



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

06 October 2014

Dear Sir or Madam

I refer to your application for waste water discharge licence for the agglomeration named Whietgate/Aghada.

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 required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s). Please note the Agency shall request a Natura Impact Statement in due course.

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 Éimer Godsil at 053-9160600 or to OCLR Admin Team E.

Yours sincerely

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Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use,
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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:

Reg. No.	D0423-01
Applicant Name:	Irish Water
Location of Agglomeration:	Whitegate/Aghada
Licence / Permit Application Date:	22/06/2009
European Site assessed:	Cork Harbour SPA Site Code: 004030
Date of AA Screening Determination:	02/10/2014

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 cannot be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects will have a significant effect on a European site and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity is required, and for this reason **determined to require the applicant to submit a Natura Impact Statement**. The reasons for the determination are; the discharge of untreated effluent from the agglomeration directly to Cork Harbour SPA, the Water Framework Directive (WFD) status of the receiving water is 'Moderate' and monitoring of the receiving water indicates that the discharge is having an impact for Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen.

Éimer Godsil

Date: 06/10/14

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