

## AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

**Water Network Programme**

at

**Bull Wall and Conquer Hill, Clontarf Road, 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, 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 European Site(s).

**Bull Wall:** This scheme is in DMA MA01380 and involves the rehabilitation of approximately 127m (total scheme length) 6" Cast iron water mains and all the associated assets. The existing pipeline will be slip-lined with the new pipe with no discharges to the sea. **Conquer Hill:** This scheme is in DMA MA01344 and involves the rehabilitation of approximately 78m (total scheme length) of 3 inch cast iron water mains and all the associated assets. It also involves the decommissioning 74m of mains.

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

- 000199 Baldoyle Bay SAC
- 000202 Howth Head SAC
- 000205 Malahide Estuary SAC
- 000206 North Dublin Bay SAC
- 000210 South Dublin Bay SAC
- 002122 Wicklow Mountains SAC
- 002193 Ireland's Eye SAC
- 003000 Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC
- 004006 North Bull Island SPA
- 004016 Baldoyle Bay SPA
- 004024 South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA
- 004025 Malahide Estuary SPA
- 004113 Howth Head Coast SPA
- 004117 Ireland's Eye SPA
- 004172 Dalkey Islands SPA

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 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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Casey', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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**JOHN CASEY**

**CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR**

**DATE: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**