

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme

at

Assumpta Park, Newcastle West, Co Limerick

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, Uisce Éireann 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 (25839724) for this design involves the rehabilitation of approximately 810m of new watermain, including any associated assets required. It also involves the transfer of 75 Back Yard Services (BYS) and 48 lead services to the new main and decommissioning of 1,327m of 50mm and 75mm Cast Iron (CI) main and 100mm uPVC, in Assumpta Park, Newcastle West, Co Limerick.

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

- Stack's to Mullaghareirk Mountains, West Limerick Hills and Mount Eagle SPA 004261
- Lower River Shannon SAC 002165
- Askeaton Fen Complex SAC 002279

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, **Uisce Éireann 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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CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

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