

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme Works Along R390, Ballinea, Co. Westmeath




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

- Lough Ennell SAC [000685]
- Lough Owel SAC [000688]
- Scragh Bog SAC [000692]
- Wooddown Bog SAC [002205]
- Split Hills and Long Hill Esker SAC [001831]
- Garriskil Bog SAC [000679]
- Mount Hevey SAC [002342]
- Lough Ennell SPA [004044]
- Lough Owel SPA [004047]
- Lough Iron SPA [004046]
- Lough Derravarragh SPA [004043]
- Garriskil Bog SPA [004102]

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**, beyond reasonable scientific doubt, in view of best scientific knowledge, on the basis of objective information and in light of the conservation objectives of the relevant European Site(s), **that the proposed activity, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on all other European Site(s) listed above.**

This determination is based on the nature, location, scale and duration of the proposed works.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored background. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Brian Deegan".

BRIAN DEEGAN

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY LEAD

DATE: 26/01/2022