

## AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

### Marine Surveys, Dunfanaghy and Portnablagh, Co. Donegal.

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 proposed project involves a marine survey campaign of an area of Sheephaven Bay in the vicinity of Dunfanaghy and Portnablagh, Co. Donegal. The marine survey works will include tide gauge, bathymetry, water sampling, dye release surveys, and moving vessel acoustic doppler current profiler surveys.

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

- *Horn Head and Rinclevan SAC (000147)*
- *Horn Head to Fanad Head SPA (004194)*

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.

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