

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Macroom Hermitage Reservoir WTP Site Security, Cork



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 Project involves the replacement of the existing fence comprising concrete posts with 3 strands of wire plus 1200mm chainlink fence. Macroom Hermitage Reservoir WTP is located ca. 700m to the northwest of Macroom town centre.

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

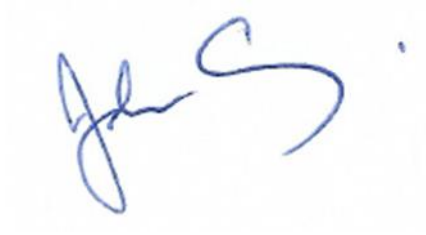
- The Gearagh SAC (000108)
- The Gearagh SPA (004109)
- Mullaghanish to Musheramore Mountains SPA (004162)
- Great Island Channel SAC (001058)
- Cork Harbour SPA (004030)

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:

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JOHN CASEY

CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

DATE: 12th December 2022