

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of



Belturbet Water Supply Scheme – Hydrogeological SI Borehole Test Wells, Co. Cavan

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:

Lough Oughter and Associated Loughs SAC (000007); and Cuilcagh-Anierin Uplands SAC (000584).

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 and small scale nature of the works, the location of the boreholes at Belturbet river and Swanlinbar spring within existing Irish Water sites with appropriate space for installation of the proposed silt control measures, the location of the borehole at Belturbet forest is within a site with an existing surface water settlement pond, and the contractual obligation that best-practice construction and biosecurity measures detailed in the contract are fully implemented.

Signed:

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GERRY GALVIN

CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER

DATE: 8th July 2016

