

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

North City Arterial Main, Site Investigations Phase 3, Co. Dublin.

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, Uisce Éireann 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 scope of works involves Phase 3 site investigations (SI) to consist of 31 trail holes/trail pits from the junction of Watermill road and James Larkin road to Bayside Boulevard street and along Kilbarrack road to Naomh Barróg GAA club in Co. Dublin. These SI will consist of cutting through the tarmac/pavement and digging a trench. Typical dimensions for the SI can range from 0.6-1.5m wide x 1.5-6m long, with a depth of between 2-3m as required. These works will inform future installation of the North City Arterial Main.

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

- *South Dublin Bay & River Tolka Estuary SPA [004024]*
- *North Bull Island SPA [004006]*
- *North Dublin Bay SAC [000206]*
- *South Dublin Bay SAC [000210]*
- *Howth Head SAC [000202]*
- *Howth Head Coast SPA [004113]*
- *Baldoyle Bay SPA [004016]*
- *Ireland's Eye SPA [004117]*
- *Malahide Estuary SPA [004025]*

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, **Uisce Éireann 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:

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