

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme Main Street, Ashford, Co. Wicklow



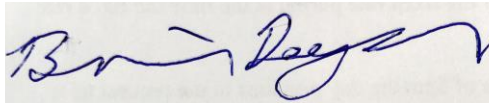
In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, Irish Water has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and 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:

- *000716 Carriggower Bog SAC*
- *000717 Deputy's Pass Nature Reserve SAC*
- *000719 Glen of The Downs SAC*
- *000729 Buckronev-Brittias Dunes and Fen SAC*
- *000733 Vale of Clara (Rathdrum Wood) SAC*
- *001766 Magherabeg Dunes SAC*
- *002122 Wicklow Mountains SAC*
- *002249 The Murrough Wetlands SAC*
- *002274 Wicklow Reef SAC*
- *004040 Wicklow Mountains SPA*
- *004127 Wicklow Head SPA*
- *004186 The Murrough 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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored background. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Brian Deegan".

BRIAN DEEGAN

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY LEAD

DATE: 26/01/2022