

Screening Determination for Strategic Environmental Assessment under SEA Directive 2001/42/EC as transposed into Irish law under S.I. 435/2004, as amended

Concerning the proposed Cork City Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), Cork City Council as the Competent Authority for the Cork City LECP 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. Following assessment of the criteria and having regard to the nature of the Cork City LECP and the potential for likely significant environmental effects from implementation of the Cork City LECP, Cork City Council has determined that the Cork City LECP 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

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Geological Survey of Ireland (a division of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications)
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

as statutory Environmental Authorities for SEA.

The principal reasons the Cork City LECP does not require an SEA are as follows:

The Plan (Cork City Council LECP 2024-2029) does not provide consent, establish a framework for granting consent or contribute towards a framework for granting consent. Thus, the Plan will not set the framework for future development consent of projects and is required to be consistent with Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 or any higher-level plans and not present alternate or competing proposals that would lead to inconsistency.

Any projects that may arise in the future associated with the Plan will be subject to the requirements of the relevant national planning procedures and be consistent with existing frameworks, as appropriate, all of which have been subject to SEA and developed in accordance with the principles of sustainability.

In order to be realised, potential projects or proposals arising from the Plan will have to comply, as relevant, with various legislation, policies, plans and programmes (including requirements for lower-tier Appropriate Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment and other licencing requirements as appropriate) that form the statutory decision-making and consent granting framework.

The Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment concluded that the Cork City LECP is not likely, alone or in combination with other plans or projects, to have a significant effect on any European Sites in view of their Conservation Objectives."

Signed on behalf of Cork City Council:

Dated: 

Attached: Outline LECP\ SEA Screening Report dated 10th May 2024 that includes correspondence from statutory consultees as appendix to Screening Report.