

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme – Doonbeg Village, Co Clare

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).

Works include the replacement of existing water main and associated infrastructure along the Doonbeg Village section of the N67 and adjacent local road. The total length of the watermain proposed for installation is 4631m. The existing asbestos watermain is to be replaced by a 180mm HDPE pipeline, and Ductile Iron (DI) mains are to be used for culvert crossings.

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

- *Carrowmore Dunes SAC - 002250*
- *Tullaheer Lough and Bog SAC – 002343*
- *Kilkee Reefs SAC – 002264*
- *Carrowmore Point to Spanish Point and Islands SAC -001021*
- *Lower River Shannon SAC – 002165*
- *Mid-Clare Coast SPA – 004182*
- *River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA – 004077*

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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