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<u>Historic Landfill Certificate of Authorisation Application by Kilkenny Co Council in respect of Gowran, Ballyragget, Co Kilkenny</u>

Dear Mr Tennyson

I am to acknowledge receipt on 16 March 2018 of documents pertaining to your application for a Historic Landfill Certificate of Authorisation Application Reference Number H0235-01, by Kilkenny Council, in respect of Gowran Historic Landfill.

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

The application and associated correspondence, including acknowledgements, notifications and general correspondence are 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.

Please direct any further correspondence in relation to this matter to Administration, Office of Environmental Sustainability, Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters, PO Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford.

Yours sincerely

Eve O'Sullivan
Programme Officer

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## **Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination**

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011, S.I. No. 477 of 2011, 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 Site listed below.

## **Licence/Permit Application Details:**

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Reg. No.	H0235-01
Applicant Name:	Kilkenny County Council
Location of Facility:	Gowran, County Kilkenny
Certificate of Authorisation Application Date:	16/03/2018
European Site assessed:	River Barrow and River Nore SAC (Site Code: 002162)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	23/07/2018

## **AA Screening Determination:**

That the activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as a European Site and that it can be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on a European site, and accordingly the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity is not required.

The reason for this determination is as follows:

The closest Natura 2000 site is the River Barrow and River Nore (SAC 002162)
which is located c.5.5km east of the site. Given the distance from the Gowran
former landfill site the proposed remedial works do not present any risk to the River
Barrow and River Nore SAC.

Date: <u>23/07/2018</u>

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