

**AA SCREENING DETERMINATION**

Of



**Silt Removal in Mill Race at Hacketstown WTP, County Carlow**

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 listed below:

*Slaney River Valley SAC (000781).*

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 sites 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 listed above.

This determination is based on the short-term nature of the construction works, seasonal restrictions on works to avoid salmonids, the supervision of works by an Ecological Clerk of Works, the proposed silt control measures to protect qualifying interests downstream, and the contractual obligation that best-practice construction and biosecurity measures detailed in the contract are fully implemented.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Galvin'.

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**GERRY GALVIN**

**CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER**

**DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016**