

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

20/08/2015

Dear Mr Conroy

I refer to your application for waste water discharge licence for the agglomeration named Coachford Agglomeration.

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 Deirdre French at 053-9160600 or to OCLR Admin Team C.

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 Application Details:

Reg. No.:	D0427-01
Applicant Name:	Irish Water
Location of Agglomeration:	Coachford, Co Cork
Licence Application Date:	22/06/2009
European Site(s) assessed:	Great Island Channel SAC (Site Code: 001058) Cork Harbour SPA
	(Site Code: 004030)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	19/08/2015

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:

- 1. The 2013 and 2014 physiochemical monitoring approximately 11 km downstream of the primary discharge (RS19L030600) demonstrates that the results for ammonia, orthophosphate and BOD are within the environmental quality standards specified in the European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009 as amended.
- 2. In 2011, the ecological status of the River Lee at Leemount Bridge, RS19L030700 (approximately 20 km downstream of the primary discharge and 12.5 km upstream of the closest European site) was Q4.
- 3. The Cork Harbour SPA and the Great Island Channel SAC are located approximately 32.5 km and 37.5 km (respectively) downstream of the primary discharge.

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