

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of



Bank stabilisation works (2015) at Massford Wastewater Pumping Station, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny

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:

River Barrow and River Nore SAC (002162), Lisbigney Bog SAC (000869); and River Nore SPA (004233)

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 short-term nature of the construction works, the proposed silt control measures, the avoidance of qualifying interests, the supervision of works by an Ecological Clerk of Works, and the contractual obligation that best-practice construction and biosecurity measures detailed in the contract are fully implemented.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Galvin'.

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CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER

DATE: 3rd August 2016