

REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE OF VOJVODINA
THE CITY OF NOVI SAD
City Administration for Environmental Protection
Number: VI-501-1/2022-154a
Date: 22 November 2022
Novi Sad

Republic of Serbia
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Belgrade

**SUBJECT: Request for reporting on Complaint No. 2022/1: Complaint on stand by:
Serbia: Alleged habitat destruction in the area of Novi Sad due to
proposed infrastructure constructions**

REFERENCE: Your Request number 337-00-000121/2022-04 dated 17 October 2022

The City Administration for Environmental Protection has considered your Request for reporting on Complaint No. 2022/1: **Complaint on stand by: Serbia: Alleged destruction of habitat in the area of Novi Sad due to the proposed infrastructure constructions**, No. 337-00-000121/2022-04 dated 17 October 2022, and presents the following:

In the Statement of the City Administration for Environmental Protection regarding the Appeal (number VI-501-1/2022-154 dated 17 May 2022), it was stated that the City Administration for Environmental Protection, when evaluating the Report on the Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of the General Urban Plan of the City of Novi Sad until 2030 and when deciding whether to grant consent to the same, would keep in mind and take into consideration all opinions so that, with the implementation and observance of the measures provided for, damage to the environment would be minimal.

We hereby inform you that the City Administration for Environmental Protection has considered the aforementioned Report on Strategic Impact Assessment, with the Report on the Participation of Interested Bodies, Organisations and the Public, and in accordance with Article 22 of the Law on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, Nos. 135/04 and 88/10), issued the Decision on granting consent number VI-501-1/2022-210 of 13 July 2022, which we are sending you in the attachment.

We emphasize that we still stand by the other facts presented in the Statement on Appeal No. VI-501-1/2022-154 dated 17 May 2022.

Acting HEAD
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Dragica Branković, MSc

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Attachment:

- Decision on granting consent to the Report on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of the General Urban Plan of the City of Novi Sad until 2030, number VI-501-1/2022-210 of 13 July 2022.

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Date: 13 July 2022
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CITY ADMINISTRATION FOR URBAN
PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION
NOVI SAD

Reference: Your number V-35-134/10 of 13 July 2022

SUBJECT: **Consent** to the Report on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of the General Urban Plan of the City of Novi Sad until 2030

The City Administration for Environmental Protection has considered the submitted Report on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of the General Urban Plan of the City of Novi Sad until 2030, with the Report on the Participation of Interested Bodies, Organisations and the Public, and in accordance with Article 22 of the Law on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, Nos. 135/04 and 88/10), issued the Decision on giving consent to the same, which we are sending you in the attachment.

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City Administration for Environmental Protection, based on Article 22(1) of the Law on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, Nos. 135/04 and 88/10), Article 192(1) of the Law on General Administrative Procedure (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, Nos.18/16 and 95/18) and Articles 11, 34 and 36 of the Decision on City Administrations of the City of Novi Sad (*Official Gazette of the City of Novi Sad*, Nos. 52 /08, 55/09, 11/10, 39/10, 60/10, 69/13, 70/16, 54/20 and 58/21), regarding the submitted Report on Strategic Impact Assessment, and in accordance with evaluation of the Report carried out according to Article 21(5) of the Law on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment, hereby issues

DECISION

1. Consent is given to the Report on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of the General Urban Plan of the City of Novi Sad until 2030, submitted by the City Administration for Urban Planning and Construction, as the authority responsible for preparation of the plan.
2. In accordance with point 1 of this decision, and in accordance with Article 22(4) of the Law on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment, the plan may be referred to further legal procedures.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The City Administration for Urban Planning and Construction, as the authority responsible for preparation of the plan, under number V-35-134/10 of 13 July 2022, and in accordance with Article 21(1) of the Law on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment, submitted to the City Administration for Environmental Protection the Report on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of the General Urban Plan of the City of Novi Sad until 2030, with the Report on Participation of Interested Bodies, Organisations and the Public in consideration of the Report on the Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of the subject plan, for consent.

Upon receiving the Report and after reviewing its content, the City Administration for Environmental Protection concluded that it contained all essential elements, and that there was no need to obtain additional opinions from other authorised organisations and experts, nor the

need to form a special commission for the evaluation of the report.

Starting from the above, and based on the criteria contained in Annex II, which has been printed with the Law on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment and is an integral part thereof, it has been assessed that consent to the Report on the Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of the General Urban Plan of the City of Novi Sad until 2030 can be given.

By giving this consent, the conditions referred to in Article 22(4) of the Law on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment have been met for referring the General Urban Plan of the City of Novi Sad until 2030 on the Environment to further procedure.

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Decision to be delivered to:

1. City Administration for Urban Planning and Construction;
2. Archives.

EVALUATION OF THE REPORT ON THE STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE GENERAL URBAN PLAN OF THE CITY OF
NOVI SAD UNTIL 2030

1. Features of the plan

The content and coverage of the plan and its relationship with other relevant plans and programmes have been clearly presented, and environmental protection issues are also included in the preparation of the plan.

2. Baseline

The environmental issues that were considered during the preparation of the strategic assessment, the way of defining goals and selecting indicators, as well as the reasons for omitting certain issues have been presented.

3. State of the environment

The state of the environment is presented, with the data source, and description of the state of the environment has been aligned with the defined goals and selected indicators.

4. Variant solutions

A reason was given for the absence of variant solutions, but two possible variants were considered: not to adopt the plan and to adopt and implement the plan.

5. Environmental impact assessment

During the impact assessment, the impacts on individual environmental factors were considered. Evaluation of significant impacts was complied with the applicable standards, regulations and limit values.

6. Environmental monitoring measures and programme

Measures to prevent and limit negative impacts on the environment and the way to monitor the state of the environment have been foreseen.

7. Strategic assessment report

The Report on Strategic Impact Assessment has been prepared in a clear and precise manner, with a clearly defined role of competent authorities in the strategic assessment process.

The content of the Report is in accordance with Article 12 of the Law.

The method of including environmental issues in the subject plan, the method of decision-making, and the reasons for the absence of variant solutions are presented.

The conclusions are given in a manner understandable to the public.

8. Participation of the interested bodies, organisations and the public

After reviewing the submitted Report on Participation of Interested Bodies, Organisations and the Public, it was determined that the participation of interested bodies, organisations and the public was ensured and the method of deciding opinions was presented.

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