



## AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Energy Efficiency Programme

at

**Portloman Water Treatment Plant, Co. Westmeath; Ballany Water Treatment Plant (Lough Lene), Co. Westmeath; Tinahely Water Treatment Plant, Co. Wicklow; Esker Waste Water Pumping Station, Co. Dublin; Lucan Low Waste Water Pumping Station, Co. Dublin; Newcastle Waste Water Pumping Station, Co. Dublin; Blackcastle Lane Waste Water Pumping Station, Co. Meath and Conrnadrung (Gowna) Water Pumping Station, Co. Longford.**

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

- *Lough Owel SAC (000688)*
- *Lough Owel SPA (004047)*
- *The Slaney River Valley SAC (000781)*
- *North Dublin Bay SAC (000206)*
- *North Bull Island SPA (004006)*
- *South Dublin Bay SAC (00210)*
- *South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (004024)*
- *Lough Lene SAC (002121)*
- *River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (004232)*
- *River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (002299)*
- *Lough Oughter and Associated Loughs SAC (004049)*
- *Lough Oughter SPA (000007)*

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**, beyond reasonable scientific doubt, in view of best scientific knowledge, on the basis of objective information and in light of the conservation objectives of the relevant European Site(s), **that the proposed activity, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on all other European Site(s) listed above.**

This determination is based on the nature, location, scale and duration of the proposed works.

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