

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of



Galway City Water Conservation Stage 3 Rehabilitation Works – Phase 1

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 Sites listed below:

Lough Corrib SAC (Site Code: 000297); Lough Corrib SPA (Site Code: 004042); Galway Bay Complex SAC (Site Code: 000238); and Inner Galway Bay SPA (Site Code: 004031).

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 sites listed above.

This determination is based on the location of works within built up residential and municipal areas and outside of any European Site, the scale of the works involving the replacement of a small-diameter pipe; and the avoidance of qualifying interests.

Signed:

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