

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of



**Drought Management Intervention (instream pumping)
at Rathdrum WTP, Wicklow**

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

Wicklow Mountains SAC (002122), Wicklow Mountains SPA (004040), Vale of Clara (Rathdrum Wood) SAC (000733) and Deputy's Pass Nature Reserve SAC (000717)

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 site as European site(s) and as it can be concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant effect on the European site(s) listed above.

This determination is based on the nature, scale, location and duration of the intervention which is temporarily required to facilitate the existing abstraction.

Signed:

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CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER

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