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Reg. No. H0194-01

Re: Historic Landfill Certificate of Authorisation Application by Kerry County Council in respect of a closed landfill at Ahascra Historic Landfill, Lisselton, County Kerry.

Dear Mr. Lynch,

We refer to the above referenced application for a certificate of authorisation in relation to the Ahascra Historic Landfill.

We are to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, that the Agency 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 European sites. Notification of this determination is attached for your reference.

In carrying out an Appropriate Assessment the Agency 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 application and associated correspondence, including acknowledgements, notifications and general correspondence are available to view on the Agency website at www.epa.ie. You are advised to refer to the website for information on the progress of the application.

Please direct any further correspondence in relation to this matter to Historic Landfill Applications, Circular Economy Regulation, Circular Economy Programme, Environmental Protection Agency at the above address, quoting the Register Number H0194-01.

Yours sincerely

Circular Economy 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 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.	H0194-01
Applicant Name:	Kerry County Council
Type of Consent Sought:	Certificate of Authorisation
Location of Facility:	Ahascra Historic Landfill, Lisselton, County Kerry
Certificate of Authorisation Application Date:	17 th September 2021
European Sites assessed:	Lower River Shannon SAC (site code: 002165)
	Kerry Head SPA (site code: 004189)
	River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA (site code: 004077)
	Stack's to Mullaghareirk Mountains, West Limerick Hills and Mount Eagle SPA (site code: 004161)
	Moanveanlagh Bog SAC (site code: 002351)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	09 th May 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 Lower River Shannon SAC (002165) via the site perimeter drains which discharge, via a network of drainage channels, into the Feale river (river segment code: 23_2056) (assigned also as the Cashen transitional waterbody (transitional waterbody code: IE_SH_060_0100)). The Feale river /Cashen transitional waterbody are designated as part of the Lower River Shannon SAC (002165).
- There is a hydrological connection between the closed landfill and the Kerry Head SPA (site code: 004189) and the River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA (site code: 004077) via the site perimeter drains which discharge, via a network of drainage channels, into the Feale river (river segment code: 23_2056) /Cashen transitional waterbody (transitional waterbody code: IE_SH_060_0100), which in turn discharge into the Coastal Waters (European code: IE_SH_060_0000). Parts of the Coastal Waters (IE_SH_060_0000) are designated as the Kerry

Head SPA (site code: 004189) and the River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA (site code: 004077).

- There is no hydrological connection between the closed landfill and the Stack's to Mullaghareirk Mountains, West Limerick Hills and Mount Eagle SPA (site code: 004161) or Moanveanlagh Bog SAC (site code: 002351).



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Date: 09th May 2022