

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme

at

Pound Road Junction, Kileronan Ballygar, Co. Galway

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).

The Proposed Development consists of the rehabilitation of approximately 2,492m watermain and all associated assets at Pound Road Junction Kileronan Ballygar, Co. Galway.

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

- 001637 Four Roads Turlough SAC
- 002199 Ballygar (Aghrane) Bog SAC
- 002200 Aughrim (Aghrane) Bog SAC
- 004097 River Suck Callows SPA
- 004139 Lough Croan Turlough SPA
- 004140 Four Roads Turlough 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', enclosed in a light blue rectangular border.

JOHN CASEY

CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

DATE: 27th February 2023