

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme

at

Kilkee Twin Rising Mains, 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, 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 European Site(s).

The work order (25616204) for this design involves lining 1427m of 250mm DIA (ID) Foul Sewer (FS) Rising Main and lining 1427m of 350mm DIA (ID) Storm Water (SW) Rising Main from an existing wastewater pumping station, under a public roadway, under a Caravan and Camping park, and through agricultural fields in Kilkee, Co. Clare.

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

- Kilkee Reefs SAC 002264
- Lower River Shannon SAC 002165
- River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA 004077
- Illaunonearaun SPA 004114
- Tallaher Lough and Bog SAC 002343
- Mid-Clare Coast SPA 004182
- Carrowmore Dunes SAC 002250
- Carrowmore Point to Spanish Point and Islands SAC 001021

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 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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Casey', is written on a light blue background.

JOHN CASEY

CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

DATE: 27th February 2023