

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Greenhills Sewer Upgrade, Greenhills, Drogheda, Co. Louth



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 works will involve replacement of the existing 375mm sewer and installation of a new 750mm gravity sewer starting from the cul-de-sac of Greenhills Villas (R899) and finishing at the discharge location into the existing foul sewer beside North Strand (R167), south of the junction with Greenhills R899 road. There is an associated replacement of an existing vortex control device at the upstream end of the proposed works.

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

- *River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (002299)*
- *Boyne Estuary SPA (004080)*
- *Boyne Coast and Estuary SAC (001957)*

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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CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

DATE: 7th February 2023