

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of



Water Network Programme Main Street, Laghy, Co. Donegal

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

- 000115 Ballintra SAC
- 000133 Donegal Bay (Murvagh) SAC
- 000138 Durnesh Lough SAC
- 000163 Lough Eske and Ardnamona Wood SAC
- 000172 Meenaguse/Ardbane Bog SAC
- 001125 Dunragh Loughs/Pettigo Plateau SAC
- 001992 Tamur Bog SAC
- 002164 Lough Golagh and Breesy Hill SAC
- 002301 River Finn SAC
- 004057 Lough Derg (Donegal) SPA
- 004099 Pettigo Plateau Nature Reserve SPA
- 004145 Durnesh Lough SPA
- 004151 Donegal Bay SPA
- UK0016607 Pettigoe Plateau

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**, beyond reasonable scientific doubt, in view of best scientific knowledge, on the basis of objective information and in light of the conservation objectives of the relevant European Site(s), **that the proposed activity, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on all other European Site(s) listed above.**

This determination is based on the nature, location, scale and duration of the proposed works.

Signed:

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BRIAN DEEGAN

ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY LEAD

DATE: 26/01/2022