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Reg. No: W0266-01

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Waste Licence Application in respect of Mallow Contracts Limited at Lissard & Ballyhilloge, Mourneabbey, Co. Cork

Dear Ms Scanlan

Further to your submission of 18/07/2014, received on 24/07/2014, in relation to an application for a Waste Licence Application in respect of Mallow Contracts Limited at Lissard & Ballyhilloge, Mourneabbey, Co. Cork.

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 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). Notification of this determination is attached for your reference.

In carrying out an Appropriate Assessment the Agency shall take into account each of the matters specified in Regulation 42(12) of the European Communities (Birds and Habitats) Regulations 2011 where applicable.

The application and associated correspondence, including acknowledgements, notifications and general correspondence are available to view on the Agency website at www.epa.ie. You are advised to refer to the website for information on the progress of the application.

Please direct any further correspondence in relation to this matter to Administration, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford.

Yours sincerely

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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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Office of Climate, Licensing, Resources and Research

Date: 24 September 2014