

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of



Water Network Programme Castlelands, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

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:

- 000204 Lambay Island SAC
- 000205 Malahide Estuary SAC
- 000208 Rogerstown Estuary SAC
- 001957 Boyne Coast And Estuary SAC
- 003000 Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC
- 004014 Rockabill SPA
- 004015 Rogerstown Estuary SPA
- 004025 Malahide Estuary SPA
- 004069 Lambay Island SPA
- 004080 Boyne Estuary SPA
- 004122 Skerries Islands SPA
- 004158 River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA

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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ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY LEAD (ACTING)

DATE: 07/06/2022