

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Fermoy Waste Water Network Upgrade - Advance Works, Co. Cork

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 upgrade of 36m of combined sewer, upgrade of foul pumps, screen installation and replacement and temporary use of oxidation chamber for storm water storage. The proposed works area is located in the town of Fermoy, Co Cork at three locations within the town centre i.e., Fermoy Park, Rathealy Road and Fermoy Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). Rathealy Road and Fermoy WWTP are located along the banks of the River Blackwater between Fermoy (Kent) Bridge where the N72 crosses the river and the M8 motorway bridge. Fermoy Park is located just west of the N72.

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

- Blackwater Callows SPA (004094)
- Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC (002170))

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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