

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of



Water Network Programme Owendore Crescent, Rathfarnham, Co 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:

- 000202 Howth Head SAC
- 000206 North Dublin Bay SAC
- 000210 South Dublin Bay SAC
- 000713 Ballyman Glen SAC
- 000725 Knocksink Wood SAC
- 001209 Glenasmole Valley SAC
- 002122 Wicklow Mountains SAC
- 003000 Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC
- 000202 Howth Head SAC
- 000713 Ballyman Glen SAC
- 004006 North Bull Island SPA
- 004024 South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA
- 004040 Wicklow Mountains SPA
- 004172 Dalkey Islands SPA

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 excluded**, 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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ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY LEAD

DATE: 26/01/2022