

Irish Water, Colvill House, 24/26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1

25/05/2018

Dear Mr. Ken Conroy

I refer to your application for waste water discharge licence for the agglomeration named Grenagh.

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).

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 Mr. Breen Higgins at 053-9160600 or to OCLR Admin Team B.

Yours sincerely

Breen Higgins,

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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:

Reg. No.:	D0544-01
Applicant Name:	Irish Water
Location of Agglomeration:	Grenagh, Co. Cork
Licence Application Date:	11 th September 2017
European Site(s) assessed:	Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC (Site Code: 002710)
	Cork Harbour SPA (Site Code: 004030)
	Great Island Channel SAC (Site Code: 001058)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	25/05/2018

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.

This determination is based on the following:

- the quality of the treated effluent discharged from the waste water treatment plant,
- the status of the receiving water downstream of the discharge,
- the fact that the River Blackwater SAC is not hydrologically connected to the Martin River into which the discharge is made, and
- the fact that the Cork Harbour SPA and Great Island Channel SAC are greater than 30 km downstream of the discharge location.

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