



NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 30 OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (BIRDS AND NATURAL HABITATS) REGULATIONS 2011, ON APPLICATION FOR DEROGATION CONSENT IN RELATION TO ACTIVITIES, PLANS OR PROJECTS REFERRED TO IN REGULATIONS 28 AND 29 OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (BIRDS AND NATURAL HABITATS) REGULATIONS 2011, OR RESTRICTED UNDER A STATUTORY INSTRUMENT DESIGNATING A SITE AS A SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION OR SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA.

Natura 2000 Site: Howth Head SAC 000202

Applicant: Howth Eire 6 – Restoration Group

I refer to your proposal for: The Restoration of the Second World War ÉIRE 6 Sign on the East Mountain, Howth, Dublin 7, in accordance with recommendations contained in the Natura Impact Statement for the Proposed Restoration and Management of the Howth ÉIRE 6 Sign, FINAL REPORT prepared by F.R.G. Wilson BSc CEnv MCIEEM and T.G.F. Curtis BSc PhD, dated 16th December 2020, and additional information forwarded to NPWS on August 6th 2021 (carrying out restoration/remedial works) , all submitted in support of an application dated 6th August 2021, for Ministerial Consent for this proposal, comprising Activities Requiring Consent under ARC 5 : Cutting, uprooting and otherwise removing plants and ARC 34: alteration, renovation or removal of buildings, ruins or other structures.

And hereby inform you that: The Ministers consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. That written consent for the proposed restoration is obtained from the legal owners and rights holders of the location where the proposed restoration is to occur.
2. That the applicant satisfy themselves that all stone to be used is indigenous to the Howth Peninsula, and from an authorised quarry/extraction site.
3. That the applicant obtains from Fingal Co. Co, clarification as to whether the whole or any part of the proposal requires planning consent, in light of the Howth Peninsula Special Amenity Order. In particular, the importation of stone, and the construction of a viewing platform – the details and design of which have not been specified in the application and supporting documentation received as part of this application.
4. That the applicant seeks relevant advice from a qualified and competent individual/organisation, in relation to whether the proposal is compatible with good conservation practice for the maintenance and restoration of historic



artefacts in the landscape. It is recommended that the views of the National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage be sought in this regard.

5. That the sign restoration and related works shall only be undertaken according to the methodology set out in the NIS supporting the present application, and at all times be supervised by a qualified and competent ecologist.
6. That vegetation removal be restricted to the lettering, damage to the adjacent area of lichen heath is to be avoided, and light scarification of trampled areas is to be carried out to promote their regeneration.
7. That habitat restoration /remedial work will be carried out to restore habitat recently impacted on by previous works at the sign location.
Restoration/remedial work will be supervised by your ecologist and horticulturist and will adhere to best practice restoration guidance for heath habitats. After 24 months, the remedial/restoration work will be reviewed by NPWS along with the group , should any further reasonable and proportionate measures be required at that stage (aimed at restoring habitats at this location) the required work will be carried out to the satisfaction of NPWS.

For the avoidance of doubt;

If the group are in any doubt about any condition attached to this ARC they should seek clarity directly from NPWS before proceeding.

This ARC, dated 6th August 2021 supersedes any previous ARC from NPWS.

In accordance with Regulation 37 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitat) Regulations 2011, those wishing to appeal a decision to refuse to give consent or a decision to attach conditions, vary conditions or revoke consent under regulation 30 should write to Site Protection Section, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Wexford, not later than 28 days after the day on which the decision is given.

Signed:

Padraig O'Donnell, Regional Manager, NPWS, NE Region

August 6th 2021