Appendix 1

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

Licence/Permit Application Details:

Reg. No.	W0266-01
Applicant Name:	Mallow Contracts Limited
Location of Facility:	Lissard & Ballyhilloge, Mourneabbey, County Cork
Licence Application Date:	13 February 2009
European Site(s) assessed:	Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC (Site Code: 002170)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	24 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 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 following reasons contributed to the determination that the Appropriate Assessment of the activity is required:

- The potential for waste activities to affect local hydrology and water quality, including filling surface water courses, namely the Martin and Peastinagh rivers with waste, possible discharge of sediment from the soil and stone fill and excavation of a new drainage channel to Peastinagh River; and,
- Close proximity (1km) of the facility to the Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC (Site Code: 002170).

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Date: 24 September 2014