

## AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of



### Waterford West - Monatarrif to Ballysaggart Rationalisation Scheme, 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 Project comprises site investigation works (23 no. slit trenches) to ascertain ground conditions, the installation of 4200m of 180mm watermain using a combination of open-cut and directional drilling, and new booster bumps and associated kiosk (measuring 1.2m high x 1.0m deep x 2.0m long) which will be sited on the grounds of Ballysaggart Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The watermain will be laid along a local road between Montarrif (ca. 3km north of Lismore Co. Waterford) and Ballysaggart WTP. Once connected to the existing water network at Ballysaggart WTP, the existing Monatarrif WTP will be decommissioned.

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

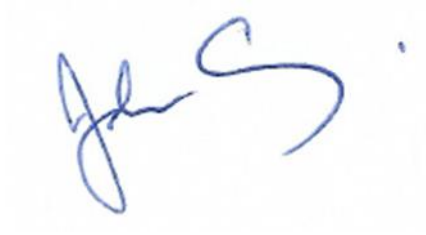
- *Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC (002170)*

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: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022**