

**AA SCREENING DETERMINATION**

Of

**Removal of Giant Hogweed at Greenmount WTP, Co. Louth**

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 European Site(s), if the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site(s) listed below:

*Dundalk Bay SAC (000455) and Dundalk Bay SPA (004026)*

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 Site(s) as European Site(s) and as it can be concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant effect on the European Site(s) listed above.

This determination is based on the nature and scale of the proposed treatment, as detailed in the invasive species management plan for this site, being confined within the WTP site and at a distance to any European Sites.

Signed:




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**GERRY GALVIN**

**CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER**

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