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Reg. No: W0025-04

Review of an IE Licence Application by Carlow County Council in respect of Powerstown Landfill & Recycling Centre, Kilkenny Road, Carlow.

Dear Mr Connolly

I refer to your application for the review of an IE licence, reference number W0025-04, in respect of a facility at Powerstown Landfill & Recycling Centre, Kilkenny Road, Carlow.

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 a European site(s). Notification of this determination is attached for your reference. The Agency acknowledges receipt of a Natura Impact Statement, submitted on 28 November 2014.

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 and 2013 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,

Noeleen Keavey

Programme Officer

**Environmental Licensing Programme** 





## **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. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site listed below.

## **Consent Details:**

Reg. No.	W0025-04
Applicant Name:	Carlow County Council
Type of Consent Sought:	IE Licence
Location of Installation:	Powerstown Landfill & Recycling Centre, Kilkenny Road, Carlow
Licence/Permit Application Date:	28 November 2014
European Site(s) assessed:	River Barrow and River Nore SAC (Site Code: 002162)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	18 June 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.

The following reasons contributed to the determination that the Appropriate Assessment of the proposed activity is required:

- The activity is located adjacent to River Barrow and River Nore SAC (Site Code: 002162).
- Surface water runoff from the site discharges to the Powerstown Stream which flows into the said European Site.

Ewa Babiarczyk

Office of Climate, Licensing, Resources & Research

Date: 18 June 2015