

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 proposed 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.

Reg. No.	W0028-03
Applicant Name:	Westmeath County Council
Location of Facility:	Ballydonagh Landfill
Technical Amendment Request Date:	3 June 2014
European Site(s) assessed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Crosswood Bog cSAC (002337) 2. Carn Park Bog cSAC (002336) 3. Callows cSAC (000216) 4. Callows SPA (004096) 5. Lough Ree cSAC (000440) 6. Lough Ree SPA (004064) 7. Pilgrim's Road Esker cSAC (001776) 8. Mongan Bog cSAC (000580) 9. Mongan Bog SPA (004017) 10. Fin Lough (Offaly) cSAC (000576) 11. Ferbane Bog cSAC (000575) 12. Moyclare Bog cSAC (000581) 13. Castlesampson Esker cSAC (001625)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	17 December 2014

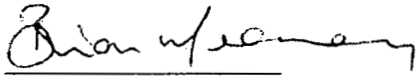
AA Screening Determination:

That the **proposed activity** is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the sites as European sites and that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the **proposed 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 **proposed activity** was not required.

The reasons for this determination are as follows:

- The proposed activity concerns an increase in emission limit values for CO from 650mg/m³ to 1400mg/m³. The only potential route for pollutants associated with the proposed activity is airborne.

- The screening air dispersion model carried out by the licensee shows that ground level concentrations for CO are significantly lower than the relevant air quality standard/limit for CO.
- This being the case, there is no potential for an adverse environmental impact at the European sites caused by the increased limit value for CO emissions at the landfill.



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