

### Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

In accordance with Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011, S.I. No. 477 of 2011 (as amended), the Agency has undertaken screening for Appropriate Assessment to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the sites, 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 Sites listed below.

#### Licence/Permit Application Details:

<b>Licence register number:</b>	W0003-03
<b>Applicant name:</b>	South Dublin County Council
<b>Location of installation:</b>	Ballymount Baling Station, Walkinstown, Dublin 12
<b>Technical amendment application date:</b>	11/6/2015
<b>European sites assessed:</b>	Downstream and to the east: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• South Dublin Bay SAC [000210]</li><li>• North Dublin Bay SAC [000206]</li><li>• Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC [003000]</li><li>• South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA [004024]</li><li>• North Bull Island SPA [004006]</li></ul> To the south: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glenasmole Valley SAC [001209]</li><li>• Wicklow Mountains SAC [002122]</li><li>• Wicklow Mountains SPA [004040]</li></ul>
<b>Date of screening determination:</b>	14/1/2016

The Agency has determined that the activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of those sites as European Sites and that it can be excluded on the basis of objective scientific 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 is not required. The reasons are as follows:

- Stormwater from the installation discharges into a local stream that flows to the Camac River, then to the River Liffey and into Dublin Bay. Monitoring in the local stream indicates no deterioration in water quality due to the stormwater discharge from the installation.
- The SACs and SPAs located 5-10km to the south are not hydraulically

connected to the facility and are, with regard to prevailing winds, infrequently downwind of the installation.



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