

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Greater Dublin Drainage Project – Ground Investigation Works, Co. Dublin

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 scope of the project includes Ground Investigation works such as boreholes, trial pits and silt trenches along the project route from Blanchardstown to Portmarnock, North County Dublin to inform the future detailed design of the Greater Dublin Drainage Project.

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

- Baldoyle Bay SAC [000199].
- North Dublin Bay SAC [000206].
- Ireland's Eye SAC [002193].
- Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC [003000].
- Lambay Island SAC [00204].
- Baldoyle Bay SPA [004016].
- North-west Irish Sea SPA [004236].
- North Bull Island SPA [04006].
- Malahide Estuary SPA [004025].
- Ireland's Eye SPA [004117].
- South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA [04024].
- Howth Head Coast SPA [004113].
- Rogerstown Estuary SPA [004015].
- Lambay Island SPA [004036].
- Wicklow Mountains SPA [004040].
- Skerries Island SPA [004122].
- The Murrrough SPA [004186].

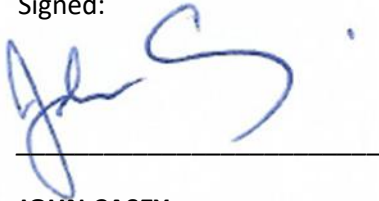
In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, **Uisce Éireann has made a determination following screening that an**

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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