AA SCREENING DETERMINATION



Of

Water Network Programme Emerald Cottage, Dublin

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:

- South Dublin Bay SAC [000210]
- North Dublin Bay SAC [000206]
- Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC [003000]
- Baldoyle Bay SAC [000199]
- Howth Head SAC [000202]
- Wicklow Mountains SAC [002122]
- Glenasmole Valley SAC [001209]
- Malahide Estuary SAC [000205]
- Ireland's Eye SAC [002193]
- Knocksink Wood SAC [000725]
- South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA [004024]
- North Bull Island SPA [004006]
- Baldoyle Bay SPA [004016]
- Dalkey Islands SPA [004172]
- Wicklow Mountains SPA [004040]
- Howth Head Coast SPA [004113]
- Ireland's Eye SPA [004117]
- Malahide Estuary SPA [004025]

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 <u>excluded</u>, 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:

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