

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme

at

Stamullen Backlands, Co. Meath

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 include the installation 1 No.180mm OD pipe and 1 No.225mm OD within Stamullen Backlands, Co. Meath.

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

- 000208 Rogerstown Estuary SAC
- 001957 Boyne Coast And Estuary SAC
- 002299 River Boyne And River Blackwater SAC
- 003000 Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC
- 004014 Rockabill SPA
- 004080 Boyne Estuary SPA
- 004122 Skerries Islands SPA
- 004158 River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA
- 004232 River Boyne and River Blackwater 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**, 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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DATE: 27th February 2023