

## AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

**Water Network Programme**

at

**Deerpark, Killarney, Co. Kerry**

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 scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.131km of 600mm and 700mm AC mains and all associated assets. The trunk main will be 700mm diameter DI from Point DK-01 to Point DK-06, and 600mm diameter DI from Point DK-07 to Point DK-09. Between Point DK-04 and Point DK-05, the proposed trunk main will be installed using the pipe jacking technique. For the remainder of the route, the installation method will be open cut.

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

- 000365 Killarney National Parks, Macgillicuddy's Reeks and Caragh River Catchment SAC
- 000382 Sheheree (Ardagh) Bog SAC
- 000343 Castlemaine Harbour SAC
- 0020141 Old Domestic Building, Curraglass Wood SAC
- 002170 Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC
- 004038 Killarney National Park SPA
- 004161 Stack's to Mullaghareirk, West Limerick Hills and Mount Eagle SPA

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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Casey', is written above a horizontal line.

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**JOHN CASEY**

**CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR**

**DATE: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**