

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme

at

Plassey Industrial Estate, Limerick

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).

The work order for this design refers to the rehabilitation of approximately 1,767m of existing 300mm AC watermain, including any associated assets required to be decommissioned will be replaced by approximately 1,767m of 315mm PE100 HDPE mains.

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

- Lower River Shannon SAC 002165
- River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA 004077
- Slievefelim to Silvermines Mountains SPA 004165
- Glenomra Wood SAC 001013
- Slieve Bernagh Bog SAC 002312

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**, 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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Casey', enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

JOHN CASEY

CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

DATE: 27th February 2023