

Habitats Directive Project Screening Assessment

Table 1: Project Details

Application	Details
Development Consent Type	Part 8 Development
Development Location	Old Convent , Rossmore, Kilmacthomas
File Ref	Part 8 09/22
Description of the project	The Construction of lift and stair core to the external elevation to the rear of the Old Convent, Rossmore, Kimacthomas.

Table 2: Identification of Natura 2000 Sites (SACs and SPAs) which may be impacted by the proposed development

Please answer the following five questions in order to determine whether there are any Natura 2000 sites which could potentially be impacted by the proposed development.

Number	Question	Response
1	Impacts On Freshwater Habitats: Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include freshwater habitats, or in the catchment of same? Sites to consider: Blackwater River, Lower River Suir. Habitats to consider: Rivers, Lakes and Lagoons.	No
2	Impacts On Wetland Habitats; Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include wetland habitats, or within 1 km of same? Sites to consider: Comeragh Mountains. Habitats to consider: Bogs, Fens, Marshes and Wet Heaths.	No
3	Impacts on Intertidal and Marine Habitats; Is the development located within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include intertidal and/or marine habitats and species, or within the catchment of same? Sites to consider: Tramore Dunes and Backstrand, River Suir (Tidal Section as far as Carrick on Suir), River Blackwater (Tidal Section as far as Cappoquin), Waterford Estuary. Habitats to consider: Mudflats, Sandflats, Saltmarsh, Estuary; Shingle, Reefs, Sea Cliffs.	No
4	Impacts On Woodlands, Grasslands and Dry Heaths; Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying habitats include woodlands or grasslands habitats, or within 200m of same? Sites to consider: Glendine Wood Nire Valley Woods, Ardmore Head, Helvick Head. Habitats to consider: Woodlands, Grasslands or Dunes.	No
5	Impacts On Birds; Is the development within a Special Protection Area, or within 1 km of same? Sites to consider: Tramore Backstrand, Dungarvan Bay, Blackwater Callows, Blackwater Estuary, Helvick Head –Ballyquin Coast, Mid Waterford Coast	No

Conclusion Table 2:

If the answer to all of these questions is No, significant impacts can be ruled out for Natura 2000 sites. No further assessment is required, proceed to the Habitats Directive Conclusion Statement. If the answer to any of these questions is Yes, please refer to tables 3 and 4 below.

Habitats Directive Screening Conclusion Statement

Question	Answer
Development Type	Part 8
Natura 2000 sites within impact zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is 329.93m East of the River Mahon river, which is a tributary of Sea • The site is 6.27km East of the Comeragh Mountains SAC Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 001952 Version: 1.01) • The site is 5.98km South West of the Broadleaved Woodland - WD1 Wetlands Area • The site is 7.65km North of the Mid-Waterford Coast SPA Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004193 Version: 2.01) • The site is 4.73km South of the Clodiagh (Portlaw) Fresh Water Peal Mussel Catchment Area
Planning File Ref	Part 8 09/22
Description of the project	The Construction of lift and stair core to the external elevation to the rear of the Old Convent, Rossmore, Kimacthomas.
Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) could affect Natura 2000 site(s).	No impact anticipated
If there are potential negative impacts, explain whether you consider if these are likely to be significant, and if not, why not.	N/A
Conclusion of assessment	Having regard to the location of the subject site and to the nature of the proposed development, and the intervening distance with the identified Natura 2000 Sites, I consider that no appropriate assessment issues arise in this case. In my opinion the proposed development either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 Site.
Documentation reviewed for making of this statement.	Development Plan, watmaps
Completed By	Aisling O'Sullivan, Senior Executive Planner
Date	8 th of February 2023

Environmental Impact Assessment

The proposed development is not a type of development included for under Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. Based on the information submitted with the application, Waterford City and County Council has considered the nature, size and location of the proposed development in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 7 to the 2001 Regulations and is satisfied that EIA is not required.