likelihood of having likely significant negative effects on the environment. On the contrary, the implementation of the Heritage Plan is considered likely to have positive effects in relation to heritage aspects of the environment in the Fingal administrative area.

Furthermore, the accompanying AA Screening report concludes that the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030, individually or in combination with another plan or project, is not likely to have a significant effect on European sites under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) in light of their conservation objectives. The

Heritage Plan does not require an Appropriate Assessment and the preparation of a Natura Impact Report.

Taking into account the findings of the SEA process that are detailed in the SEA Screening Report that accompanies this Determination, Fingal County Council has determined that the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 is not likely to have significant negative effects on the environment and, therefore, that SEA is not required.



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