

Irish Water
Colvill House
24/26 Talbot Street
Dublin 1



06 April 2020

Dear Sir or Madam

I refer to your application for waste water discharge licence for the agglomeration named Youghal (D0139-02).

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 European sites. Please note the Agency shall request a Natura Impact Statement in due course.

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 Christine Murphy at 053-9160600.

Yours sincerely

Christine Murphy
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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.

Licence Application Details:

Reg. No.:	D0139-02
Applicant Name:	Irish Water
Location of Agglomeration:	Cork
Licence Application Date:	20/03/2020
European Sites assessed:	Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC (Site Code: 002170) Ballymacoda (Clonpriest and Pillmore) SAC (Site Code: 000077) Blackwater Estuary SPA (Site Code: 004028) Ballymacoda Bay SPA (Site Code: 004023) Helvick Head to Ballyquin SPA (Site Code: 004192)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	06/04/2020

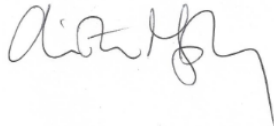
AA Screening Determination:

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:

1. The proximity of the discharges to Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC, Ballymacoda (Clonpriest and Pillmore) SAC, Blackwater Estuary SPA, Ballymacoda Bay SPA and Helvick Head to Ballyquin SPA.

2. The presence of water-dependent habitats and species associated with the Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC and the presence of water-dependent habitats associated with the Ballymacoda (Clonpriest and Pillmore) SAC, Blackwater Estuary SPA and Ballymacoda Bay SPA
3. The potential for bird species associated with Helvick Head to Ballyquin SPA, Ballymacoda Bay SPA and Blackwater Estuary SPA to forage in close proximity to the discharges.
4. The volume of the discharges from the agglomeration.



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