

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of



Water Network Programme Mountain Close, Balloonagh, Co. Kerry

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:

- Tralee Bay and Magharees Peninsula, West to Cloghan SAC 002070
- Tralee Bay Complex SPA 004188
- Slieve Mish Mountains SAC 002185
- Ballyseedy Wood SAC 002112
- Stack's to Mullaghareirk Mountains, West Limerick Hills and Mount Eagle SPA 004161
- Akeragh, Banna and Barrow Harbour SAC 000332
- Castlemaine Harbour SAC 000343
- Castlemaine Harbour SPA 004029
- Lower River Shannon SAC 002165
- Magharee Islands SAC 002261
- Magharee Islands SPA 004125

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, appearing to read 'Brian Deegan', on a light-colored background.

BRIAN DEEGAN

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY LEAD

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