

## AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

**Water Network Programme**

at

**Fort Bridge, Bohernabreena, County 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, 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 works will entail removal and replacement of c. 10m of existing pipework cast iron pipe which is attached to the northern (downstream) side of the bridge. Existing 100 Ductile Iron Pipe to be removed and replaced like for like with New 100 Ductile Iron. Existing 100 Ductile Iron to be disconnected at flanges and raised over bridge parapet, New 100 Ductile Iron to be lowered into place and connected to tie-in points via spigot connections. Existing pipe support structures to be retained and reused, New 100 Ductile Iron sections to be joined via “pushfit” method.

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

- 001209 Glenasmole Valley SAC
- 002122 Wicklow Mountains SAC
- 004040 Wicklow Mountains SPA

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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**JOHN CASEY**

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