

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Goatenbridge WTP Upgrade, Tipperary



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 the replacement of an existing sludge holding tank, replacement of the PFT, provision of a bulk storage tank, modification of the arrangement of existing washwater tanks, replacement of existing soda ash and chlorine bulk storage tanks, provision of a new sodium hypochlorite storage tank and dosing system, provision of a new sludge balancing tank, provision of temporary process tanks (during construction only), provision of a new pH correction storage tank with dosing system, ancillary works and interconnecting pipework. The upgrade will be undertaken within the existing WTP site which is located ca. 2.2km southwest of Goatenbridge Village in Co. Tipperary.

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

- Lower River Suir SAC (002137)

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:

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CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

DATE: 22nd December 2022