

## Habitats Directive Project Screening Assessment

Table 1: Project Details

Development Consent Type	Permission
Development Location	Ballinameela, Cappgh
File Ref	16/729
Description of the project	AD facility

Table 2: Identification of Natura 2000 Sites (SACs and SPAs) which may be impacted by the proposed development

Please answer the following five questions in order to determine whether there are any Natura 2000 sites which could potentially be impacted by the proposed development.

Impacts on SACs		
1	<p><b>Impacts On Freshwater Habitats</b>  <i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include freshwater habitats, or in the catchment of same?</i></p> <p>Sites to consider: Blackwater River, Lower River Suir</p> <p>Habitats to consider:                      Rivers, Lakes and Lagoons.</p>	No
2	<p><b>Impacts On Wetland Habitats</b>  <i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include wetland habitats, or within 1 km of same?</i></p> <p>Sites to consider: Comeragh Mountains</p> <p>Habitats to consider:                      Bogs, Fens, Marshes and Wet Heaths.</p>	No
3	<p><b>Impacts on Intertidal and Marine Habitats</b>  <i>Is the development located within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include intertidal and/or marine habitats and species, or within the catchment of same.</i></p> <p>Sites to consider: Tramore Dunes and Backstrand,                      River Suir (Tidal Section as far as Carrick on Suir ), River Blackwater (Tidal Section as far as Cappoquin), Waterford Estuary</p>	No

Impacts on SACs		
	Habitats to consider: Mudflats, Sandflats, Saltmarsh, Estuary; Shingle, Reefs, Sea Cliffs.	
4	<p>Impacts On Woodlands , Grasslands and Dry Heaths <i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying habitats include woodlands or grasslands habitats, or within 200m of same.</i></p> <p>Sites to consider: Glendine Wood Nire Valley Woods, Ardmore Head, Helvick Head</p> <p>Habitats to consider: Woodlands, Grasslands or Dunes.</p>	No
Impacts on SPAs		
5	<p>Impacts On Birds <i>Is the development within a Special Protection Area, or within 1 km of same.</i></p> <p>Sites to consider: Tramore Backstrand, Dungarvan Bay, Blackwater Callows, Blackwater Estuary, Helvick Head, Ballyquin Coast, Mid Waterford Coast</p>	No

#### Conclusion Table 2:

If the answer to all of these questions is No, significant impacts can be ruled out for Natura 2000 sites. No further assessment is required, proceed to the Habitats Directive Conclusion Statement.

#### Habitats Directive Screening Conclusion Statement

Development Type	Permission
Development Location	Ballinameela, Cappagh

Natura 2000 sites within impact zone	None
Planning File Ref	16/729
Description of the project: AD Facility	
Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) could affect Natura 2000 site(s).	
If there are potential negative impacts, explain whether you consider if these are likely to be significant, and if not, why not.	
As above.	
<b>Conclusion of assessment</b> "Significant impacts can be ruled out" in regard to the proposed development in relation to the European Natura 2000 Sites as identified. Having regard to the location of the subject site and to the nature of the proposed development, and the intervening distance with the identified Natura 2000 Sites, I consider that no appropriate assessment issues arise in this case. In my opinion the proposed development either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 Site.	
Documentation reviewed for making of this statement.	
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