



Irish Water,
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23/08/2017

Dear Mr. Conroy

I refer to your application for waste water discharge licence for the agglomeration named Courtmacsherry and Timoleague.

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 required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s).

The Agency acknowledges receipt of a Natura Impact Statement, submitted on 14/09/2016.

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 Yvonne English at 053-9160600 or to OCLR Admin Team B.

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 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(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site(s) listed below.

Licence Application Details:

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| Reg. No.: | D0294-02 |
| Applicant Name: | Irish Water |
| Location of Agglomeration: | Courtmacsherry and Timoleague |
| Licence Application Date: | 14/09/2016 |
| European Site(s) assessed: | Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC (Site Code: 001230) Courtmacsherry Bay SPA (Site Code: 004219) |
| Date of AA Screening Determination: | 22/08/2017 |

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.

This determination is based on the following:

- The poor water quality status assigned to the receiving water body, Argideen Estuary (IE_SW_090_0200) and the downstream, Courtmacsherry Bay (IE_SW_090_0000) under the Water Framework Directive.
- The poor quality of the effluent being discharged from the agglomeration.
- The direct discharge from the agglomeration into European Sites.

Yvonne English,
Office of Environmental Sustainability