

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Castlebridge Bridges Wastewater Pumping Station, Co. Wexford

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 scope involves upgrade works to the Bridge wastewater pumping station. This includes provision of external lighting, installation of fire and intruder alarm systems within the control building, wall repairs, and replacement of vents and pumps. The site is located in Castlebridge, Co. Wexford. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below:

- Wexford Harbour and Slobbs Special Protected Area (SPA) (004076)
- Slaney River Valley Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (000781)
- Raven Point Nature Reserve Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (000710)
- The Raven Special Protected Area (004019)
- Seas of Wexford Special Protected Area (004237)
- Long Bank Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (002161)
- Blackwater Bank Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (002953)
- Carnsore Point Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (002269)

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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