

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Newtownmountkennedy Kilcoole Waste Water Pumping Station Upgrade, Co. Wicklow

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 the installation of a new emergency storage tank including associated inlet and outlet pipe works and mechanical and electrical works within the existing Newtownmountkennedy Waste Water Pumping Station site. The WwPS is located off Main Street in town of Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow, adjacent to the Newtownmountkennedy River.

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

- The Murrough SPA (004186)
- The Murrough Wetlands SAC (002249)

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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