

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Water Network Programme

at

Gold Coast Road, Dungarvan, Co Waterford

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 work order for this detailed design refers to the rehabilitation of approximately 1417m mains and all the associated assets for the “Gold Coast Road” work order located in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. The existing mains to be rehabilitated in this workorder consist of the section located between R675 north and the intersection at approx. coordinate E229368, N93191 south. It is proposed to decommission the existing 150mm Ø uPVC and 80mm Ø uPVC mains and replace with 250mm Ø HDPE mains.

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

- Dungarvan Harbour SPA 004032
- Glendine Wood SAC 002324
- Helvick Head to Ballyquin SPA 004192
- Helvick Head SAC 000665
- Mid-Waterford Coast SPA 004193
- Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC 002170
- Comeragh Mountains SAC 001952

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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Casey', is written above a horizontal line.

JOHN CASEY

CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

DATE: 27th February 2023