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Mr. Michael Sweeney
On behalf of Harvest Lodge Pigs Limited



01 March 2022

Reg. No. P0412-02

Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence review from Harvest Lodge Pigs Limited in respect of the installation located at Gortnamuc, Kilcormac, County Offaly, R42V079.

Dear Mr. Sweeney,

I refer to your application for a licence review in respect of the installation located at Gortnamuc, Kilcormac, County Offaly, R42V079 .

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 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:

Reg. No.	P0412-02
Applicant Name:	Harvest Lodge Pigs Limited
Type of Consent Sought:	IEL
Location of Installation:	Gortnamuc, Kilcormac, County Offaly, R42V079
Licence Application Date:	18 September 2020
European Sites assessed:	Slieve Bloom Mountains SPA (004160)
	Clonaslee Eskers and Derry Bog SAC (000859)
	Slieve Bloom Mountains SAC (000412)
	Island Fen SAC (002236)
	Dovegrove Callows SPA (004137)
	Ridge Road SW of Rapemills SAC (000919)
	Ferbane Bog SAC (000575)
	Lisduff Fen SAC (002147)
	All Saints Bog and Esker SAC (000566)
	Moyclare Bog SAC (000581)
	All Saints Bog SPA (004103)
	Middle Shannon Callows SPA (004096)
	River Shannon Callows SAC (000216)
	River Little Brosna Callows SPA (004086)
	Charleville Wood SAC (000571)
	River Barrow and River Nore SAC (002162)
Sharvogue Bog SAC (000585)	
Ballyduff-Clonfinane Bog SAC (000641)	

	Clara Bog SAC (000572)
	Redwood Bog SAC (002353)
	Fin Lough (Offaly) SAC (000576)
	Arragh More (Derrybreen) Bog SAC (002207)
	Pilgrims Road Esker SAC (001776)
	Coolrain Bog SAC (002332)
	Mongan Bog SAC (000580)
	Mongan Bog SPA (004017)
	Kilcarren-Firville Bog SAC (000647)
	River Nore SPA (004233)
	River Suck Callows SPA (004097)
	Liskeenan Fen SAC (001683)
	Knockacoller Bog SAC (002333)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	01 March 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.

Philip Stack
Office of Environmental Sustainability

Date: 01 March 2022