

3FM PROJECT

Marine Site Investigation

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination Statement

3FM Project, Marine Site Investigation, Dublin Harbour	
Description of work proposed by project.	<p>The 3FM Project is the third and final Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Project needed to deliver the capacity objectives of the Dublin Port Masterplan 2040. The project is intended to provide the additional infrastructure for freight required in the unitised modes (Ro-Ro and Lo-Lo).</p> <p>A Marine Site Investigation is required to support the outline design of the 3FM Project by providing information on the geotechnical and geo-environmental characteristics of the marine soils, sediments and rock.</p> <p>The Marine Site Investigation is to be carried out over water, using a suitable jack up rig and supporting vessels.</p> <p>All works will be restricted to areas of Foreshore within Dublin Harbour which are in the ownership of Dublin Port Company.</p> <p>Works are expected to commence October 2022 and last for approximately three months.</p>
European Sites that are located within the area of proposed works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
European Sites that are located proximate to the proposed works that have the potential to be significantly affected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Dublin Bay SAC (000206) • South Dublin Bay SAC (000210) • Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000) • Howth Head SAC (000202) • South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (004024) • North Bull Island SPA (004006) • Lambay Island SAC (000204) • Malahide Estuary SAC (000205) • Baldoyle Bay SAC (000199) • Ireland's Eye SAC (002193) • Baldoyle Bay SPA (004016) • Howth Head Coast SPA (004113) • Ireland's Eye SPA (004117) • Dalkey Islands SPA (004172) • Malahide Estuary SPA (004025)

In line with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC), Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended ('the 2011 Regulations') and the Birds Directive (Council Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds), Dublin Port Company has completed an Appropriate Assessment screening in order to assess if the Marine Site Investigation, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on

any European site. This was undertaken using the best scientific knowledge available with reference to the conservation objectives of the protected sites.

Following Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended ('the 2011 Regulations'), Dublin Port Company has made the determination after screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required for the Marine Site Investigation. It has been found that the project is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site, will not give rise to potential significant effects on the Qualifying Interests or Special Conservation Interests of any European site and will not give rise to potential in-combination effects with the other projects considered. Due to this, the 3FM Project Marine Site Investigation is not likely to have a significant effect on the European sites located proximate to the project.

This decision is based on information contained within the 3FM Project Appropriate Assessment Screening Report produced by RPS dated 8th June 2022 and from an assessment of observations made during a Public Consultation process (8th June – 9th July 2022). There was one public submission received. From this information, it has been determined that there will be no likely significant effects that may develop on the European sites as a result of the 3FM Project Marine Site Investigation in combination with any other projects or plans. Having regard to the methodology employed and the findings of this screening appraisal, it has been concluded by the Board of Dublin Port Company at a Board meeting on 29 July 2022 that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required in relation to any European site. The 3FM Project Marine Site Investigation can be screened out for Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment based on these findings.

Michael Sheary, Company Secretary, Dublin Port Company

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