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Mr. Paraic Fay  
On behalf of Knockronaghan Farm Limited



15 February 2022

Reg. No. P1160-01

**Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence application from Knockronaghan Farm Limited in respect of the installation located at Knockronaghan, Monaghan, County Monaghan.**

Dear Mr. Fay,

I refer to your application for a licence application in respect of the installation located at Knockronaghan, Monaghan, County Monaghan.

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](http://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](mailto: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 activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Sites. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below.

### Consent Details:

<b>Reg. No.</b>	P1160-01
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Knockronaghan Farm Limited
<b>Type of Consent Sought:</b>	IEL
<b>Location of installation:</b>	Knockronaghan, Monaghan, County Monaghan
<b>Licence Application Date:</b>	10 September 2021
<b>European Sites assessed:</b>	Slieve Beagh SPA (Site Code: 004167)
	Kilrooskey Lough Cluster SAC (Site Code: 001786)
	Slieve Beagh-Mullaghfad – Lisnakea SPA (NI) (UK9020302)
	Slieve Beagh SAC (NI) (UK0016622)
	Magheraveeley Marl Loughs SAC (NI) (UK0016621)
<b>Date of AA Screening Determination:</b>	15 February 2022

### 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, **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.