

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

112 Ardee Water Supply Zone, Lead in Drinking Water Mitigation Plan, Co. Laois.

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 the installation of an Orthophosphate dosing unit and pH control facilities at Slieve Breagh Reservoir. The proposed project includes the installation of a bunded phosphoric acid storage tank, housed dosing installations, facilities to raise the pH of the water to the recommended pH of 8.0, and associated works within the site boundary of Slieve Breagh Reservoir. The scope of the operational works includes the dosing of Orthophosphate to treated water at Slieve Breagh Reservoir.

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

- *Dundalk Bay SAC 000455*
- *Carlingford Shore SAC 002306*
- *Dundalk Bay SPA 004026*
- *Stabannan-Braganstown SPA 004091*

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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