

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme

at

Ardmore Co. Waterford

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 work order for this design involves the replacement of 712m of existing 4" Cast Iron with a 180mm HDPE SDR11 water pipe and all associated assets, along public roadway in, Ardmore Co. Waterford.

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

- Ardmore Head SAC 002123
- Helvick Head to Ballyquin SPA 004192
- Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC 002170
- Blackwater Estuary SPA 004028
- Ballymacoda Bay SPA 004023
- Ballymacoda (Clonpriest and Pillmore) SAC 000077
- Dungarvan Harbour SPA 004032
- Helvick Head SAC 000665

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:

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JOHN CASEY

CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

DATE: 27th February 2023