

Mr Ken Conroy Irish Water Colvill House 24/26 Talbot Street Dublin 1

20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Mr Conroy

I refer to your application for waste water discharge licence for the agglomeration named **Millstreet** and Environs (D0332-02).

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 a European site(s).

The Agency acknowledges receipt of a Natura Impact Statement, submitted on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

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 Siobhán Egan at 053-9160600 or the OCLR Admin Team B.

Yours sincerely

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

## Licence Application Details:

Reg. No.:	D0332-02
Applicant Name:	Irish Water
Location of Agglomeration:	Millstreet & Environs
Licence Application Date:	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
European Site(s) assessed:	Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC (Site code: 002170)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	19 <sup>th</sup> November 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, **and for this reason determined to require the applicant to submit a Natura Impact Statement**.

This determination is based on the following:

• The qualifying interests of nearby designated sites being dependent on water and water quality attributes of receiving waters.

Siobhán Egan Office of Environmental Sustainability