

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme

at

Mountain Close, Balloonagh, Co. Kerry

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 for this preliminary design involves the decommissioning of approximately 1,717m (total scheme length) of uPVC water mains and all the associated assets, to be replaced by approx. 942m of new watermains. The existing mains to be decommissioned are all backyard service (BYS) mains, which will be replaced with new 125mm HDPE mains. This scope also includes 238 BYS replacements, where the services will be transferred onto existing public mains at the front of the properties, or to the newly installed HDPE mains..

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

- Tralee Bay and Magharees Peninsula, West to Cloghan SAC 002070
- Tralee Bay Complex SPA 004188
- Slieve Mish Mountains SAC 002185
- Ballyseedy Wood SAC 002112
- Stack's to Mullaghareirk Mountains, West Limerick Hills and Mount Eagle SPA 004161
- Akeragh, Banna and Barrow Harbour SAC 000332
- Castlemaine Harbour SAC 000343
- Castlemaine Harbour SPA 004029
- Lower River Shannon SAC 002165
- Magharee Islands SAC 002261
- Magharee Islands SPA 004125

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 positioned above a horizontal line.

JOHN CASEY

CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

DATE: 27th February 2023