

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Site Investigation Works between Lisglennon WTP & Lough Talt WTP,

Co. Mayo & Co. Sligo

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).

The Proposed Site / Ground Investigation Works are located between Lough Conn, Co. Mayo to the west and Lough Talt in Co Sligo to the east. In order to develop a preliminary design for the Ballina Regional Water Supply Scheme Extension to Lough Talt project, site investigation works are required at 515 no. locations along the alignment of the proposed watermain scheme, which largely following existing road network. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below:


- River Moy SAC (002298)
- Lough Hoe Bog SAC (000633)
- Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC (000458)
- Lough Conn and Lough Cullin SPA (004228)
- Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA (004036)

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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JOHN CASEY

CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

DATE: 17/01/2025