

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of



Foxes Den and Lough Gill Water Supply Zones, Lead in Drinking Water Mitigation Plan, Co. Sligo.

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 proposed project involves the dosing of Orthophosphate to treated water at Foxes Den Water Treatment Plant. Foxes Den Water Treatment Plant includes Orthophosphate and pH dosing facilities and therefore, there are no construction requirements under the scope of the proposed project.

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

- *Ballysadare Bay SAC (000622)*
- *Cummeen Strand/ Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay) SAC (000627)*
- *Unshin River SAC (0001898)*
- *Lough Gill SAC (001976)*
- *Drumcliff Bay SPA (004013)*
- *Cummeen Strand SPA (004035)*
- *Ballysadare Bay SPA (004129)*
- *Ardboline Island and Horse Island SPA (004135)*
- *Ballintemple and Ballygilgan SPA (004234)*

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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'John Casey', written in a cursive style.

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CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

DATE: 12th May 2023