

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme

at

College Road to Sluggera Ardmore, Co. Waterford

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 work order (25768793) for this design involves the rehabilitation of 666m of 3" uPVC, and 89m of 50mm uPVC watermains with a new 125mm PE100 SDR11 watermains, in addition to a 20m extension of 125mm HDPE, and all associated assets, along public roadway between College Rd to Sluggera Ardmore, Co. Waterford.

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

- Ardmore Head SAC 002123
- Helvick Head to Ballyquin SPA 004192
- Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC 002170
- Blackwater Estuary SPA 004028
- Ballymacoda Bay SPA 004023
- Ballymacoda (Clonpriest and Pillmore) SAC 00077
- Dungarvan Harbour SPA 004032
- Helvick Head to Ballyquin SAC 000665

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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