

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.	H0223-01
Applicant Name:	Kildare County Council
Type of Consent Sought:	Certificate of Authorisation
Location of Facility:	Digby Bridge, Barrettstown, Sallins, County Kildare
Certificate of Authorisation Application Date:	6 th November 2020
	North Dublin Bay SAC (site code: 000206)
	North Bull Island SPA (site code: 004006)
	South Dublin Bay SAC (site code: 000210)
	South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (site code: 004024)
	Ballynafagh Bog SAC (site code: 000391)
	Ballynafagh Lake SAC (site code: 001387)
	Mouds Bog SAC (site code: 002331)
	Pollardstown Fen SAC (site code: 000396)
	Red Bog, Kildare SAC (site code: 000397)
	Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA (site code: 004063)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	9 th February 2021

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That the activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site and that it can 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 was not required.

The reasons for this determination are as follows:

- Groundwater flowing beneath the site discharges into the Liffey River (waterbody code: IE_EA_09L011500) which ultimately forms the Liffey Estuary Lower transitional waterbody (waterbody code: IE_EA_090_0300). However the designated sites, linked via the transitional waterbody, are located 50km or further downstream of the site (North Dublin

Bay SAC (site code: 000206), North Bull Island SPA (site code: 004006), South Dublin Bay SAC (site code: 000210) and South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (site code: 004024)). Given the distance from the site, the closed landfill does not present a risk to the qualifying interests of the listed European Sites.

- There is no hydrological connection between the closed landfill and the remaining European Sites: Ballynafagh Bog SAC (site code: 000391), Ballynafagh Lake SAC (site code: 001387), Mouds Bog SAC (site code: 002331), Pollardstown Fen SAC (site code: 000396), Red Bog, Kildare SAC (site code: 000397) and Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA (site code: 004063).



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