

**AA SCREENING DETERMINATION**

Of

**Water Networks Programme – Rathconnell, Tyrellspass, Co. Westmeath**

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

*Wooddown Bog SAC (002205), Lough Owel SAC (000688), Scragh Bog SAC (000692), Lough Ennell SAC (00685), River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (002299), Lough Lene SAC (002121), Mount Hevey Bog SAC (002342), Garriskil Bog SAC (000679), Lough Owel SPA (004047), Lough Derravaragh SPA (004043), Lough Ennell SPA (004044), River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (004232), Lough Iron SPA (004046), Garriskil Bog SPA (004102).*

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 sites and as it can be concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the European sites listed above.

This determination is based on small scale and short duration of the proposed works which are located within the existing road network outside of any designated European Site.

Signed:




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**GERRY GALVIN**

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