

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme – Milltown Alexandra to Victoria Terrace, Co. 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, Uisce Éireann 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).

This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 180m (total scheme length) of existing 9” cast iron main and all the associated assets. The existing 9” cast iron main to be downsized with 180mm OD HDPE.

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

- *South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA 004024*
- *South Dublin Bay SAC 000210*
- *North Bull Island SPA 004006*
- *North Dublin Bay SAC 000206*
- *Dalkey Islands SPA 004172*
- *Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC 003000*
- *Howth Head SAC 000202*
- *Howth Head Coast SPA 004113*
- *Wicklow Mountains SAC 002122*
- *Wicklow Mountains SPA 004040*
- *Glenasmole Valley SAC 001209*
- *Knocksink Wood SAC 000725*
- *Ballyman Glen SAC 000713*

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, **Uisce Éireann 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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