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## LoCall: 1890 33 55 99 Re: Waste Licence Register Number W0254-01 Walshestown Restoration Limited. Section 49 Extension Request.

Reg. No: W0254-01

## Dear Mr Ross

04 October 2016

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016 received by the Agency in relation to the above request.

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). Notification of this determination is attached for your reference.

Please direct any further correspondence in relation to this matter to Administration, Environmental Licensing Programme, Office of Climate, Licensing, Research & Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford.

Yours sincerely,

Noeleen Roche Programme Officer Environmental Licensing Programme Office of Environmental Sustainability



# **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 **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.

### **Consent Details:**

Reg. No.	W0254-01
Applicant Name:	Walshestown Restoration Limited
Type of Consent Sought:	Extension
Location of Facility:	Blackhall, Tipperkevin and Bawnoge, Naas
Licence Extension Application Date:	28/9/2016
	Red Bog, Kildare SAC [000397]
	Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA [004063]
European Sites assessed:	Wicklow Mountains SAC [002122]
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	Mouds Bog SAC [002331]
	Pollardstown Fen SAC [000396]
	Ballynafagh Bog SAC [000391]
	Ballynafagh Lake SAC [001387]
Date of AA Screening Determination:	30/9/2016

#### AA Screening Determination:

That the **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 **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 **activity** was not required.

The reason for this determination is that there is no water connectivity between the licensed facility and the European sites. The area in the vicinity of the site is drained by the Morell River that flows in a northern-eastern direction around Naas and into the River Liffey. There are no scheduled air emissions from the facility. Dust emissions are regulated by the licence. The prevailing wind is from the west and south-west (met.ie). The distance to downwind European sites is at least 4.5km and the risk of dust blow at this distance is insignificant.

Inspector Name Office of Environmental Sustainability Date: 30/9/2016