



Irish Water,
Colvill House,
24/26 Talbot Street,
Dublin 1

17th July 2014

Dear Sir or Madam

I refer to your application for waste water discharge licence for the agglomeration named Skibbereen.

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011) that the Agency has made a determination that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s).

The Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination is available to view below this notice. Please direct any queries that you may have in relation to the above to Gavin Clabby at 021 4875540 or to OCLR Admin Team E at 053-9160600.

Yours sincerely

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Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011, S.I. No. 477 of 2011, the Agency has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activity, 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.


Licence/Permit Application Details:

Reg. No.	D0166-01
Applicant Name:	Irish Water
Location of Agglomeration:	Skibbereen
Licence / Permit Application Date:	22 nd September 2008
European Site(s) assessed:	Roaringwater Bay and Islands SAC (Site Code:000101)
	Sheep's Head to Toe Head SPA (Site Code:004156)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	17 th July 2014

AA Screening Determination:

That the activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of those sites as European Sites and that it can be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on a European site(s), and accordingly the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity is not required.

The recently constructed Skibbereen WWTP discharges effluent that has received secondary treatment (including nitrogen removal) and is adequately dispersed and diluted within relatively short distances of the discharge point in the upper estuary. Furthermore, data from monitoring stations in the lower part of the estuary (which are in or near the European sites) indicate that oxygenation and nutrient conditions are at high status/background levels.



Date: 17/07/2014

Gavin Clabby
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