

## AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

### Staleen WTP to Windmill Hill pipeline, Staleen, Co. Meath.

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 project involves the construction of c. 16 km of a 600 / 800 mm trunk main linking the Staleen WTP to the Primatestown Pump Station (PS), allowing the decommissioning of the 400 mm PVC trunk main that currently links these assets. This will also include the construction of a new c. 1 km of 450 mm trunk main that will link the Primatestown PS to the Windmill Hill Reservoir and will allow the decommissioning of the existing 300 mm PVC trunk main that currently links these assets. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below:

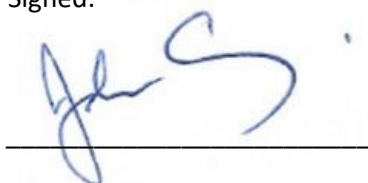
- River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (002299)
- River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (004232)
- River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA (004158)
- North west Irish Sea SPA (004236)

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.

Signed:

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**DATE: 09/08/2024**