

## 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 European Sites. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below.

### Consent Details:

<b>Reg. No.</b>	H0291-01
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Limerick City & County Council.
<b>Type of Consent Sought:</b>	Certificate of Authorisation.
<b>Location of Facility:</b>	Churchtown Landfill, Churchtown, Newcastle West, County Limerick.
<b>Certificate of Authorisation Application Date:</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
<b>European Sites assessed:</b>	Lower River Shannon SAC (Site Code: 002165)
	Askeaton Fen Complex SAC (Site code: 002279)
	Stack's to Mullaghareirk Mountains, West Limerick Hills and Mount Eagle SPA (Site code: 004161)
	River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA (Site code: 004077)
<b>Date of AA Screening Determination:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019

### 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.

The reason for this determination is as follows:

- Although there is no discharge to surface waters from the closed landfill, it cannot be certain that the landfill leachate which infiltrates into the underlying aquifer does not ultimately reach a surface waterbody that is hydrologically connected to the above European Sites.



Ewa Babiarczyk  
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Date: 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019