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Reg No H0022-01

<u>Historic Landfill Certificate of Authorisation Application by Cavan County Council in respect of Mullagh Landfill</u>

Dear Ms Keating

I am to refer to the above referenced application for a certificate of authorisation in relation to Mullagh 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 required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on European sites. Notification of this determination is attached for your reference.

In carrying out an Appropriate Assessment the Agency shall take into account each of the matters specified in Regulation 42(12) of the European Communities (Birds and Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, where applicable.

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, P.O. 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 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:**

Reg. No.	H0022-01
Applicant Name:	Cavan County Council
Type of Consent Sought:	Certificate of Authorisation
Location of Facility:	Mullagh Landfill, Rantavan,
	Mullagh, County Cavan.
Certificate of Authorisation Application Date:	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2013
European Sites assessed:	Killyconny Bog (Cloghbally) SAC (Site Code: 000006)
	River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (Site Code: 002299)
	River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (Site Code: 004232)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	20 <sup>th</sup> August 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:

• there is hydrological connectivity between the landfill site and surface waters which discharge into the above European Sites.

Date: 20th August 2019

Ewa Babiarczyk

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