

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme

at

Lifford Road, Ennis, Co. Clare

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, Irish Water has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on European Site(s).

The work order (25537123) for this design involves the installation of approximately 250m of new 125mm HDPE watermain, including any associated assets required and the transfer of any services as required.

In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site(s) listed below:

- Lower River Shannon SAC 002165
- Ballyallia Lake SAC 000014
- Ballyallia Lough SPA 004041
- River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA 004077
- Newhall and Edenvale Complex SAC 002091
- Pouladatig Cave SAC 000037
- Toonagh Estate SAC 002247
- Dromore Woods and Loughs SAC 000032
- Old Domestic Building (Keevagh) SAC 002010
- Old Farm Buildings, Ballymacrogan SAC 002245 8
- Ballycullinan, Old Domestic Building SAC 002246
- Slieve Aughty Mountains SPA 004168
- Poulmagordon Cave (Quin) SAC 000064
- Knockanira House SAC 002318
- East Burren Complex SAC 001926
- Old Domestic Buildings, Rylane SAC 002314
- Newgrove House SAC 002157
- Corofin Wetlands SPA 004220
- Lough Gash Turlough SAC 000051
- Moyree River System SAC 000057

- Ballyogan Lough SAC 000019

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, **Irish Water has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required** as the project is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the sites as European site(s) and **as it can be excluded**, on the basis of objective information and in light of the conservation objectives of the relevant European Site(s), **that the project, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, would have a significant effect on a European Site.**

This determination is based on the nature, location, scale and duration of the proposed works, including any temporary works, and excludes any consideration of mitigation measures.

Full records of the assessment, reports, surveys, consultations, and observations are held by the competent authority and available for public review as requested.

Signed:



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