

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of



Increased abstraction by 15MI/d from Ballymore Eustace/Poulaphouca Reservoir

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

Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA (004063)

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 sites and as it can be concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant effect on the European Site(s) listed above.

This determination is based on the small scale of additional abstraction in the context of the current abstraction of 318MI/d, the fact the current abstraction is not considered a threat/pressure to the SPA, and the conclusion that the additional abstraction is not likely to reduce the availability of habitat for these species, or increase disturbance, to any significant degree.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Galvin'.

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CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER

DATE: 4th April 2018