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CORK CITY COUNCIL **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDER**

Number of Order:

Subject: **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) & APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT (AA) SCREENING REPORTS RE: Weighmaster's House, (comprising the former Weighmaster's House and Western Bay of Butter Market to rear) at 2 Church St., Cork, Proposed Refurbishment, alterations and change of use to community and creative space. ('PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT')**

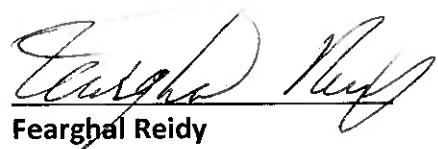
Whereas

1. I have considered the documents titled "EIA Screening Report" and "Appropriate Assessment Screening Report" for this proposed development.
2. I have noted the proposed development constitutes a sub-threshold development in respect of which an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is mandatory.
3. I have further noted that the Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report contains an analysis of the proposed development having regards to the criteria contained in Schedule 5 - Parts 1 & 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and the guidelines contained within the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR Practice Note PN02) Environmental Impact Assessment Screening.
4. I have noted that the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report contains a comprehensive analysis in accordance with the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and Section 177 of the Planning and development Act 2000-2011 as amended.

Therefore having considered the said reports and having had regard to the criteria set out in the aforementioned legislation, I am satisfied that the proposed development is unlikely to have an effect on any Natura 2000 sites, including the Cork Harbour SPA (004030) and the Great Island Channel SAC (001058), and therefore deem that it is not necessary to undertake any further stage of the Appropriate Assessment Process and that an Environmental Impact Assessment would also not be necessary or required.

Accordingly, the proposed development shall proceed subject to the provisions of section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, the provisions of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended.

Dated this 12th day of November 2024


Fearghal Reidy

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