

APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING

In Accordance With The Requirements Of

Article 6(3) & (4)

Of the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC)

For the

Proposed Variation (No. 4) to the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 - 2028

PROPOSED VARIATION (NO. 4) OF THE DUBLIN CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022 – 2028

**RE: Change Zoning Objective Z9 to Zoning Objective Z1 on site at 80 Philipsburgh Avenue,
Dublin 3**

Section 1.0 –Terms of Reference

1.1 Introduction

This is an Appropriate Assessment Screening of the proposed variation (No. 4) of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 to:

Change Zoning Objective Z9 to Zoning Objective Z1 on site at 80 Philipsburgh Avenue, Dublin 3.

See Section 1.3 below for further detail on the subject site of this proposed variation.

Circular Letter SEA 1/08 & NPWS 1/08 issued by the then Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (now under the remit of the Department Housing, Local Government and Heritage [DHLGH]) requires that, as a result of European Court of Justice Case 418/04 EC Commission v Ireland, any draft land use plan (or amendments or variations) proposed under the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) must be screened for any potential impact on areas designated as Natura 2000 sites. The results of the screening should be recorded and made available to the public.

It should be noted that both a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report and a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SRFA) report have been prepared, as part of the documentation accompanying this proposed variation no. 4.

The proposed variation has been assessed to ascertain if it is required to be subject to an 'Appropriate Assessment' (AA) under the EU Habitats Directive. Based on the 'Methodological guidance on the provision of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, a 'Screening Matrix' and a 'Finding of No Significant Effects Matrix' have been completed.

The principal trigger for undertaking an 'Appropriate Assessment' would be if the proposed variation was likely to have significant effects on a Natura 2000 site. For the purposes of Article 6 assessments, Natura 2000 sites are those identified as Sites of Community Importance under the Habitats Directive (called Special Areas of Conservation [SAC]) or classified as Special Protection Areas [SPA] under the Birds Directive (79/409/EEC).

There are no Natura 2000 sites directly linked to the proposed variation site at Philipsburgh Avenue, Dublin 3. The subject site is not located on or located adjacent to such a site. The nearest Natura 2000 site, (*Special Protection Area [SPA]: South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA, site code 004024*) is 0.8 km to the south east of the subject site, within Dublin Bay. See Figure A (close-up view) and Figure 1 city wide context) below. No water course runs through the subject site.

As noted in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) report, accompanying this proposed variation, the variation site is classified as Flood Zone C with a low probability of flooding.

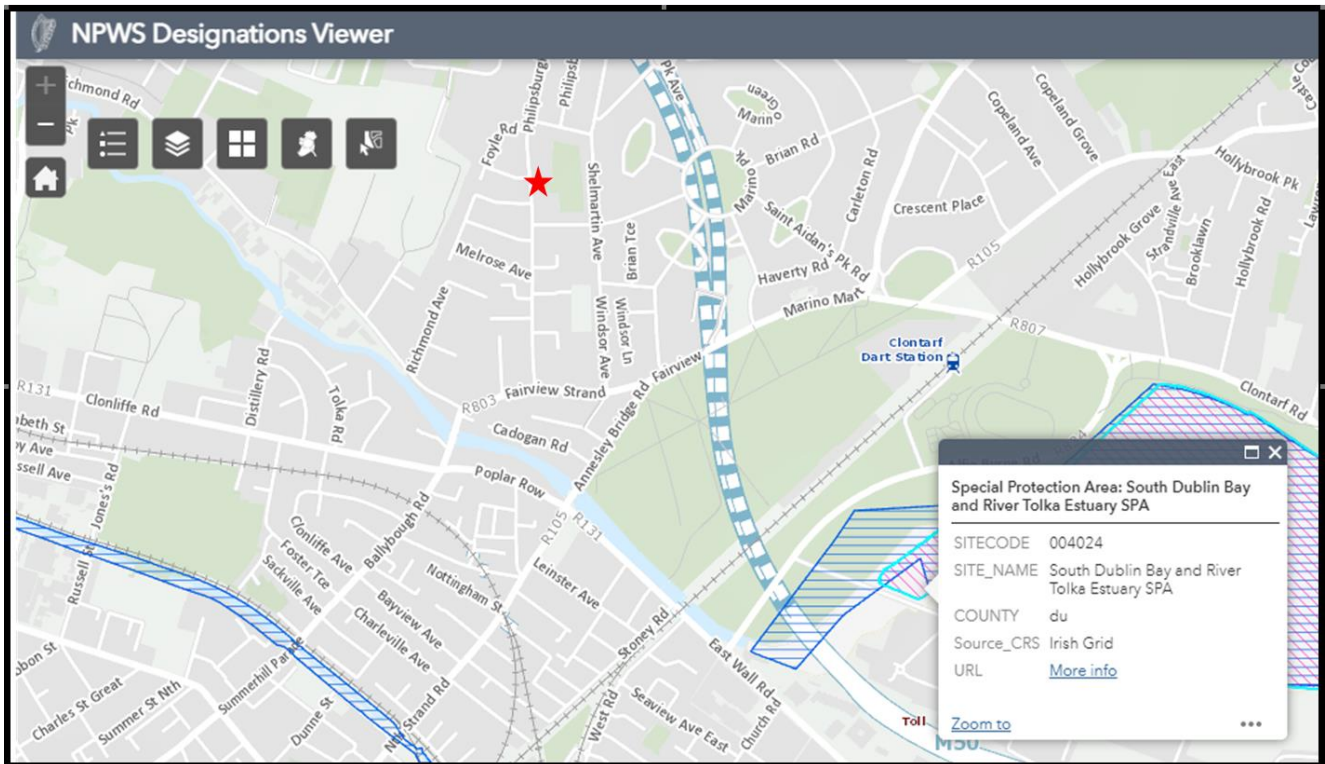


Figure A – screen shot demonstrating relationship of variation site, identified with a red star, to nearest Natura site, SPA (004024)

Source: NPWS Designation Viewer, retrieved 15 February 2023

The site is located west of the proposed Natural Heritage Area (pNHA), an Irish Designation, attaching to North Dublin Bay (000206). See Figure B below.

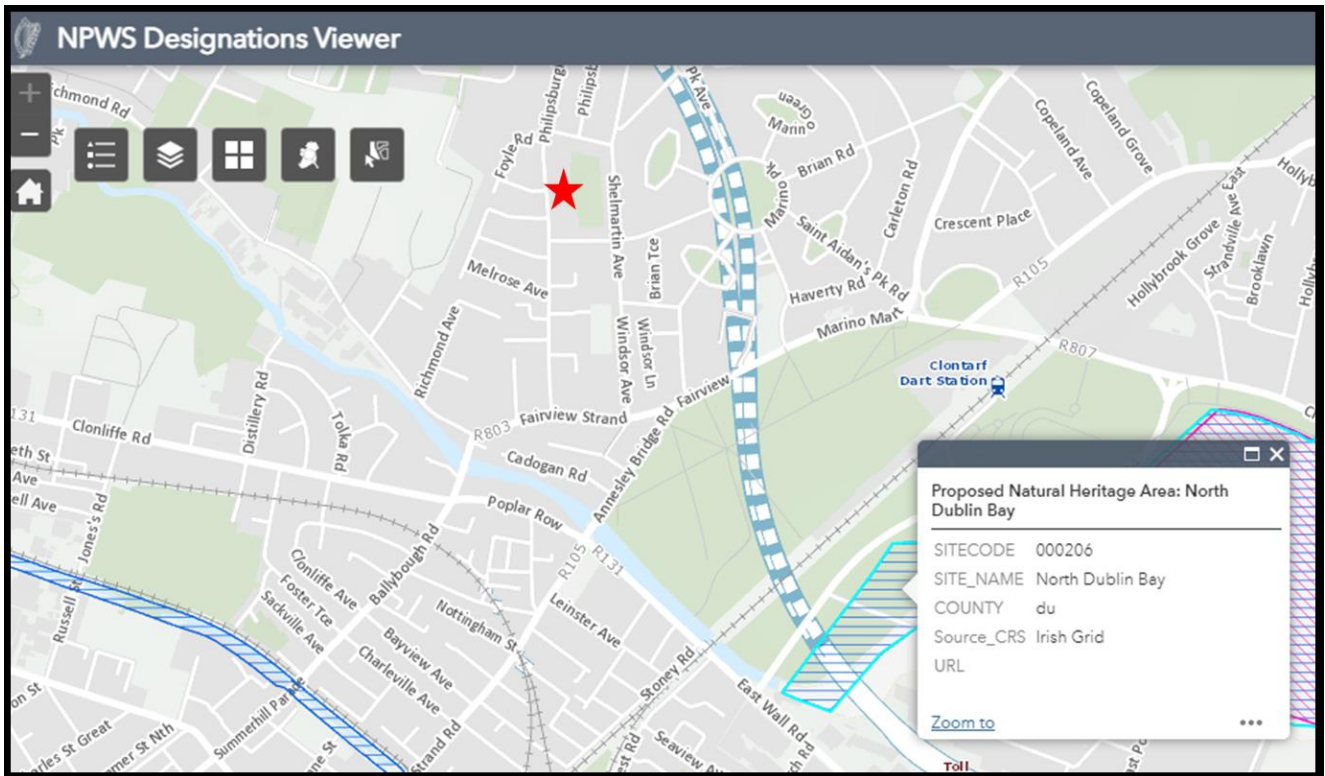


Figure B – screen shot demonstrating relationship of variation site, identified with a red star, to proposed NHA site (000206)

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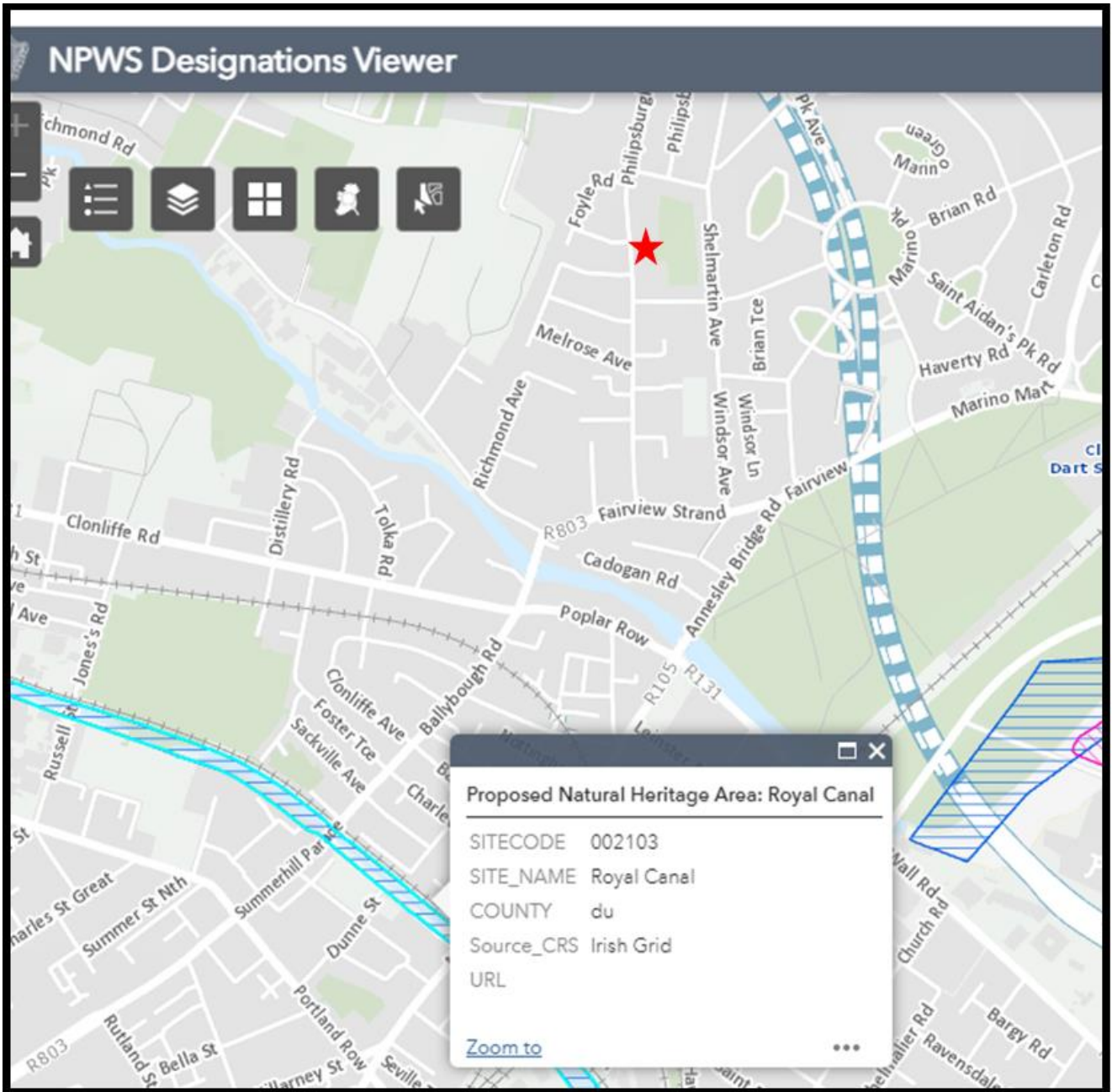


Figure C – screen shot demonstrating relationship of variation site, identified with a red star, to proposed NHA site (002103)

Source: NPWS Designation Viewer, retrieved 15 February 2023

The site is located east of the proposed Natural Heritage Area (pNHA), an Irish Designation, attaching to the Royal Canal (002103). See Figure C above.

1.2 Identification of Relevant NATURA 2000 Sites

To identify relevant NATURA 2000 Sites, regard was had to the approach set out under the Natura Impact Report (NIR) of the Appropriate Assessment of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

That NIR identified 25 no. European sites as falling within the potential Zone of Influence of the DCC administrative boundary. Following further assessment 4 of these 25 no. European sites (Rye Water Valley / Carton SAC; Ballyman Glen SAC; Glenasmole Valley SAC; and Knocksink Wood SAC) were deemed to have no likely pathways.

Two additional SPA's - Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA and the Murrough SPA were brought into the NIR for assessment and were deemed to fall within the potential Zone of Influence of the city.

The North-West Irish Sea candidate SPA (cSPA) was announced on the 13th July 2023.

The **24 sites** within the Zone of Influence of the city are therefore listed below:

1. Baldoyle Bay SPA (IE004016)
2. Baldoyle Bay SAC (IE000199)
3. Dalkey Islands SPA (IE004172)
4. Howth Head SAC (IE000202)
5. Howth Head Coast SPA (IE004113)
6. Irelands Eye SAC (IE002193)
7. Irelands Eye SPA (IE004117)
8. Lambay Island SAC [000204]
9. Lambay Island SPA [004069]
10. Malahide Estuary SAC (IE000205)
11. Malahide Estuary SPA (IE004025)
12. North Dublin Bay SAC (IE000206)
13. North Bull Island SPA (IE004006)
14. Rockabill to Dalkey Islands SAC (IE003000)
15. Rogerstown Estuary SPA (IE004015)
16. Rogerstown Estuary SAC (IE000208)
17. Skerries Islands SPA [004122]

18. South Dublin Bay & River Tolka Estuary SPA (IE004024)
19. South Dublin Bay SAC (IE000210)
20. Wicklow Mountains SAC (002122)
21. Wicklow Mountains SPA (004040)
22. Poulaphouca reservoir SPA
23. The Murrrough SPA
24. The North West Irish Sea candidate SPA (cSPA)

For all above referred sites see **Appendix 1** for each site name, corresponding code and qualifying interest (QI) for SACs and Special Conservation Interests (SCIs) for SPAs and the conservation objectives for each relevant SAC and SPA.

For the location of all relevant SAC's are shown on a map in **Appendix 2** and all relevant SPAs are shown on a map in **Appendix 3**. The North West Irish Sea candidate SPA (cSPA) is shown in **Appendix 4**.

There are no Natura 2000 sites directly linked to the proposed variation site. The subject site is not located on or located adjacent to such a site. The nearest Natura 2000 site, (*Special Protection Area [SPA]: South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA, site code 004024*) is **0.8 km**. See Figure A (close-up view) and Figure 1 city wide context) below. No water course runs through the subject site or connects the lands to Natura 2000 sites. As noted in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) report, accompanying this proposed variation, the variation site is classified as Flood Zone C with a low probability of flooding.

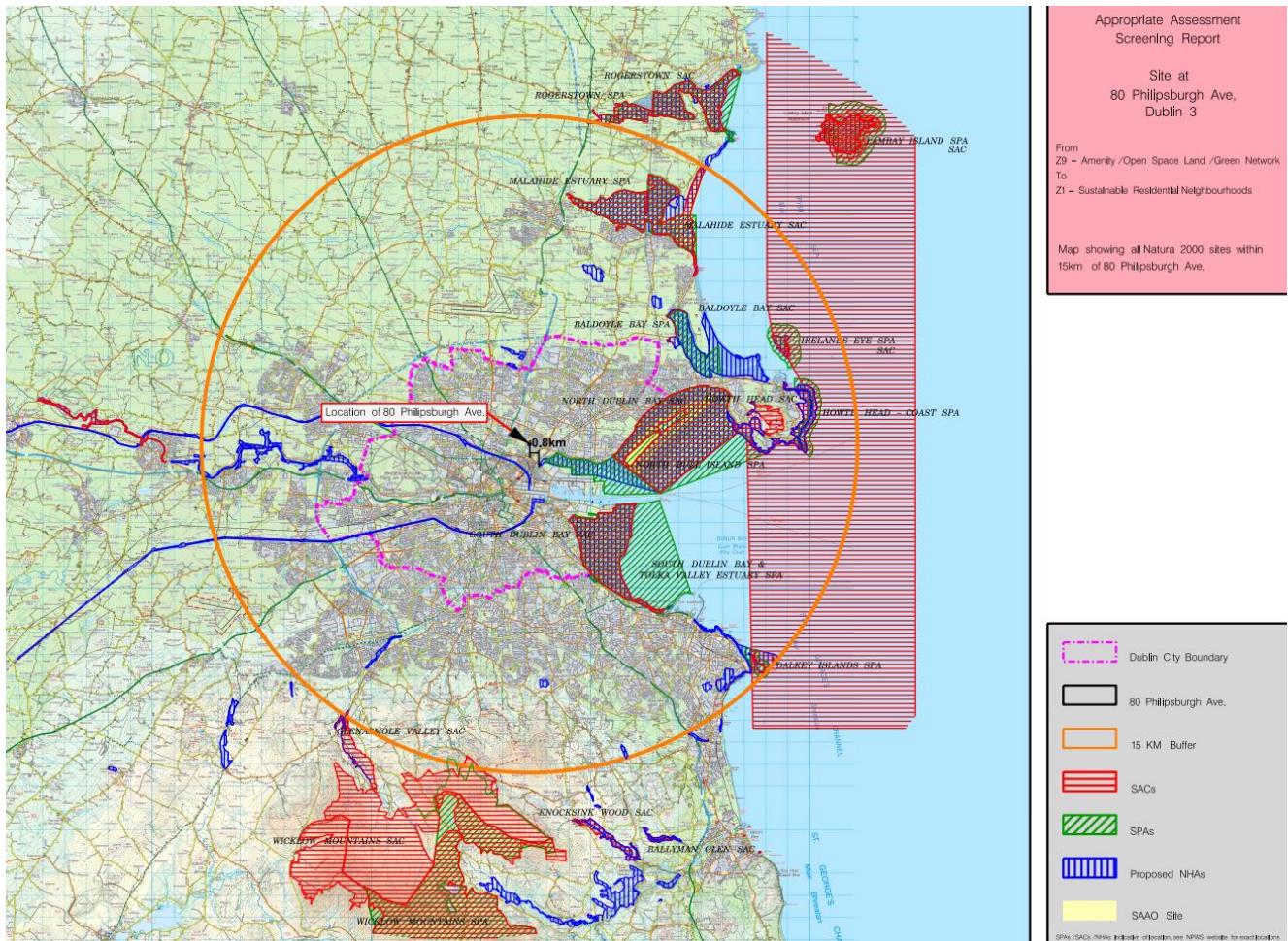


Figure 1 designated sites in the wider vicinity of the subject site at 80 Philipsburgh Avenue, Dublin 3.

1.3 Proposal

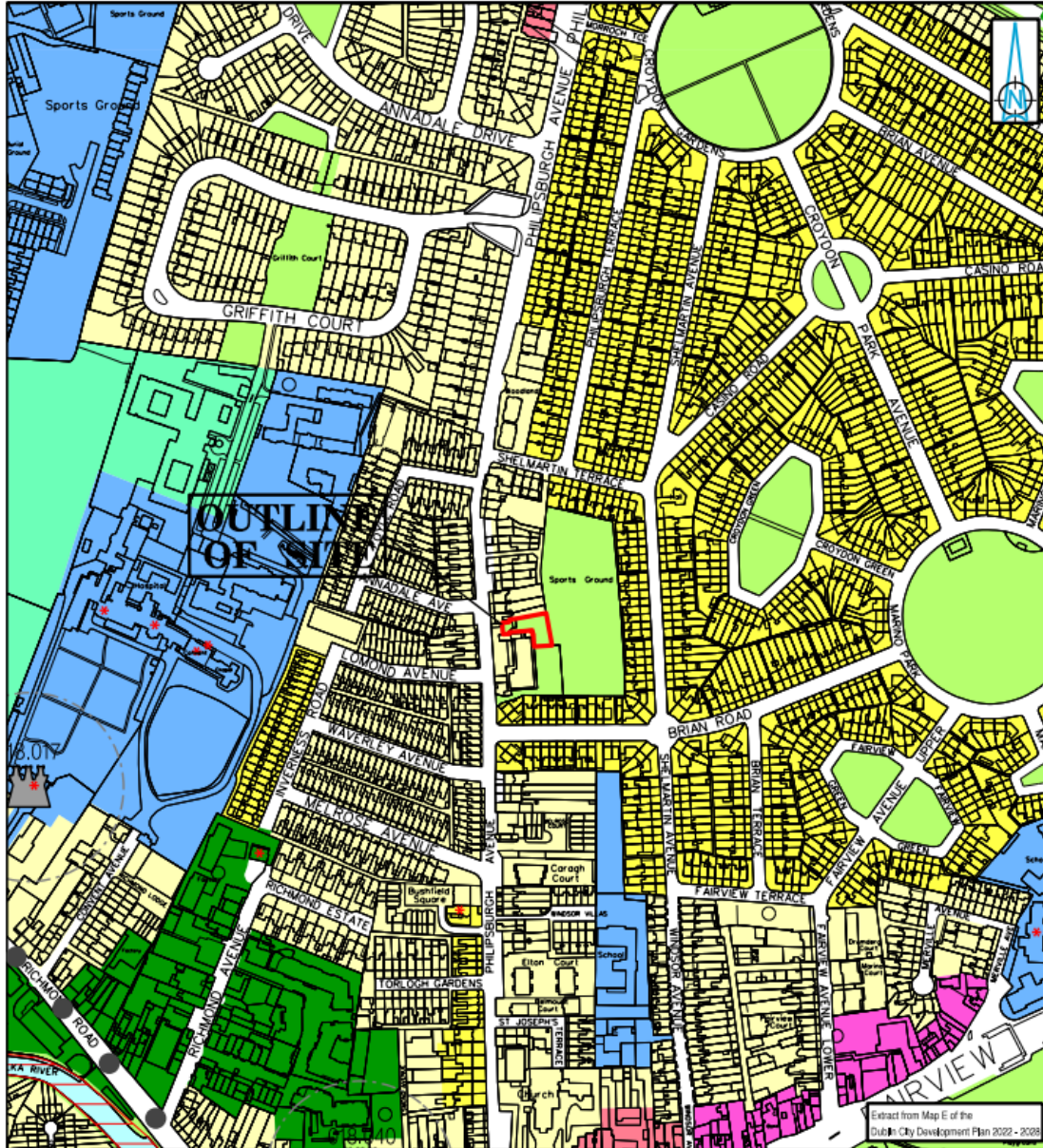
The proposed variation of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 involves changing the land use zoning of a site (0.052ha) at 80 Philipsburgh Avenue, Dublin 3:

From: Zoning Objective Z9 – To preserve, provide and improve recreational amenity, open space and ecosystem services

To: Zoning Objective Z1 – To protect, provide and improve residential amenities.

This proposed draft variation is delineated in red on the attached map, see Figure 2 below, as extracted from Map E, Volume 3 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

There are no specific objectives attaching to the site.




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 Bhaile Átha Cliath
 Dublin City Council

PROPOSED VARIATION OF THE DUBLIN CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022 - 2028

Site at 80 Philipsburgh Ave, Dublin 3

AREA HIGHLIGHTED REZONED FROM
 Z9: Amenity / Open Space Lands / Green Network
 TO
 Z1: Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods

Figure 2: Location of Proposed Variation (No. 4) to the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 located at 80 Philipsburgh Avenue, Dublin 3.

Section 2.0 – Screening Matrix

Brief Description of Project or Plan

The proposed variation of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 involves the proposed rezoning of the subject lands from Z9 (Amenity/Open Space Lands/Green Network) to Z1 (Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods).

The subject lands are located at Philipsburgh Avenue in Dublin 3 in a well established residential area of Fairview. The subject lands (0.052ha) are within the Fairview pitch and putt course, an 18 no. hole course which is located to the rear of property on Philipsburgh Avenue, Shelmartin Terrace and Brian Road and which is accessed from Philipsburgh Avenue.

The subject lands comprise a small part of the pitch and putt course (two tee boxes) and there is a portocabin located on the lands.

The subject lands are located to the north / north east of a two storey brick building (former CYMC building) and car parking area which fronts onto and is accessed from Philipsburgh Avenue. The lands lie to the south of residential property, specifically a single storey house and its rear garden.

The area is well served by the Dublin Bus network and Clontarf train station is located within 1km of the lands.

The existing two storey former CYMC building is set back off Philipsburgh Avenue and is zoned for residential purposes - Z1 (Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods). The area to the rear, that incorporates the pitch and putt course and which includes the subject lands is zoned Z9 (open space/amenity/ green networks). The rear car park of the former CYMC building is also zoned Z9 (open space/amenity/green networks).

Dublin City Council issued a notice to grant planning permission to Cabhru Housing Association in early 2023 for 42 residential apartments for independent living for older residents (60 years plus) on lands comprising the former CYMC building, its car park and the lands the subject of this proposed draft variation under Reg. Ref. 5176/22. This decision is currently under appeal. All buildings on the site are proposed to be demolished.

The subject lands were zoned for residential purposes - Z1 (residential) - under the 2016 – 2022 Dublin City Development Plan. The lands were rezoned to Z9 (Amenity/Open Space Lands/Green Network) under the 2022 – 2028 Dublin City Development Plan which came into effect in December 2022.

The purpose of the proposed draft Variation is to rezone the subject lands from Z9 (Amenity/Open Space Lands/ Green Network) to Z1 (Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods) to facilitate the development of lands for residential purposes, in

conjunction with the adjoining residential lands (former CYMC building and car park), at Philipsburgh Avenue.

Cabhrú Housing Association, who propose to develop the lands under Reg. Ref. 5176/22, is seeking that the lands be rezoned back to a residential land use zoning to facilitate the development of lands. .

In a letter to the City Planning Officer on 22nd December 2022, Cabhrú Housing Association advised that agreement has been reached with the Pitch and Putt Club on the relocation of the two tee boxes to the satisfaction of the Pitch and Putt club that resolves the risk from redevelopment having a negative impact on the course. Cabhrú Housing Association have requested that consideration be given to initiating a Variation process to the Development Plan to re-instate the Z1 zoning to the relevant portion of lands.

The Planning Authority agrees with this request on the grounds that a more compact and consolidated form of housing development can be provided on the wider lands without detriment to the existing Fairview pitch and putt course (subject to a written agreed reconfiguration of the course to ensure the continued effective functioning of the pitch and putt course).

Brief description of the Natura 2000 sites

The site of the proposed variation does not lie within or adjacent to any Natura 2000 site.

The site therefore does not directly affect any Natura 2000 sites. The closest Natura 2000 site (*South Dublin Bay & River Tolka Estuary SPA (IE004024)*) is located approximately 0.8km to the east of the subject site and is located within Dublin Bay. It is one of a number of Natura 2000 sites that include a wide variety of inter-tidal, marine and coastal zoned habitats supporting a range of species including Annex 1 bird species in the Dublin Bay area. See Figure 1 above.

Assessment Criteria

There is no Natura 2000 site located within or adjacent to the proposed variation area. There are no likely cumulative, direct or indirect impacts on any Natura 2000 sites as a result of the proposed variation.

For an impact to occur there must be a risk enabled by having a 'source' (e.g. construction works at a proposed development site), a 'receptor' (e.g. a Natura 2000 site), and a pathway between the source and the receptor (i.e. a watercourse which connects the proposed variation area to the Natura 2000 site).

An Appropriate Assessment was carried out at all stages of the Development Plan 2022-2028 in order to ensure that its policies and objectives do not result in significant adverse impacts on the integrity of any of the identified Natura 2000 sites. This variation site was zoned Z1 at the start of the recent development plan process and therefore had the benefit of this screening (and rescreened when it was rezoned to Z9).

Any future proposed planning application that may seek permission on these lands will be accompanied with an Appropriate Assessment Screening at project stage to comply with the requirements of the Habitats Directive, the conclusion of which will inform the direction of the planning application, all of which is set out in the Development Plan 2022 – 2028. Section 1.5.2, Appropriate Assessment (AA) of Chapter 1 Strategic Context and Vision states:

The following will apply to all development proposals:

To ensure that planning permission will only be granted for a development proposal that, either individually or in combination with existing and/or proposed plans or projects, will not have a significant effect on a European site(s), or where such a development proposal is likely or might have such a significant effect (either alone or in combination), the planning authority will, as required by law, carry out an appropriate assessment as per requirements of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC of the 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, as transposed into Irish legislation. Only after having ascertained that the development proposal will not adversely affect the integrity of any European site, will the planning authority agree to the development and impose appropriate mitigation measures in the form of planning conditions. A development proposal which could adversely affect the integrity of a European site may only be permitted in exceptional circumstances, as provided for in Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive as transposed into Irish legislation.

Development proposals will also be subject to screening for the requirement for environmental impact assessment, and to environmental impact assessment if required, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 2011/52/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (the EIA Directive) as transposed into national legislation.

(Page 24, Chapter 2, Volume 1, DP 2022 – 2028)

Describe any likely direct, indirect or secondary impacts of the project (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) on the Natura 2000 site by virtue of:

Size and scale;

The variation covers a small indicative area of land, circa 0.052ha (0.13 acres). This change in zoning objective will neither increase nor decrease the overall area of zoned lands within Dublin City Council significantly. The nature of the zoning change, from Z9 to Z1, is not deemed significant in terms of the nature of development that could be permitted on this site. The proposed zoning objective change provides for a development in principle approach to any future use of the land.

The size and scale of the subject site is therefore not predicted to have any likely significant

impact on the conservation function of any Natura 2000 site in respect to size or scale.

Land-take:

Negligible – the area of land proposed to be rezoned to Z1 will reduce the Z9 parcel of land by 0.052 ha but, under written agreement by relevant interested parties, will allow the continued use of the wider Z9 parcel of land as an effective functioning pitch and putt course within Fairview.

The negligible land-take of the subject site is therefore not predicted to have any likely significant impact on the conservation function of any Natura 2000 site in respect to size or scale.

Distance from Natura 2000 site or key features of the site:

The site of the proposed variation is approximately 0.8km from the nearest Natura 2000 site, the *Special Protection Area [SPA]: South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA, site code 004024*.

The lands also lie in proximity to:

- South Dublin Bay SAC
- North Dublin Bay SAC
- North Bull Island SPA

There is a connection via the surface water network. On foot of the SEA / AA of the Dublin City Development Plan, the policies and objectives of the Development Plan contain measures to prevent, reduce and offset any potential significant adverse environmental effects of the Plan's strategy, policies and objectives / development proposals.

The proposed variation is not predicted to have any likely significant impact on the key features or the conservation function of any Natura 2000 sites.

Resource requirements (water abstraction etc):

Not applicable.

Emission (disposal to land, water or air):

Not applicable.

No predicted likely direct impact on the conservation function of any Natura 2000 site is predicted as a result of the implementation of the proposed variation. The most likely potential indirect or secondary impact on a Natura 2000 site is by way of effluent discharge from the Ringsend waste water treatment plant which serves the entire Dublin region to Dublin Bay. Any future planning permission will be subject to conditions to ensure disposal to land, water and air has no impact on any Natura 2000 site.

In addition, there is a commitment under the Dublin City Development Plan 2022–2028 to

‘To support and facilitate Irish Water in the provision of high quality drinking water, water conservation and drainage infrastructure, and to promote the ongoing upgrade and expansion of water supply and wastewater services to meet the future needs of the City and the Region’. (Objective SI1, page 270 of Chapter 9 Strategic Environmental Infrastructure and Flood Risk, Volume 1, CDP 2022 - 2028).

More broadly, the Council has a role to play in co-ordinating and tracking the implementation of current, Draft and future 3rd cycle RBMP measures at regional and local level, and in making sure they are fully considered throughout the physical planning process to ensure alignment between the development plan, WFD and RBMP. It is anticipated that forthcoming Section 28 Guidance on WFD Assessment and Sustainable Urban Drainage will assist planning authorities in addressing these water quality considerations as part of the planning and development decision-making process.

In the interim, regard will be had to the government’s best practice guidance document, Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas (December 2021). (Section 9.5.2 Urban Watercourses and Water Quality, page 270 of Chapter 9 Strategic Environmental Infrastructure and Flood Risk, Volume 1, CDP 2022 - 2028). See Appendix 12: *Technical Summary of Dublin City Council Sustainable Drainage Design & Evaluation Guide (2021)* of the CDP 2022 – 2028.

Note: The 3rd cycle of River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) for the period of 2022-2027 is currently being prepared by Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in line with the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) (2000/60/EC).

Excavation requirements:

Not applicable.

Transportation requirements:

Not applicable.

Duration of construction, operation, decommissioning, etc:

Not applicable.

Other:

None.

Describe any likely changes to the site arising as a result of:

Reduction of habitat area:

Not applicable.

Disturbance to key species:

Not applicable.

Habitat or species fragmentation:

Not applicable.

Reduction in species density:

Not applicable.

Changes in key indicators of conservation value:

Not applicable.

Climate change:

Not applicable.

Describe any likely impacts on the Natura 2000 site as a whole in terms of:

Interference with the key relationships that define the structure of the site:

No predicted likely impact on the structure of any Natura 2000 sites.

Interference with key relationships that define the function of the site:

No predicted likely impact on the conservation function of any Natura 2000 sites.

Provide indicators of significance as a result of the identification of effects set out above in terms of:

Loss:

Not applicable.

Fragmentation:

Not applicable.

Disruption:

Not applicable.

Disturbance:

Not applicable.

Change to key elements of the site (e.g. water quality etc):

Not applicable.

Describe from the above those elements of the project or plan, or combination of elements, where the above impacts are likely to be significant or where the scale or magnitude of

impacts are not known.

No predicted likely significant impacts on the conservation function of any Natura 2000 sites.

Section 3.0 – Findings of No Significant Effects Matrix

Name of Project or Plan:	The proposed variation (No.4) of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 proposes to change zoning objective Z9 to zoning objective Z1 on a 0.052ha site at Philipsburgh Avenue, Dublin 3.
Name and location of Natura 2000 sites:	Natura 2000 sites in the wider vicinity of the proposed variation area are provided in Section 1.2 Identification of Relevant Natura 2000 sites, above and see Appendices 1 – 4.
Description of the Project or Plan	As provided in Section 2.0, Screening Matrix above.
Is the Project or Plan directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site (provide details)?	No.
Are there other projects or plans that together with the project or plan being assessed could affect the site (provide details)?	<p>The proposed variation provides for the sustainable development in accordance with the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 and the principles of proper planning and sustainable development.</p> <p>It is not predicted that the proposed variation will have any likely significant impact on the conservation function of any Natura 2000 site.</p>



The Assessment of Significance of Effects

Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) is likely to affect the Natura 2000 sites:

No predicted likely significant impacts on the conservation function of any Natura 2000 sites arises from the proposed variation under the variation process (the 'Plan').

Explain why these effects are not considered significant:

The proposed variation provides for sustainable development in accordance with the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 and the principles of proper planning and sustainable development.

An Appropriate Assessment was carried out at all stages of the Development Plan 2022-2028 in order to ensure that its policies and objectives do not result in significant adverse impacts on the integrity of any of the identified Natura 2000 sites.

This included the 0.052 ha variation site with the following zoning objective history –Z1 under CDP 2016 – 2022, carried into the draft CDP 2022 – 2028 with a rezoning during the CDP process resulting with Z9, as adopted. Both zoning objectives, Z1 and Z9, were screened as part of CDP 2022 – 2028. No significant adverse impacts were identified.

This variation seeks to revert the recently adopted Z9 zoning objective to its former established Z1 zoning objective, under CDP 2016 – 2022, at a location that is adjacent to both Z1 and Z9 zoning objectives, considered a complimentary mix of uses within a well established residential urban environment in Fairview.

The intended purpose is to add a small parcel of Z1 lands, adjacent to similar zoned lands, to ensure that a coherent streetscape can be achieved at this location on Phillipsburg Avenue, a largely residential street within a largely residential neighbourhood, where the zoning objective provides the planning policy and development framework for future built uses on this site.

	<p>The area of Z9 zoned lands within the area is considered to be affected marginally but without detriment to the existing Fairview pitch and putt course (subject to a written agreed reconfiguration of the course to ensure the continued effective functioning of the pitch and putt course).</p> <p>In considering the above, the small change to two zoning objectives (Z1 and Z9) that generally characterise the area within which the variation is located is considered marginal and when taken together with the distance to the nearest Natura site of 0.8km, no water course connecting the variation site and the nearest Natura site and with a low probability of flooding on the variation site, classified as Flood Zone C, it is concluded that:</p> <p>It is not predicted that the variation will have any significant impact on the conservation function of any Natura 2000 site.</p>
<p>List of Agencies to be consulted: Provide contact name and telephone or email address:</p>	<p>The Manager, Development Applications Unit, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Email: sea@environ.ie</p> <p>The Manager, The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Manager.DAU@chg.gov.ie</p> <p>Gerry Clerkin, Dept. Communications Energy and Natural Resources Gerry.clerkin@dcenr.gov.ie Email: CorporateSupport.Unit@dcenr.gov.ie</p> <p>Co-ordination Unit, Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment. Email: corporatesupport.unit@dccae.gov.ie</p> <p>Damian Clarke, Assistant Principal Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Email: damien.clarke@agriculture.gov.ie</p>

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Response to Consultation	Submission by EPA on SEA Screening Report dated 20 th March 2023

Data Collected to Carry out the Assessment	
Who carried out the Assessment?	The Planning and Property Development Department of Dublin City Council.
Sources of Data	<p>Existing data</p> <p>As part of the Appropriate Assessment screening process for the proposed variation, particular reference has been made to the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Managing Natura 2000 sites. The provisions of Article 6, of the 'Habitats' Directive 92/43/EEC.</i> • Circular letter SEA 1/08 and NPWS 1/08. (February 2008) Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG) • Department of the Environment Heritage and Local

	<p>Government (DoEHLG) Circular letter NPWS 1/10 and PSSP 2/10 (March 2010)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland, Guidance for Planning Authorities</i>. Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (2010) DoEHLG, • <i>Natura Impact Report (NIR) of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028</i>. (Volume 6) • Dublin City Council's Biodiversity Action Plan 2021 – 2025. • Existing NPWS Data. (Source: https://www.npws.ie/ Accessed 15th February 2023) • <i>Assessment of plans and projects significantly affecting Natura 2000 sites Methodological guidance on the provision of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC</i>. (2002) European Commission. • Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy for the Eastern & Midlands Region (incl. AA Screening and NIS) • The National Planning Framework (NPF) (Project Ireland 2040) (incl. AA Screening and NIS) • Dublin City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 • Dublin City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 – Appropriate Assessment Conclusion Statement • Dublin City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 – Final Natura Impact Statement • Dublin City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 – Appropriate Assessment Determination
Level of Assessment Completed	Desktop study.
Where can the full results of the assessment be accessed and viewed	This document contains the full results of the Appropriate Assessment Screening exercise and will be placed on public display with the proposed variation.
Overall Conclusion	Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening indicates that the proposed variation will not have any significant cumulative, direct or indirect impacts upon any of the Natura 2000 sites. Therefore it is not considered necessary to undertake any further stages of the Appropriate Assessment process.

4.0 AA Screening Conclusion

Proposed Variation No. 4 was screened (under Article 6(3) of the EC Habitats Directive) to ascertain whether it is likely to result in any significant effects on sites designated under the European Commission's Natura 2000 network of sites (European sites) and designated for their nature conservation importance.

The Screening Matrix in Section 2 above identifies potential impacts associated with the proposed Variation, examines whether there are any sites within the Zone of Influence from the proposed Variation and assesses whether there is any risk of the proposed Variation resulting in a likely significant effect on any European site, (including through damage, disturbance or the potential to result in the loss of qualifying habitat or qualifying species / special conservation interests of European sites and to undermine the conservation objectives of the European sites) either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

Having regard to this referred examination and assessment and having regard to the nature of the proposed Variation as well as considering other plans and projects, it is considered there is no potential for likely significant effects on any European sites due to habitat loss, disturbance to key species, changes in key indicators of conservation value, etc.

Variation No. 4 does not therefore require an Appropriate Assessment or the preparation of a Natura Impact Report (NIR).



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Date: 12th September 2023

APPENDIX 1

TABLE A: NATURA 2000 SITES WITHIN THE CITY / WITHIN A 15 to c. 25KM RADIUS OF THE CITY BOUNDARY.

European Site Name and code	Distance from Plan	Reasons for Designation ¹ for – QIs or SCIs (*=Priority Annex I Habitat) Conservation Objectives
Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)		
North Dublin Bay SAC [000206]	Within the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Annual vegetation of drift lines [1210]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; • Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritima</i>) [1330]; • Mediterranean salt meadows (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) [1410]; • Embryonic shifting dunes [2110]; • Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> ('white dunes') [2120]; • Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation ('grey dunes') [2130]* ; and • Humid dune slacks [2190]. <p>Annex II Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petalwort (<i>Petalophyllum ralfsii</i>) [1395]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats and species [1140, 1330, 1395, 1410], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: "NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: North Dublin Bay SAC 000206. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht."</p> <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1210, 1310, 2110, 2120, 2130, 2190], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: "NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: North Dublin Bay SAC 000206. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht."</p>
South Dublin Bay SAC [000210]	Within the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Annual vegetation of drift lines [1210]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; and

¹ "Qualifying Interests" (QI's) for SACs and "Special Conservation Interests" (SCI's) for SPAs based on relevant Statutory Instruments for each SPA, and NPWS Conservation Objectives for SACs taken from NIR for Appropriate Assessment for Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embryonic shifting dunes [2110]. <p>To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1140, 1210, 1310, 2110], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: South Dublin Bay SAC 000210. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (004024). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Baldoye Bay SAC [000199]	Approximately 420m from the city boundary	Annex I Habitats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; • Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritima</i>) [1330]; and • Mediterranean salt meadows (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) [1410]. <p>To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1140, 1310, 1330, 1410], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2012) Conservation Objectives: Baldoye Bay SAC 000199. Version 1.0. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p>
Howth Head SAC [000202]	Approximately 1.5km from the city boundary	Annex I Habitats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230]; and • European dry heaths [4030]. <p>To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1230, 4030], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2016) Conservation Objectives: Howth Head SAC 000202. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Howth Head Coast SPA (004113) (North Bull Island SPA (004006) and adjoins North Dublin Bay SAC (000206) and Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
Ireland's Eye SAC [002193]	Approximately 3.8km offshore from the city boundary	Annex I Habitats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perennial vegetation of stony banks [1220]; and • Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230]. <p>To maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1220, 1230], as defined by the list of attributes and</p>

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		<p>targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Ireland's Eye SAC 002193. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Ireland’s Eye SPA (004117) and is adjacent to Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
Malahide Estuary SAC [000205]	Approximately 3.4km from the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; • <i>Spartina</i> swards (<i>Spartinion maritimae</i>) [1320]²; • Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae</i>) [1330]; • Mediterranean salt meadows (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) [1410]; • Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (white dunes) [2120]; and • Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130]*. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1140, 1310, 1410], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Malahide Estuary SAC 000205. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1330, 2120 and 2130], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Malahide Estuary SAC 000205. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Malahide Estuary SPA (004025). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Rogerstown Estuary SAC [000208]	Approximately 9.7km from the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estuaries [1130]; • Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide [1140]; • Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand [1310]; • Atlantic salt meadows (<i>Glauco-Puccinellietalia maritimae</i>) [1330]; • Mediterranean salt meadows (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) [1410]; • Shifting dunes along the shoreline with <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (white

²1320 *Spartina* swards (*Spartinion maritimae*) habitat is included within the conservation objectives document for Malahide Estuary SAC, but not within the Statutory Instruments document. NPWS have stated that it is not necessary to assess the likely effects of plans or projects against this Annex I habitat at this site

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		<p>dunes) [2120]; and,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed coastal dunes with herbaceous vegetation (grey dunes) [2130]*. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1130, 1140, 1310 & 1410], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Rogerstown Estuary SAC 000208. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [1330, 2120 and 2130], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Rogerstown Estuary SAC 000208. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Rogerstown Estuary SPA (004015). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
Lambay Island SAC [000204]	Approximately 11.7km offshore from the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reefs [1170]; and, • Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts [1230] <p>Annex II Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey seal (<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>) [1364]; and, • Harbour seal (<i>Phoca vitulina</i>) [1365]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats and species [1170, 1231, 1364 and 1365], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Lambay Island SAC 000204. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Lambay Island SPA (004069) and adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC [003000]	Approximately 2.4km offshore from the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reefs [1170]. <p>Annex II Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbour porpoise (<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>) [1351]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitat and species [1170 and 1351], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC</p>

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		<p>003000. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with North Bull Island SPA (004006), Rockabill SPA (004014), Lambay Island SPA (004117), Dalkey Islands SPA (004172). It also adjoins Howth Head SAC (000202), Lambay Island SAC (000204) and Ireland Eye SAC (002193). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
Wicklow Mountains SAC [002122]	Approximately 6.7km from the city boundary	<p>Annex I Habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oligotrophic waters containing very few minerals of sandy plains (Littorelletalia uniflorae) [3110]; • Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds [3160]; • Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix [4010]; • European dry heaths [4030]; • Alpine and Boreal heaths [4060]; • Calaminarian grasslands of the Violetalia calaminariae [6130]; • Species-rich Nardus grasslands, on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas, in Continental Europe) [6230]; • Blanket bogs (* if active bog) [7130]; • Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (Androsacetalia alpinae and Galeopsietalia ladani) [8110]; • Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8210]; • Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation [8220]; and • Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles [91A0]. <p>Annex II Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Otter (Lutra lutra) [1355]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats and species [1355, 3110, 3160, 6130], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Wicklow Mountains SAC 002122. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.”</p> <p>To Restore the favourable conservation condition of the qualifying interest habitats [4010, 4030, 4060, 6230, 7130, 8110, 8210, 8220, 91A0], as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2017) Conservation Objectives: Wicklow Mountains SAC 002122. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.”</p> <p>Please note that this SAC overlaps with Wicklow Mountains SPA (004040). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Special Protection Areas		
North Bull Island	Within the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light-bellied Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota [A046];

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SPA [004006]	city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelduck Tadorna tadorna [A048]; • Teal Anas crecca [A052]; • Pintail Anas acuta [A054]; • Shoveler Anas clypeata [A056]; • Oystercatcher Haematopus ostralegus [A130]; • Golden Plover Pluvialis apricaria [A140]; • Grey Plover Pluvialis squatarola [A141]; • Knot Calidris canutus [A143]; • Sanderling Calidris alba [A144]; • Dunlin Calidris alpina [A149]; • Black-tailed Godwit Limosa limosa [A156]; • Bar-tailed Godwit Limosa lapponica [A157]; • Curlew Numenius arquata [A160]; • Redshank Tringa tetanus [A162]; • Turnstone Arenaria interpres [A169]; • Black-headed Gull Chroicocephalus ridibundus [A179]; and • Wetlands and Waterbirds [A199]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of North Bull Island SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: North Bull Island SPA 004006. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with North Dublin Bay SAC (000206) and Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000) and adjoins Howth head SAC (000202) and South Dublin Bay And river Tolka Estuary SPA (004024). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA [004024]	Within the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light-bellied Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota [A046]; • Oystercatcher Haematopus ostralegus [A130]; • Ringed Plover Charadrius hiaticula [A137]; • Grey Plover Pluvialis squatarola [A140]; • Knot Calidris canutus [A143]; • Sanderling Calidris alba [A144]; • Dunlin Calidris alpina [A149]; • Bar-tailed Godwit Limosa lapponica [A157]; • Redshank Tringa totanus [A162]; • Black-headed Gull Chroicocephalus ridibundus [A179]; • Roseate Tern Sterna dougallii [A192]; • Common Tern Sterna hirundo [A193]; • Arctic Tern Sterna paradisaea [A194]; and • Wetlands and Waterbirds [A999].

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		<p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA 004024. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with South Dublin Bay SAC (000210) and adjoins North Bull Island SPA (004006) and North Dublin Bay SAC (000206). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping sites as appropriate.</p>
Baldoye Bay SPA [004016]	Approximately 890m from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light-bellied Brent Goose <i>Branta bernicla hrota</i> [A046]; • Shelduck <i>Tadorna</i> [A048]; • Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> [A137]; • Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i> [A140]; • Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> [A141]; • Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i> [A157]; and • Wetlands and Waterbirds [A999]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of Baldoye Bay SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Baldoye Bay SPA 004016. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Baldoye Bay SAC (000199). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Howth Head Coast SPA [004113]	Approximately 3.8km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kittiwake <i>Rissa tridactyla</i> [A188]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Howth head Coast SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Howth Head Coast SPA [004113]. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Howth Head Coast SAC (000202) and adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000). The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Ireland's Eye SPA [004117]	Approximately 3.6km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> [A017]; • Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i> [A184]; • Kittiwake <i>Rissa tridactyla</i> [A188]; • Guillemot <i>Uria aalge</i> [A199]; and

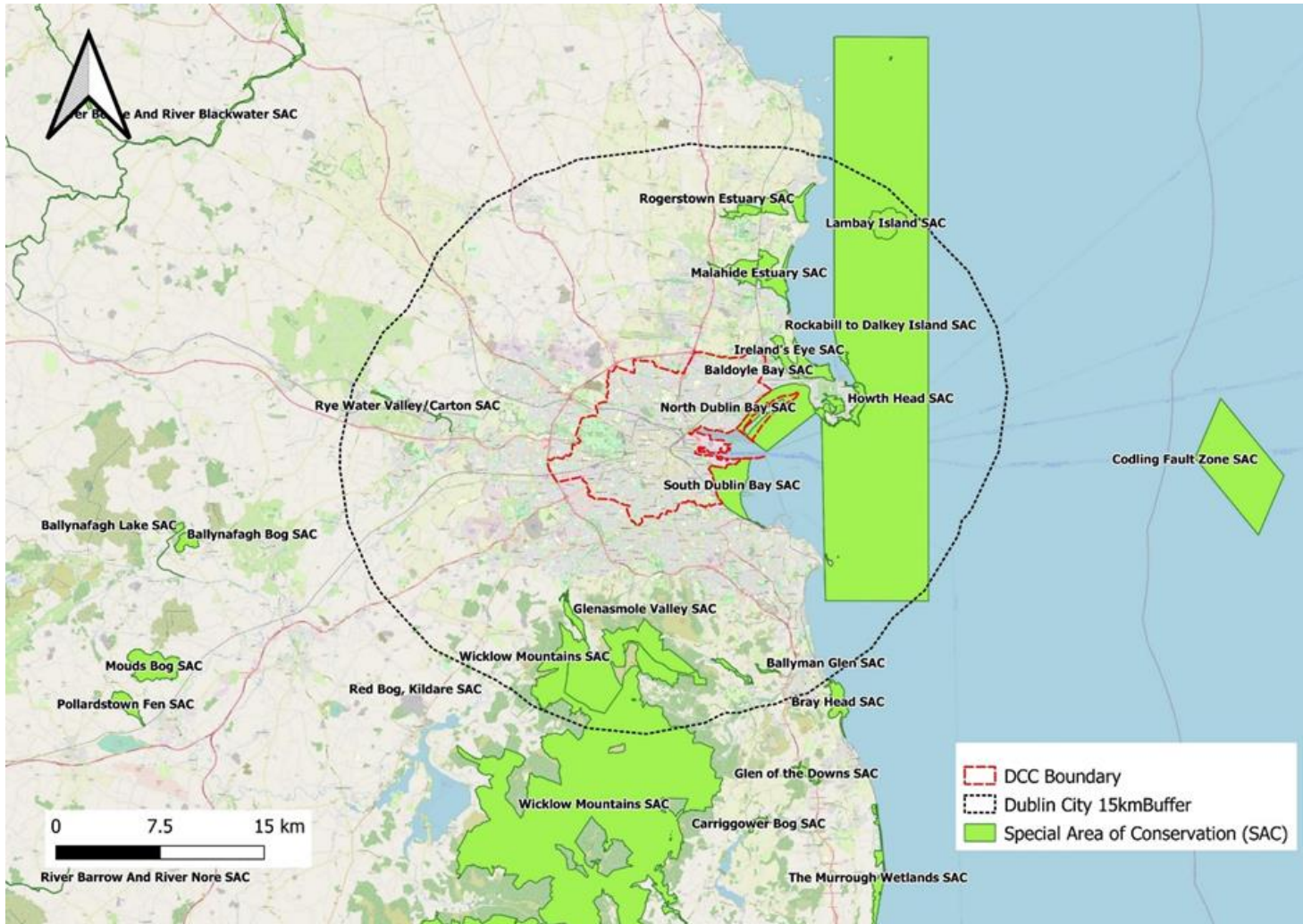
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Razorbill <i>Alca torda</i> [A200]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Ireland's Eye Coast SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>"NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Ireland's Eye SPA [004117]. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage".</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Ireland Eye SAC (002193) and adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000).The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Malahide Estuary SPA [004025]	Approximately 4.1km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Crested Grebe <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> [A005]; • Light-bellied Brent Goose <i>Branta bernicla hrota</i> [A046]; • Shelduck <i>Tadorna</i> [A048]; • Pintail <i>Anas acuta</i> [A054]; • Goldeneye <i>Bucephala clangula</i> [A067]; • Red-breasted Merganser <i>Mergus serrator</i> [A069]; • Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i> [A130]; • Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i> [A140]; • Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> [A141]; • Knot <i>Calidris canutus</i> [A143]; • Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i> [A149]; • Black-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa</i> [A156]; • Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i> [A157]; • Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i> [A162]; and, • Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of Malahide Estuary SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>"NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Malahide Estuary SPA 004025. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht".</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Malahide Estuary SAC (000205).The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Rogerstown Estuary SPA [004015]	Approximately 9.7km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greylag Goose <i>Anser anser</i> [A043]; • Light-bellied Brent Goose <i>Branta bernicla hrota</i> [A046]; • Shelduck <i>Tadorna</i> [A048]; • Shoveler <i>Anas clypeata</i> [A056]; • Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i> [A130]; • Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> [A137];

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> [A141]; • Knot <i>Calidris canutus</i> [A143]; • Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i> [A149]; • Black-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa</i> [A156]; • Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i> [A162]; and, • Wetland and Waterbirds [A999]. <p>To Maintain the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species and wetland habitat of Rogerstown Estuary SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: Rogerstown Estuary SPA 004015. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Rogerstown Estuary SAC (000208).The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Lambay Island SPA [004069]	Approximately 11.6km offshore from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> [A017]; • Shag <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i> [A018]; • Greylag Goose <i>Anser anser</i> [A043]; • Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>Larus fuscus</i> [A183]; • Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i> [A184]; • Kittiwake <i>Rissa tridactyla</i> [A188]; • Guillemot <i>Uria aalge</i> [A199]; • Razorbill <i>Alca torda</i> [A200]; and • Puffin <i>Fratercula arctica</i> [A204]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Lambay Island SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Lambay Island SPA 004069. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage”.</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Lambay Island SAC (000204) and adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000).The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Dalkey Islands SPA [004172]	Approximately 7.9km offshore from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roseate Tern <i>Sterna dougallii</i> [A192]; • Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i> [A193]; and • Arctic Tern <i>Sterna paradisaea</i> [A194]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Dalkey Islands SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Dalkey Islands SPA</p>

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		<p>[004172]. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.”</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (00300) and . The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Wicklow Mountains SPA [004040]	Approximately 6.7km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merlin Falco columbarius [A098]; and • Peregrine Falco peregrinus [A103]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Wicklow Mountains SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2021) Conservation objectives for Wicklow Mountains SPA [004040]. Generic Version 8.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage”.</p> <p>Please note that this SPA overlaps with Wicklow Mountains SAC (0021220).The conservation objectives for this site should be used in conjunction with those for the overlapping site as appropriate.</p>
Skerries Islands SPA [004122]	Approximately 18.3km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo [A017]; • Shag Phalacrocorax aristotelis [A018]; • Light bellied Brent Goose Branta Bernicla hrota [A046]; • Purple Sandpiper Calidris maritima [A148]; • Turnstone Arenaria interpres [A169]; and • Herring Gull Larus argentatus [A184]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Skerries Island SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Skerries Islands SPA [004122]. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage”.</p> <p>Please note that this SPA adjoins Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC (003000) and Rockabill SPA.</p>
Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA [004063]	Approximately 19km from the city boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greylag Goose Anser [A043]; and • Lesser Black-backed Gull Larus fuscus [A183]. <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in:</p> <p>“NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA [004063]. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage”.</p>
The Murrough SPA [004186]	Approximately 25.6km from the city boundary	<p>Red-throated Diver Gavia stellata A001</p> <p>Greylag Goose Anser A043</p> <p>Light Bellied Brent Goose Branta bernicla hrota A046</p>

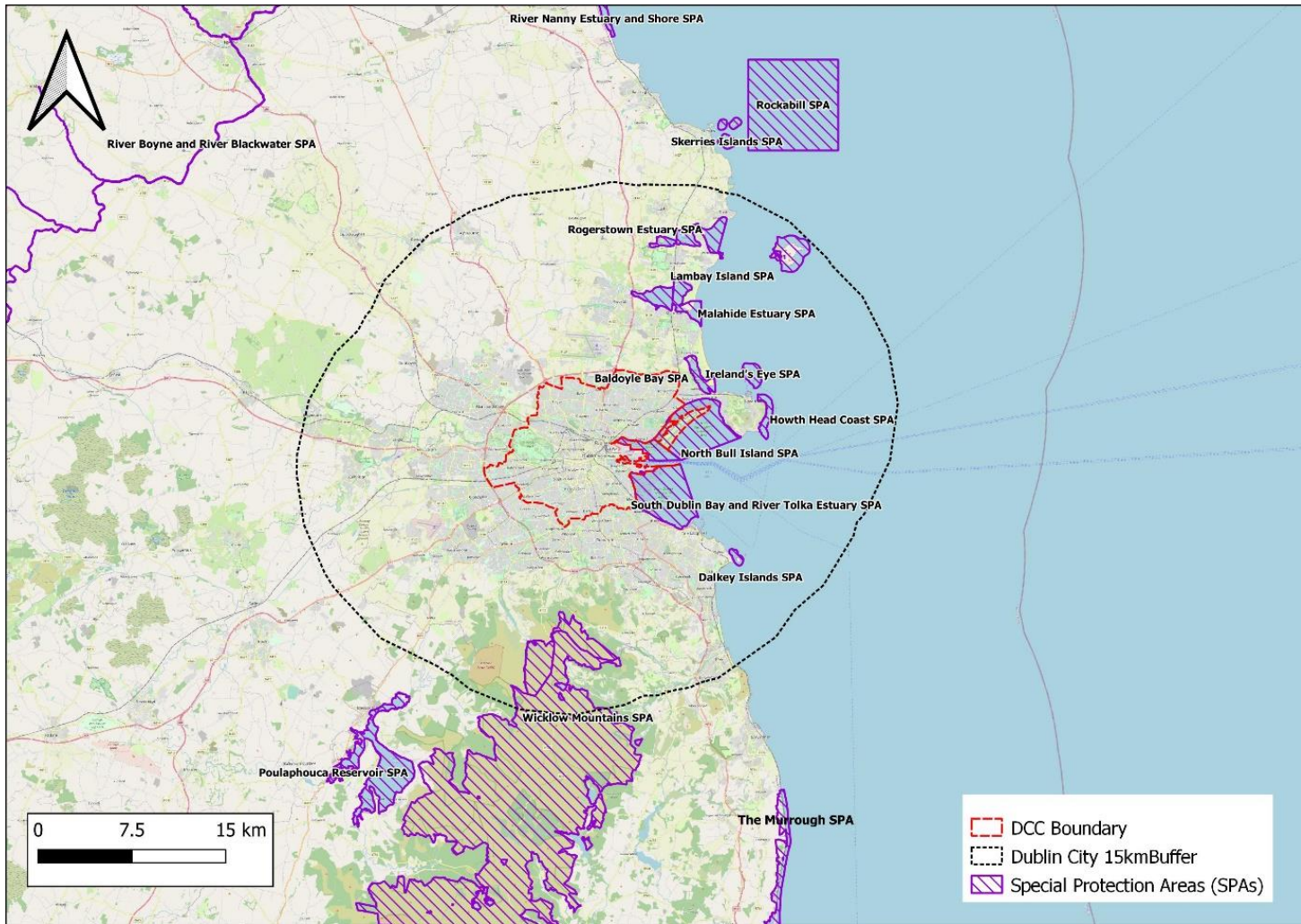
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		<p>Wigeon <i>Anas penelope</i> A050 Teal <i>Anas crecca</i> A052 Black-headed Gull <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i> A179 Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i> A162 Little Tern <i>Sterna albifrons</i> A195 Wetlands A999</p> <p>To Maintain or Restore the favourable conservation condition of the special conservation interest bird species of The Murrough SPA, as defined by the list of attributes and targets set out in: “NPWS (2022) Conservation objectives for The Murrough SPA [004186]. Generic Version 9.0. Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage”.</p>
North-West Irish Sea cSPA 004236		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Scoter (<i>Melanitta nigra</i>) [A065] • Red-throated Diver (<i>Gavia stellata</i>) [A001] • Great Northern Diver (<i>Gavia immer</i>) [A003] • Fulmar (<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>) [A009] • Manx Shearwater (<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>) [A013] • Shag (<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>) [A018] • Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>) [A017] • Common Tern (<i>Sterna hirundo</i>) [A193] • Little Tern (<i>Sterna albifrons</i>) [A195] • Kittiwake (<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>) [A188] • Black-headed Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>) [A179] • Common Gull (<i>Larus canus</i>) [A182] • Lesser Black-backed Gull (<i>Larus fuscus</i>) [A183] • Great Black-backed Gull (<i>Larus marinus</i>) [A187] • Little Gull (<i>Larus minutus</i>) [A177] • Herring Gull (<i>Larus argentatus</i>) [A184] • Roseate Tern (<i>Sterna dougallii</i>) [A192] • Arctic Tern (<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>) [A194] • Puffin (<i>Fratercula arctica</i>) [A204] • Razorbill (<i>Alca torda</i>) [A200] • Guillemot (<i>Uria aalge</i>) [A199]

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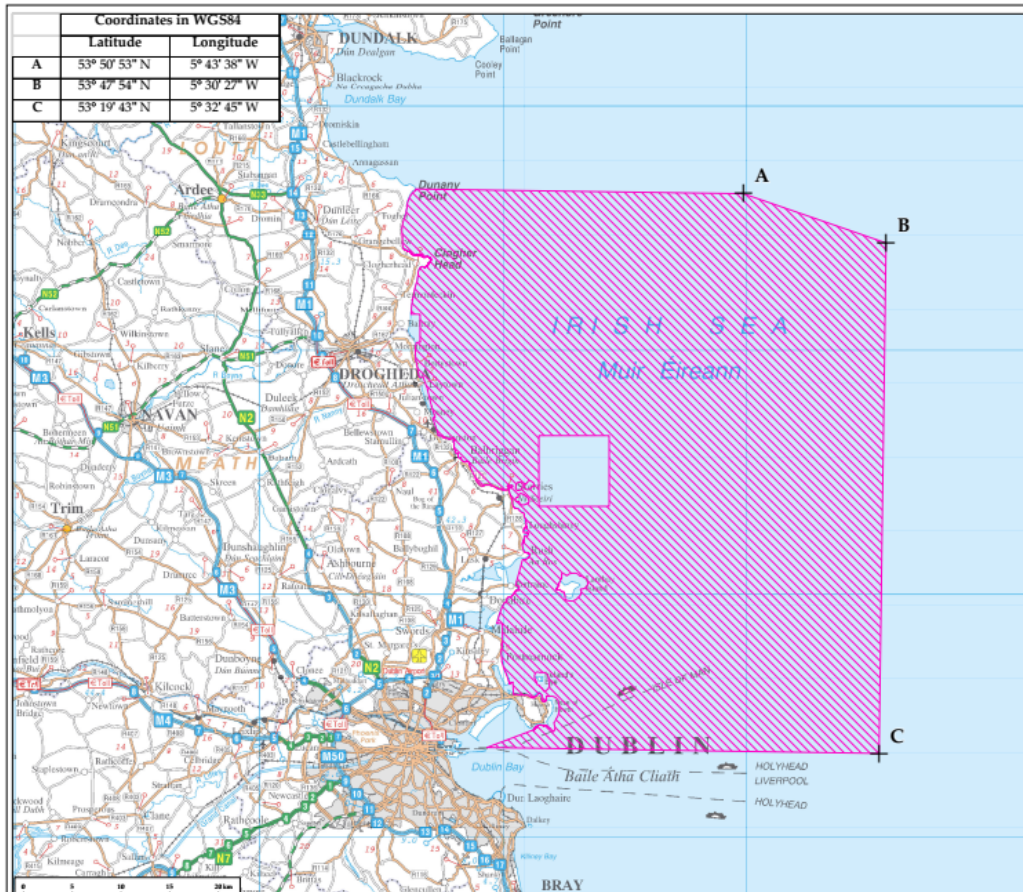
Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)

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Special Protection Areas (SPAs)

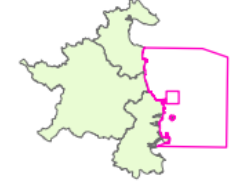
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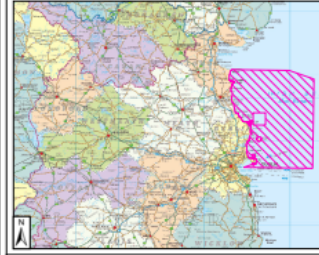
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