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Mr. Jason McGrath
On behalf of Ashleigh Farms (Waterford) Limited



02 February 2022

Reg. No. P0447-02

Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence review from Ashleigh Farms (Waterford) Limited in respect of the installation located at Ashleigh House, Ballynameelagh, Cappagh, County Waterford, X35 T181.

Dear Mr. McGrath,

I refer to your application for a licence review in respect of the installation located at Ashleigh House, Ballynameelagh, Cappagh, County Waterford, X35 T181 .

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,

Philip Stack

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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 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.	P0447-02
Applicant Name:	Ashleigh Farms (Waterford) Limited
Type of Consent Sought:	IEL
Location of installation:	Ashleigh House, Ballynameelagh, Cappagh, Waterford, X35 T181
Licence Application Date:	27/05/2021
European Sites assessed:	Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC (002170)
	Dungarvan Harbour SPA (004032)
	Helvick Head to Ballyquin SPA (004192)
	Helvick Head SAC (000665)
	Blackwater Estuary SPA (004028)
	Glendine Wood SAC (002324)
	Ardmore Head SAC (002123)
	Comeragh Mountains SAC (001952)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	02 February 2022

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.**

- Air emissions from the installation have the potential for adverse impact on sensitive receptors due to elevated ammonia levels and / or nitrogen deposition at European sites.
- There are potential surface water pathways connecting the installation to European sites, therefore, there is potential for adverse impact of emissions to water and their consequential potential impact on sensitive receptors cannot be ruled out at European sites.



Philip Stack
Office of Environmental Sustainability

Date: 02 February 2022