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Re: Irish Water, D0544-01, Grenagh agglomeration

Dear Mr O'Flynn

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011) 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). This determination is attached for your reference.

The application and associated correspondence, including acknowledgements, notifications and general correspondence is available to view on the Agency Website at www.epa.ie. You are advised to refer to the website for information on the progress of the application.

Yours sincerely



Eve O'Sullivan
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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.



Breen Higgins,
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