

## AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

### Kishawanny Bridge Water Pumping Station, Site Fencing, Co Offaly

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 proposed works will consist of constructing approximately 75 metres of 2.4m high palisade security fence to 3 boundaries to secure the site. Works will also take place to replace the existing access gate with 4m wide, double-leaf, palisade gates. Remedial works are also required on the agricultural gate in the north-west corner to eliminate climbing aid risk by setting new gate post and installing a section of welded mesh fence.

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

- River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (002299) and
- River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (004232)

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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**JOHN CASEY**

**CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR**

**DATE: 02/07/2025**