

## AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

### BRDS – SI Works, Blanchardstown, Dublin



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

*South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (004024);, South Dublin Bay SAC (000210);, North Dublin Bay SAC (000206); and North Bull Island SPA(004006).*

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 sites and as it can be concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant effect on the European sites listed above.

This determination is based on the limited excavation requirements, the distance of 11km via the surface water pathway between the project and the nearest connected European Site, the requirement for an Ecological Clerk of Works to supervise the SI works and the contractual obligation that best-practice construction and biosecurity measures detailed in the contract are fully implemented.

Signed:

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**CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER**

**DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016**