



Irish Water,  
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Dublin 1

30<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Dear Sir,

I refer to your application for waste water discharge licence for the agglomeration named Ballybay and environs.

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and 2013 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 Donal Grant at 053-9160600 or to OCLR Admin Team D.

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

### Licence/Permit Application Details:

<b>Reg. No.</b>	D0207-01
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Irish Water
<b>Location of Agglomeration:</b>	Ballybay, Co. Monaghan
<b>Licence / Permit Application Date:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
<b>European Site(s) assessed:</b>	Lough Oughter & Associated Loughs SAC (Site Code: 000007) Kilroosky Lough Cluster SAC (Site Code: 001786)
<b>Date of AA Screening Determination:</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2015

### 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 activity, 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 following:

The quality of the effluent discharged from the agglomeration,

The absence of hydrological connectivity between the discharges from the agglomeration and the Kilrooskey Lough Complex SAC.

In addition, the Lough Oughter & Associated Loughs SAC is located approximately 30 km downstream of the primary discharge and the downstream receiving water (Annalee River (IE\_NW\_36\_2417)) is classified as having good water quality status under the Water Framework Directive, thereby protecting the water-dependent qualifying interests of the SAC.



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Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015