

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.	H0176-01
Applicant Name:	Galway County Council
Type of Consent Sought:	Certificate of Authorisation
Location of Facility:	Tullyvogheen, Clifden, County Galway
Certificate of Authorisation Application Date:	16 th July 2020
European Sites assessed:	The Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex SAC (site code: 002031)
	West Connacht Coast SAC (site code: 002998)
	Slyne Head Peninsula SAC (site code: 002074)
	Connemara Bog Complex SAC (site code: 002034)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	25 th January 2021

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 reasons for this determination is as follows:

- The unnamed stream (waterbody code: IE_WE_32O030300) flows through the site and discharges into The Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex SAC (site code: 002031), 1km downstream of the site. Although this stream is culverted within the site, the 'Further Information – Hydrology/Tier 3 GQRA/CSM' Report states that the landfill leachate is entering the stream. Hence, there is a hydrological connection between the closed landfill and this European Site.

- There is a hydrological connection, via the said unnamed stream which discharges into the Owenglin River (waterbody code: IE_WE_320030300), which then flows into the transitional waterbody (waterbody code: IE_WE_270_0100) and coastal waters (waterbody codes: IE_WE_250_0000 and IE_WE_260_0000), between the closed landfill and the following European Sites: the West Connacht Coast SAC (002998), Slyne Head Peninsula SAC (002074), and Connemara Bog Complex SAC (002034).



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