

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.	H0006-01
Applicant Name:	Sligo County Council
Type of Consent Sought:	Certificate of Authorisation (closed landfill)
Location of Facility:	Finisklin, Sligo
Certificate Application Date:	16/8/2012
European Sites assessed:	Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay) SAC [000627] Cummeen Strand SPA [004035] Ballysadare Bay SAC [000622] Ballysadare Bay SPA [004129] Drumcliff Bay SPA [004013] Aughris Head SPA [004133] Ballintemple and Ballygilgan SPA [004234] Ardboline Island and Horse Island SPA [004135]
Date of AA Screening Determination:	15/12/2016

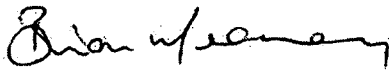
AA Screening Determination:

That the activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any 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 any European site and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity is required, and for this reason determined to require the applicant to submit a Natura Impact Statement.

The reasons for this determination are as follows:

- The closed landfill is adjacent to Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay) SAC and Cummeen Strand SPA

- The applicant presented evidence of landfill leachate seeping into the adjacent SAC and SPA.
- The applicant's conclusion that there is no impact on surface water quality is based on one round of surface water sampling in two locations in Sligo Harbour. This appears to be an inadequate database of sampling data.



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