

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION
Of
Newtown WTP Upgrade, Co. Wexford



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 Project includes the installation of raw water pH conditioning and correction facilities, demolition of the existing chemical storage building, new flocculation tank, installation of flowmeters for individual clarifiers, upgrade of clarifiers, upgrade of filter beds and filter media, new filter gallery with improved access, new backwash water buffer tank, SCADA and EICA upgrades, tie-ins to existing Main Distribution Board (MDB), Motor Control Centers (MCCs), handrails, provision of flouride dosing systems and interconnecting pipework and ducting. The upgrades will be undertaken within the existing WTP site which is located in Wexford town, over 1km west of Wexford General Hospital.

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

- Slaney River Valley SAC (000781)
- Wexford Harbour and Slobs SPA (004076).

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.

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DATE: 12th December 2022