

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.	H0192-01
Applicant Name:	Galway County Council
Type of Consent Sought:	Certificate of Authorisation
Location of Facility:	Tuam Historic Landfill, Rinkippen, Tuam, County Galway
Certificate of Authorisation Application Date:	25 th November 2021
European Sites assessed:	Lough Corrib SAC (site code: 000297)
	Lough Corrib SPA (site code: 004042)
	Levally Lough SAC (site code: 000295)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	16 th 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. The reasons for this determination are as follows:

- There is a hydrological connection between the closed landfill and the Lough Corrib SAC (site code: 000297), via the adjacent surface water drainage system that discharges into the Killeelaun river (waterbody code: IE_WE_30C010800, segment code: 30_2244) to the north of the landfill, and the unnamed river (waterbody code: IE_WE_30C010800, segment code 30_2639) to the south of the landfill. The Killeelaun river and the unnamed river form parts of the Lough Corrib SAC (site code: 000297).
- There is a hydrological connection between the closed landfill and the Lough Corrib SPA (site code: 004042), via the Killeelaun River (waterbody code: IE_WE_30C010800, segment code: 30_2244) and the unnamed river (waterbody code: IE_WE_30C010800, segment code 30_2639), both of which discharge into the Clare Galway river (waterbody code: IE_WE_30C010800) which forms part of the Lough Corrib SPA (site code: 004042).
- There is no hydrological connection between the closed landfill and the Levally Lough SAC (site code: 000295).



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