

## AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of



### Water Supply Project: Eastern and Midlands Region

#### Ground Investigation Works

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 GI works, individually or in combination with other plans or projects are likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below:

*Lower River Shannon SAC (002165); Lisduff Fen SAC (002147); Clonaslee Eskers and Derry Bog SAC (000859); Island Fen SAC (002236); Silvermines Mountains West SAC (002258); Sharavogue Bog SAC (000585); The Long Derries and Edenderry SAC (000925); River Barrow and River Nore SAC (002162); Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC (001398); Lough Derg, North-East Shore SAC (002241); Ballynafagh Lake SAC (001387); Charleville Wood SAC (000571); Keeper Hill SAC (001197); Ballynafagh Bog SAC (000391); Slieve Bernagh Bog SAC (002312); Silvermines Mountains SAC (002258); Slieve Bloom Mountains SAC (000412); Liskeenan Fen SAC (001683); Raheenmore Bog SAC (000582); Bolingbrook Hill SAC (002124); Ballyduff/Clonfinane Bog SAC (000641); Ridge Road, SW of Rapemills SAC (000919); Glenomra Wood SAC (001013); Kilcarren-Firville Bog SAC (000647); Glenasmole Valley SAC (001209); Slievefelim to Silvermines Mountains SPA (004165); Slieve Bloom Mountains SPA (004160); Lough Derg (Shannon) SPA (004058); Dovegrove Callows SPA (004137); River Little Brosna Callows SPA (004086); All Saints Bog SPA (004103); Slieve Aughty Mountains SPA (004168); River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (004232); Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA (004063); Wicklow Mountains SPA (004040); Middle Shannon Callows SPA (004096); South Dublin Bay and River Tolka SPA (004024); River Nore SPA (004233); River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA (004077)*

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 GI works are not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the sites as European sites and as it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the GI works, individually or in combination with other plans or projects are not likely to have a significant effect on the European sites listed above.

This determination is based on the location, scale, extent and duration of the GI works, and the contractual obligation that best-practice construction and biosecurity measures prescribed in the contracts are fully implemented.

Signed:

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