



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

02nd April 2015

Dear Mr. Conroy,

I refer to your application for waste water discharge licence for the agglomeration named Courtmacsherry and Timoleague.

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 required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on European sites. 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 Máire Buckley 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 European Sites. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below.

Licence Application Details:

Reg. No.:	D0294-01
Applicant Name:	Irish Water
Location of Agglomeration:	Courtmacsherry and Timoleague
Licence Application Date:	27 th February 2009
European Site(s) assessed:	Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC (Site Code: 001230)
	Courtmacsherry BAY SPA (Site Code: 004219)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	02 nd April 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 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.

This determination is based on:

- The quality of the effluent discharged from the agglomeration, and the potential impacts of those discharges on the receiving water;
- The poor water quality status assigned to the receiving water (Argideen Estuary, IE_SW_090_0200) under the Water Framework Directive; and
- The connectivity of the primary discharge from the agglomeration to the European sites.



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