

GOVERNMENT NOTICE SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA COUNTY CORK

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. John Gormley, T.D., proposes to designate particular parts of "Cork Harbour" in County Cork as a Special Protection Areas (SPA) for wild birds in accordance with Article 4 of the European Council Directive on the conservation of Wild Birds (79/409/EEC) known as the Birds Directive 1979. SPAs form part of Natura 2000, a network of protected areas throughout the European Union – see http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/index_en.htm for further information. The map here indicates the approximate location of the proposed SPA in County Cork.

This site has been identified and selected on ecological and ornithological grounds and will be recognised as an internationally important site for birds. Ireland must take appropriate measures to protect such a site and prevent pollution, deterioration of the site or excessive significant disturbance. Designation does not restrict existing activities that are not harmful to wild birds. Those with a legal interest in areas affected by this proposal are requested to consult with the Department before undertaking developments in or near this site. Planning authorities will include this site in all relevant Development Plans.

Maps of the proposed SPA may be viewed in:

Teagasc and AES offices

County Council Planning offices

**Social & Family Affairs offices in the county
Offices**

Garda Stations

**National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS)
offices**

County Libraries

Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs

Those identified by the Department as having a legal interest in areas affected by this proposal are notified directly in writing. The notification includes a site boundary, site description and a list of activities that may damage the site. It also includes procedures for objecting to the designation proposal and details of Agri-Environment incentive schemes and compensation provisions. Others who believe that they should have been notified will be provided with this documentation on request. Objections (on scientific grounds only) to the proposals must be submitted by Tuesday 4th November 2008 (i.e. within 3 months of this notice).

NB Once this Statutory 3-month period for objections has concluded, no further objections can be accepted.

Further details in respect of SPAs and their implications for land owners and land users, as well as contact details for Local Conservation Rangers are available by calling **Freephone 1 800 405000**, emailing natureconservation@environ.ie or accessing www.npws.ie.

Please Note:

- **This proposed site has already been advertised and protected under Statutory Instrument, (S.I. 349/94) This new proposal will change the existing boundary.**
- **Objections will only be accepted from persons with a legal interest in the area proposed for designation.**
- **Objections must be accompanied by a good quality map outlining clearly the area subject to objection**
- **Objections can be made on scientific grounds only**
- **Valid objections to the proposals must be submitted by Tuesday 4th November 2008 (i.e. within 3 months of this notice).**
- **Once the statutory 3-month period for objections has concluded, no further objections will be accepted.**

THIS PROPOSED SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA IS LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN THE FOLLOWING TOWNLANDS AND LOCATIONS IN COUNTY CORK:

CORK HARBOUR SPA (Site code 004030)

AGHADA, AGHAMARTA, ASHGROVE (ED COBH RURAL), BALLINCARROONIG, BALLINCURRIG (ST. FINBAR'S PH), BALLINLOUGH (ST. FINBAR'S PH), BALLINLOUGH (ST. FINBAR'S PH) (PART OF), BALLINTUBBRID EAST, BALLINTUBBRID WEST, BALLINURE (ST. FINBAR'S PH), BALLYANNAN, BALLYDANIEL BEG, BALLYDANIEL MORE, BALLYELLANE, BALLYFOULOO, BALLYNACORRA, BALLYNACORRA WEST, BALLYNACRUSHA, BALLYNAFARSID, BALLYNATRA (ED COBH RURAL), BALLYTRASNA (ED CAHERLAG), BALLYVODOCK EAST, BALLYVODOCK WEST, BARNAHELY, BARRYS COURT, BELGROVE, BELVELLY, BELVELLY (PART OF), BROWN ISLAND, CARRIGALINE EAST, CARRIGALINE MIDDLE, CARRIGRENAN, CARRIGTOHILL, CASTLEREDMOND, COOLMORE (ED CARRIGALINE), CORKBEG, COURTSTOWN, CURRABALLY, CURRAGHBINNY, DOUGLAS, DUNKETTLE, FOATY, FRENCHFURZE, GARRANEKINNEFEAKE, GARRYDUFF (ED MIDLETON RURAL), GLASHABOY RIVER, HARPERS ISLAND, HODDERSFIELD, HOP ISLAND, INCHERA, JAMESBROOK, JOHNSTOWN (ED CARRIGTOHILL), KILLACLOYNE, KILLAHORA, KILNAGLERY, KNOCKANEMORNEY, LACKENROE, LOTA MORE, LOUGHATALIA, LOUGHBEG, MAHON, MARINO, MONFIELDSTOWN, MONKSTOWN (CASTLE FARM), MOSESTOWN, MOUNTHOVEL, OATENCAKE, RAFFEEN, RATHCOURSEY EAST, RINGASKIDDY, ROCHESTOWN (ED DOUGLAS), ROSSLAGUE, ROSSMORE (ED CARRIGTOHILL), ROSTELLAN, SHANBALLY (ED CARRIGALINE), TOWNPARKS (ED MIDLETON), TULLAGREEN, WALLINGSTOWN, WALTERSTOWN.

