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On behalf of Louth County Council



15 December 2021

Reg. No. W0033-02

Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence review from Louth County Council in respect of the facility located at Collon Road, Mell, Drogheda, Louth, A92 N126

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to your application for a licence review in respect of the facility located at Collon Road, Mell, Drogheda, Louth, A92 N126.

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 EPA 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 a European site(s). Notification of this determination is attached for your reference. Please note the EPA shall request a Natura Impact Statement in due course.

In carrying out an Appropriate Assessment the EPA shall take into account each of the matters specified in Regulation 42(12) of the European Communities (Birds and Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, where applicable.

The EPA shall publish a Notice for Public Consultation on Appropriate Assessment under Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended.

Submissions or observations on a licence application can be made to the Agency in relation to Appropriate Assessment as set out in the notice for public consultation.

The application and all associated correspondence including the notice for public consultation are available to view on the EPA website at www.epa.ie. You are advised to refer to the website for information on the progress of the application.

If you have any further queries, please contact licensing@epa.ie.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jennifer Cope'.

Environmental Licensing Programme
Office of Environmental Sustainability
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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 activities, individually or in combination with other plans or projects are 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.	W0033-02
Applicant Name:	Louth County Council
Type of Consent Sought:	Waste
Location of facility:	Collon Road, Mell, Drogheda, Louth, A92 N126
Licence Review Application Date:	17/07/2020
European Sites assessed:	River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (Site Code: 002299)
	Boyne Coast and Estuary SAC (Site Code: 001957)
	Clogher Head SAC (Site Code: 001459)
	River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (Site Code: 004232)
	Boyne Estuary SPA (Site Code: 004080)
	River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA (Site Code: 004158)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	15/12/2021

AA Screening Determination:

That the activities are 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 activities, 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 activities is required, and for this reason determined to require the applicant to submit a Natura Impact Statement.

This determination is based on the following reason:

- The distance and hydrological connection between the installation and the European sites, River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (site code: 002299), River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (Site Code: 004232), Boyne Coast and Estuary SAC (site code 001957) and Boyne Estuary SPA (site code 004080).

Jennifer Cope

Date: 15/12/2021

Jennifer Cope
Office of Environmental Sustainability