



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

16 September 2014.

Dear Mr Conroy.

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

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and 2014 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 Agency acknowledges receipt of a Natura Impact Statement, submitted on 4 July 2011.

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 Michelle Reddy at 053-9160600 or to OCLR Admin Team E.

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 and 2013, 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. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site listed below.

Licence/Permit Application Details:

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| Reg. No. | D0303-01 |
| Applicant Name: | Irish Water |
| Location of Agglomeration: | Buttevant |
| Licence / Permit Application Date: | 28 th February 2009 |
| European Site(s) assessed: | SAC Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) (Site Code:002170) |
| Date of AA Screening Determination: | 16 September 2014 |

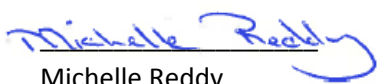
AA Screening Determination:

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

This determination is based on the quality of the receiving water and the current effluent quality discharged into the Awbeg River from the Buttevant agglomeration.

The background concentrations of 0.931mg/l for BOD, 0.031mg/l for Orthophosphate and 0.042mg/l for Total Ammonia upstream of Buttevant WWTP demonstrates that upstream concentrations are compliant with good status and that the receiving water is in compliance with the Environmental Quality Standards (EQSs).

The WWTP is operating well within design capacity (54%) and is of modern infrastructure with tertiary treatment. Mass balance calculations indicate that the receiving water can assimilate the discharge and continue to meet the Environmental Quality Standards (EQSs) downstream of the discharge.



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