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Dear Mr Connolly,


I refer to your request received on 29th February 2016 to amend your IE licence, reference number W0201-03.

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended 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).

Notification of this determination is attached for your reference.

Please direct any queries that you may have in relation to this matter to Mr Brian Meaney at 053-9160600 or to Administration, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford.

Yours sincerely



Patrick Doyle
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Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, 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. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below.

Application details:

Licence register number:	W0201-03
Licensee:	Bord na Móna
Location of installation:	In the townlands of Parsonstown, Loughnacush, Kilkeaskin, Drumond, Timahoe West, Coolcarrigan, Killinagh Lower and Killinagh Upper, Carbury, County Kildare.
Type of consent sought:	Technical amendment
Licence amendment application date:	29/2/2016
European sites assessed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballynafagh Lake SAC [001387] • Ballynafagh Bog SAC [000391] • Mouds Bog SAC [002331] • The Long Derries, Edenderry SAC [000925] • River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC [002299] • Pollardstown Fen SAC [000396] • River Barrow and River Nore SAC [002162]
Date of AA screening determination:	11/3/2016

AA Screening Determination:

That the proposed activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European Site 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 any European Site, and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the proposed activity was not required. The reasons for this determination are as follows:

- Discharges to surface water from the installation do not exceed the licence limits other than for ammonia which is attributed to the pumping and discharge of groundwater that has naturally elevated levels of ammonia and a small number of exceedences for suspended solids.
- The site is located in the catchment of the River Barrow. Drainage from the landfill flows through a settlement pond, a constructed wetland, a network of manmade drains across the Bord na Móna landholding and further settlement ponds before it reaches the Cushaling River which supports salmonid and cyprinid fish. The Cushaling is a tributary of the River Figile which converges with the Barrow approximately 35km downstream.

- Biological monitoring of the Cushaling River, involving kick sampling and qualitative assessment of benthic macro-invertebrates, shows the Q-value to be 3-4 which is slightly polluted. According to the licensee's annual environmental report for 2014 and 2013, a similar result was found in 2008 which was before the development of the landfill indicating that the landfill is not having an adverse impact on the River.



Brian Meaney

Office of Environmental Sustainability

Date: 11/3/2016