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. | H0319-01 |
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| Applicant Name: | Mayo County Council |
| Type of Consent Sought: | Certificate of Authorisation |
| Location of Facility: | Claremorris Historic Landfill, Kilbeg, Claremorris, County Mayo |
| Certificate of Authorisation Application Date: | 1 st October 2020 |
| European Sites assessed: | Lough Carra/Mask Complex SAC (site code: 001774) |
| | Lough Mask SPA (site code: 004062) |
| | Lough Carra SPA (site code: 004051) |
| | Carrowkeel Turlough SAC (site code: 000475) |
| | River Moy SAC (site code: 002298) |
| | Lough Corrib SAC (site code: 000297) |
| | Lough Corrib SPA (site code: 0004042) |
| | Kilglassan/Caheravoostia Turlough Complex SAC (site code: 000504) |
| | Balla Turlough SAC (site code: 000463) |
| | Greaghans Turlough SAC (site code: 000503) |
| | Towerhill House SAC (site code: 002179) |
| | Ardkill Turlough SAC (site code: 000461) |
| | Ballinafad SAC (site code: 002081) |
| Date of AA Screening Determination: | 1 st April 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 reason for this determination is as follows:

- There is a hydrological connection between the closed landfill and Carra/Mask Complex SAC (site code: 001774) and Lough Mask SPA (site code: 004062) and, despite the fact that these European Sites are located approximately 45km downstream of the site, it cannot be excluded, based on the submitted monitoring results for surface water and groundwater, that the closed landfill will have no effect on these European Sites.
- There is no hydrological connection between the closed landfill and the rest of the European Sites.

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Date: <u>1st April 2021</u>

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