

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Chlorine Contact Tank at Illies Water Treatment Plant, Co. Donegal



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 proposed project includes the installation of an additional chlorine contact tank, adjacent to the existing contact tank, within the boundary of Illies Water Treatment Plant site. The proposed project will also involve associated connecting pipework, a temporary site compound and access road for the duration of the works, and associated ground works.

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

- *Lough Swilly SAC (002287)*
- *Lough Swilly SPA (004075)*

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:

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JOHN CASEY

CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

DATE: 17th February 2023