

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of



Water Supply Project: Eastern and Midlands Region

**Siting of Meteorological Monitoring Masts as part of Water and Hydrographic Sampling Programs
(Lough Derg)**

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:

Lough Derg (Shannon) SPA (004058) and River Shannon Callows SAC (000216)

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 excluded, 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 effect on the European sites listed above.

This determination is based on the location, scale, extent and duration of the works, and the contractual obligation that best-practice construction and biosecurity measures prescribed in the contracts are fully implemented.

Signed:

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GERRY GALVIN

CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER

DATE: 08/06/2017