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STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 299B (1)(b)(ii)(II)(C) OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 – 2021

Project	Proposed Strategic Housing Development, Glebe House/Coruba Site, St. Agnes Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

AWN Consulting have been appointed by the Applicant, Seabren Developments Ltd and Circle VHA CLG, to prepare this statement in accordance with the provisions of Article 299B(1)(b)(ii)(II)(C) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended; hereafter referred to as the "Planning Regulations"). This document provides a 'statement indicating how the available results of other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment carried out pursuant to European Union legislation other than the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive have been taken into account'.

This statement is part of the information provided by the Applicant so that the Board may complete an examination for the purposes of a screening determination in accordance with Articles 299B and 299C of the Planning Regulations. This statement will identify the relevant European Union legislation, and assessments of the effects on the environment carried out, which have informed the proposed development. These relevant assessments will be identified as they relate to the proposed development, the results of those assessments will be outlined, and how those results have been taken into account in determining the significance of the proposed development on the environment will be identified.

The proposed development is a sub-threshold development. The application is not accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report. An EIA screening report has been prepared which includes the information specified in Schedule 7A to the Planning and Development Regulations as well as relevant information on the characteristics of the proposed development and its likely significant effects on the environment, which will enable the Board to carry out a screening determination. Seabren Developments Ltd and Circle VHA CLG intend to apply to An Bord Pleanála for planning permission for a strategic housing development at this site located at Glebe House (Protected Structure, RPS Ref. 7560), including the vacant Glebe light industrial lands, and the vacant site of the former Coruba House, Saint Agnes Road, Crumlin,

Dublin 12 all on a site of 0.88 Hectares. The site bounds Somerville Drive and Somerville Green to the southeast and southwest, respectively, and includes the grass margin between the Coruba site boundary and Somerville Drive. The Glebe House lies within the Crumlin Architectural Conservation Area.

A residential development of 150 no. apartments consisting of 74 one beds, 72 two beds and 4 three bed residential units, a creche and café. The proposed scheme has an overall Gross Floor Area of 15,767 sq.m.

Two apartment buildings are proposed ranging in height from 4 - 6 storeys and linked by a carpark at ground floor and a podium at first floor level comprising the following:

- Block A is 5-6 storeys and consists of 79 apartments and includes 35 no. one beds and 44 no. two beds units, ESB substation/switch room/metering room of 85sqm, 42 no. secure bicycle storage and bin storage of 44sqm
- Block B is 4-5 storeys and consists of 66 apartments and includes 38 no. one beds, 25no. two beds and 3 no. three beds, a Creche of 147 sqm at ground floor level with associated outdoor area, ground floor plant rooms of 74sqm, ESB substations/switch room/metering room/telecoms of 89sqm, 188 no. secure bicycle storage spaces in two locations, 6 no. motorbike spaces and bin storage of 75sqm.

Two no.three storey pavilion buildings either side of Glebe House to accommodate:

- One number two storey duplex 2 bed apartment above one number 1 bed apartment at ground floor in the north west pavilion and
- One number two storey duplex 2 bed apartment above a 55 sqm ground floor café, in the south east pavilion.

The repair of fire damaged elements (following a fire 21st April 2022) and the refurbishment of Glebe House, a protected structure, into two apartments, one number 2 bed unit at lower ground floor and one number 3 bed unit at upper ground and first floor;

- Repair of fire damaged elements including the replacement of all roof coverings and structure, replacement of all first floor timber stud walls, replacement of first floor rear return joists, replacement/repair of floor joists at first floor level, replacement of internal render to kitchen/dining area in rear return building and replacement/repair of stair from upper ground to first floor level,
- the refurbishment of Glebe House including the removal of extensions to the rear and sides of the building, restoration of the façade, replacement of pvc windows with sliding sash windows and associated works to the interior and to the curtilage of Glebe House.
- Lowering the front boundary wall and return boundary wall to the front of Glebe House.

Demolition of all workshops, offices and sheds to the rear and sides of Glebe House Demolition of boundary walls around the Coruba land on Somerville Drive, the front entrance and between Coruba and the Glebe lands. Demolition of non-original brick column's at St Agnes Road entrance to Glebe House (1,636 sqm).

75 car parking spaces are proposed:

- 66 no. car parking spaces (includes 2 Go Car spaces) in ground floor car park below podium and partly in Block A and 4 No. visitor car parking spaces in front of Glebe House all with vehicular access from St Agnes's Road
- 5 No. assigned car parking spaces on the eastern side of Block B with vehicular access from Somerville Drive.

The development provides 905 sqm of Public Open Space to the front and side of Glebe House, and within the southeast public plaza. with a pedestrian route to the side of the Café at Pavilion B and 1,632 sqm of Communal Open Space located at podium level and to the rear of Block A.

76 no. visitor bicycle parking spaces are provided in the public accessible areas of the site.

The application also includes the provision of a new footpath along the south-eastern boundary at Somerville Drive, a new controlled gate between Somerville Drive and St Agnes Road allowing public access through the site within daylight hours and a new pedestrian access from the public open space onto St. Agnes Road, boundary treatment, landscaping, Solar Panels on the roof of Blocks A and B, provision of 4 no. Microwave link dishes to be mounted on 2 No. steel support posts affixed to the lift shaft overrun on Block A, lighting, services and connections, waste management and other ancillary site development works to facilitate the proposed development.

The proposed development is not an excessively large project and the proposed design is sympathetic to the surrounding context. The development has been designed to have its own identity and integrates with the surrounding buildings.

2.0 HABITATS DIRECTIVE (DIRECTIVE 92/43/EEC) AND BIRDS DIRECTIVE (DIRECTIVE 2009/147//EC)

The main EU legislation for conserving biodiversity is Directive 2009/147//EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (Birds Directive); and the Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (Habitats Directive).

2.1 RELEVANT ASSESSMENTS

Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening has been undertaken for the proposed development by Openfield (2022b). This takes into account the requirements of the objectives of the Habitats Directive. This is included with the planning documentation.

The AA Screening Report considers that while 'There is an indirect pathway from the site via wastewater and surface water flows to Dublin Bay, via the Ringsend wastewater treatment plant. However, there is no evidence that poor water quality is currently negatively affecting the conservation objectives of Natura 2000 sites in Dublin Bay'.

The AA Screening concludes that:

'the possibility of any significant effects on any European Sites, whether arising from the project itself or in combination with other plans and projects, can be

excluded beyond a reasonable scientific doubt on the basis of the best scientific knowledge available'.

The conclusions of the AA Screening have been adopted within the EIA Screening Report (Sections 3.4 and Section 5.3) when considering the ecological sensitivity of the site and determining the likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development with particular attention to potential impacts on European Sites.

Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA)

An Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) has been undertaken for the proposed development by Openfield (2022a) and is included with the planning documentation. This report includes an assessment of potential impacts on biodiversity, including protected species or habitats, that are likely to arise from the residential development during either the construction or operational phases. The Ecological Impact Assessment concludes that:

'No long-term negative impacts to biodiversity are predicted to arise from this development'.

The conclusions of the Ecological Impact Assessment have been adopted within the EIA Screening Report (Section 3.4 and 5.3) when considering the ecological sensitivity of the site and determining the likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development in respect of Biodiversity, with particular attention to species and habitats protected under the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive.

Bat Survey Report

All Irish bat species are protected under the Wildlife Act (1976) and Wildlife Amendment Acts (2000 and 2010).

Two specialist bat surveys have been undertaken for the proposed development. The first bat survey was undertaken on 14th July 2020 and included a building inspection, static detectors and emergent survey. The second bat survey was undertaken on 21st September 2021 and included a building inspection and emergent survey. No evidence of bat activity was noted within the buildings on site in 2020 or in 2021. No bats were observed emerging from the buildings on site. A foraging Leisler's bat was noted to have passed through the site during the survey undertaken in July 2020. Following the 2021 survey no bats were observed on site and there was no evidence of bats using the site for roosting. A number of mitigation measures are set out in the Bat Fauna Survey prepared by Altemar (2022).

Overall, the survey area is considered to be of low importance for roosting bats within the local area as the site is within a brightly lit urban environment (Alternar 2022).

The conclusions and mitigation measures set out in the Bat Fauna Survey (Altemar 2022) have been adopted within the EIA Screening Report (Section 3.4 and 5.3) when determining the likelihood of significant effects on the environment, arising from the proposed development in respect of Biodiversity, with particular attention to species and habitats (with specific refence to bats) protected under the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive.

3.0 WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE (DIRECTIVE 2000/60/EC)

The Water Framework Directive (WFD) (Directive 2000/60/EC) requires all Member States to protect and improve water quality in all waters.

The WFD requires 'Good Water Status' for all European waters to be achieved through a system of river basin management planning and extensive monitoring by 2015 or, at the least, by 2027. 'Good status' means both 'Good Ecological Status' and 'Good Chemical Status'.

The objectives of the WFD are (1) to prevent the deterioration of water bodies and to protect, enhance and restore them with the aim of achieving at least good status and (2) to achieve compliance with the requirements for designated protected areas

3.1 RELEVANT ASSESSMENTS

The AA Screening and EIA Screening assessments have been informed by the water quality status as defined by the monitoring program and assessment undertaken by the EPA pursuant to the obligations to the WFD.

The results of this assessment provided by the EPA have been used to determine the current water body status of the receiving waters for any discharge from the proposed development site. The current water body status has been considered within the AA Screening undertaken for the proposed development by Openfield (2022b).

The conclusions of the AA Screening have been adopted within the EIA Screening Report in the examination of the likelihood of significant effects on water quality in the Dublin Bay and Natura 2000 sites located there, having regard to potential direct and indirect impacts from surface water and foul water from the proposed development during the construction and operational phases.

4.0 THE FLOODS DIRECTIVE (DIRECTIVE 2007/60/EC)

The Floods Directive (Directive 2007/60/EC) establishes a framework for the assessment and management of flood risks, with the aim to reduce the adverse consequences on human health, the environment and material assets.

The Floods Directive must be implemented in tandem with the WFD. In Ireland, the OPW is the national authority assigned with the implementation of the Floods Directive, which was transposed into Irish law by the European Communities (Assessment and Management of Flood Risks) Regulations SI 122 of 2010.

4.1 RELEVANT ASSESSMENTS

Dublin City Council (DCC) as part of the preparation of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 undertook a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (FRA), which assessed the flood risk indicators in relation to land use proposals pursuant to the Floods Directive.

In addition to the DCC Strategic FRA, available flooding information also includes the Office of Public Works (OPW) Eastern Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study, and the Irish Coastal Protection Strategy Study (ICPSS), and the Flood Maps on floodinfo.ie. The Eastern CFRAM Tidal, Fluvial, and Pluvial studies was commissioned in order to meet the requirements of the Floods

Directive, as well as to deliver on core components of the 2004 National Flood Policy, in the Eastern district. The ICPSS is a national study that was commissioned in 2003 with the objective of providing information to support decision making about how best to manage risks associated with coastal flooding and coastal erosion. The Flood Maps (on floodinfo.ie) have been developed to comply with the requirements of the European Communities (Assessment and Management of Flood Risks) Regulations 2010 to 2015 (implementing Directive 2007/60/EC) for the purposes of establishing a framework for the assessment and management of flood risks, aiming at the reduction of adverse consequences for human health, the environment, cultural heritage and economic activity associated with floods.

The Strategic FRA and ICPSS study identified that the subject lands are located outside the 1,000-year flood zones identified and is therefore the site is within Flood Zone C as defined by The Planning System & Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities and indicated by the Irish Coastal Protection Strategy Study and Dublin City County Strategic FRA.

OPW's Eastern CFRAM shows that the site is outside the extents of the coastal and fluvial flood events. The Eastern CFRAM indicates flood levels impacting the site from Pluvial sources.

A Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) has been prepared by Cora Consulting Engineers and is included with the application documentation. This Site-Specific FRA relies upon, and is informed by, the available DCC Strategic FRA, Eastern CFRAM, and ICPSS studies, including the Flood Zone C designation. The Site-Specific FRA confirms that the subject site is within Flood Zone C, with a low probability of flooding. The potential impact of climate change has been allowed for in the design of the surface water drainage network.

The Site-Specific FRA considers that the criteria for the proposed development would classify the proposed scheme as a highly vulnerable development in the area of Flood Zone C. According to the matrix of vulnerability versus flood zone within the Strategic FRA this type of development is considered appropriate and would not require a justification test.

The results of the Site-Specific FRA have been adopted within the EIA Screening Report in the examination of the likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development as a consequence of flooding, which has the potential to affect human health and material assets

5.0 SEVESO DIRECTIVE 82/501/EEC, SEVESO-II DIRECTIVE 96/82/EC, SEVESO-III DIRECTIVE 2012/18/EU

The Seveso Directive (Directive 82/501/EEC, Directive 96/82/EC, Directive 2012/18/EU) was developed by the EU after a series of catastrophic accidents involving major industrial sites and dangerous substances. Such accidents can give rise to serious injury to people or serious damage to the environment, both on and off the site of the accident.

The Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 (S.I. No. 209 of 2015) (the "COMAH Regulations"), implements the latest Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EU).

5.1 RELEVANT ASSESSMENTS

The proposed development is of a type not especially vulnerable to risk of major accidents as there are no substances to be stored as part of the proposed development that would be controlled under Seveso Directive of COMAH Regulations.

The proposed development is not within the consultation distance of any Seveso Site, nor is the proposed development a Seveso/COMAH facility. The closest Seveso site to the proposed development is the BOC Gases site, an Upper Tier establishment located c. 2.07 km north west of the proposed development at Bluebell Industrial Estate, Bluebell, Dublin 12.

The proposed development is not within the consultation distance of the BOC Gases site, and is therefore it has been considered that it would not capable of having effects on the proposed development site.

There are no specific assessments required by the Applicant under the Seveso Directive or COMAH Regulations.

6.0 CLEAN AIR FOR EUROPE (CAFE) DIRECTIVE (DIRECTIVE 2008/50/EC)

The Clean Air for Europe (CAFE) Directive 2008/50/EC is the prevailing legislation to improve the quality of air in Europe and limit exposure to air pollution. The CAFE Directive set rules including how to monitor, assess, and manage ambient air quality.

The CAFÉ Directive mandates the location and quantity of air monitoring stations that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) should undertake ambient air monitoring. If there is an exceedance of the ambient limit value an Air Quality Action Plan must be developed by Local Authorities in conjunction with the EPA.

In Ireland there is only one monitoring site that has exceedance of the EU Air Quality limit value for nitrogen dioxide, this is located at St. John's Road West station Dublin. An annual average concentration of 43 μ g/m³ was measured in 2019. This is above the EU annual limit value for NO₂ of 40 μ g/m³. There have been no exceedances recorded at any monitoring stations subsequently during 2020 or 2021. This exceedance of an air pollution standard is as a result of the heavy traffic passing this monitoring station. In response to this the Dublin Region Air Quality Plan (2021) has been developed by the Dublin Local Authorities in conjunction with the EPA.

6.1 RELEVANT ASSESSMENTS

The Dublin Region Air Quality Plan (2021) sets out 14 measures and actions to be established by Dublin Authorities and the Minister for Environment. The proposed development is not located within an area which has an identified exceedance in the EU air quality limits. There are no specific assessments under the CAFE Directive relevant to the proposed development at this location.

7.0 THE WASTE FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE (DIRECTIVE 2008/98/EC)

Directive 2008/98/EC has applied since December 2010 and Amending Directive (2018/851/EU) was adopted on 30 May 2018 (together, the "Waste Framework Directive"). The Waste Framework Directive was transposed into national legislation by the European Union (Waste Directive) Regulations 2011-2020, which includes

amendments to the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 (as amended) and the Waste Management Act 1996 (as amended).

The Waste Framework Directive includes requirements for member states to carry out certain monitoring and assessment, including in relation to the implementation of the waste prevention measures, implementation of measures on re-use and food waste prevention measures, need for waste installation infrastructure, waste collection schemes, rates of recycling and landfill and the implementation of waste management plans and waste prevention programmes.

7.1 RELEVANT ASSESSMENTS

The Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021 published by the Dublin City Council on behalf of the Eastern-Midland Waste Region is the overarching policy document that sets out how the requirements of the Waste Framework Directive are met.

There are no specific assessments required by the applicant pursuant to the Waste Framework Directive. Irrespective of this, a Preliminary Demolition, Construction and Waste Management Plan (PDCWMP) prepared by Cora Consulting Engineers is included with the planning documentation. The principles set out in the Waste Framework Directive have been taken into account thorough the design of the proposed development and the mitigation measures set out in these reports.

The PDCWMP (Cora Consulting Engineers 2022c) has been prepared to demonstrate how it is proposed during the construction phase to comply with the following relevant legislation and guidelines including:

- Waste Management Act 1996 (as amended)
- Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations 2007 (SI No. 820 of 2007) as amended
- Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects (2006)

The management measures set out in Section 4 of the PDCWMP have been adopted within the EIA Screening Report (Section 5.9) in the examination of the likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development in respect of material assets and waste.

8.0 STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (DIRECTIVE 2001/42/EC)

Directive 2001/42/EC, the SEA Directive, on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment requires that an environmental assessment is carried out of certain plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment. Public plans and programmes that are likely to have significant effects on the environment must have a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

The SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) is implemented in Ireland by the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (SI 435/2004) and the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (SI 436/ 2004), as amended.

8.1 RELEVANT ASSESSMENTS

Dublin City Council as part of the Dublin City Development Plan (2016-2022) undertook a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), to provide a clear understanding of the likely environmental consequences of decisions regarding the adoption and implementation of the Plan. The SEA Statement establishes the residual effects after implementation of the Dublin City Development Plan (2016-2022) as shown in Table 5.1 below.

Environmental Component	Residual Effect
Population and Human Health	None
Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna	Loss of biodiversity with regard to European Sites and Annexed habitats and species and loss of biodiversity to designated sites, including wildlife sties and listed species.
Water	Potential significant adverse impact on quality and status of water bodies. Limitations of Wastewater Treatment Facility at Ringsend which could lead to deterioration of water based habitats and species and to the quality of water. Failure to comply with the drinking water regulations and to provide new development with a clean water supply.
Air and Climatic Factors	Increase in the number of flood events due to increased development pressure on the land, and hard surfacing areas of the city. Uncertainty with regard to extreme flood events. Failure to tackle climate change and emissions from transport and issues regarding climate change.
Material Assets	Increase in waste levels.
Architectural Heritage	Effects on entries to the Record of Protected Structures.
Archaeological Heritage	Effects on entries to the record of Projected Monuments and Places and other archaeological heritage.
Landscape	Potential adverse impacts arising from visual impacts on the landscape.

Figure 8.1 Dublin CDP SEA Statement Potential Residual Effects

The residual effects of particular relevance to the proposed development are those that relate to Water Quality, in respect of the limitations at Ringsend, and flooding in respect of the increase in areas of hardstanding. The potential residual effects in respect of Water Quality, and Flooding that have been identified in the SEA have informed the Ecological Impact Assessment (Openfield 2022a), Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (Openfield 2022b) and the Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment (Cora Consulting Engineers 2022b) for the proposed development.

The results of these assessments have been considered within the EIA Screening Report in the examination of the likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development on the existing water regime and have informed in particular the assessment of potential impacts on the water quality of Dublin Bay and the European Sites located there.

9.0 DIRECTIVE 2008/56/EC; MARINE STRATEGY DIRECTIVE

The Marine Strategy Directive (2008/56/EC) was adopted on 17 June 2008 and establishes a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy. This has been subsequently amended by Directive (2017/845/EC) as regards the indicative lists of elements to be taken into account for the preparation of marine strategies. The Marine Strategy Directive (2008/56/EC) was transposed into national

legislation by the European Communities (Marine Strategy Framework) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 249 2011).

As a residential development set well back from any coastal area, the Marine Strategy Directive is not directly relevant to the proposed development. Any impact on nearby water bodies has been assessed as part of the EIA Screening Report and AA Screening Report and factored into the project design.

The EIA Screening Report notes that the 'proposed development due to its size and localised nature will not have any significant negative effect on wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths, coastal zones and the marine environment, mountain and forest areas, nature reserves and parks, or densely populated areas'.

10.0 CONCLUSION

This statement indicates how the available results of relevant assessments of the effects on the environment carried out pursuant to European Union legislation other than the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive have been taken into account in this proposed project.

This statement identifies the relevant Directives which could apply the proposed project. The relevant assessments has been identified as they relate to the proposed development, the results of those assessments, and how those results have been taken into account in determining the significance of the proposed development on the environment.

This statement should be read in conjunction with the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening document prepared by AWN Consulting and enclosed with the application.

ABP may complete an examination for the purposes of a screening determination in accordance with Article 299B of the Planning Regulations and, in particular, may have regard to the matters prescribed at Article 299B(1)(b) of the Planning Regulations.

This statement, in particular, is provided so that ABP may have regard to "the available results of other **relevant assessments** of the effects on the environment carried out pursuant to European Union legislation other than the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive have been taken into account" in accordance with Article 299B (1)(b)(ii)(II)(C) of the Planning Regulations.

This statement supports the conclusion in the EIA Screening document prepared by AWN Consulting that the proposed development is not likely to have any significant impacts on the environment and, therefore, that no EIA is required in respect of the proposed sub-threshold development.

11.0 **REFERENCES**

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