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Reg No H0203-01

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

Dear Mr. Lynch,

We refer to the above referenced application for a certificate of authorisation in relation to Dingle 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 H0203-01.

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.	H0203-01
Applicant Name:	Kerry County Council
Type of Consent Sought:	Certificate of Authorisation
Location of Facility:	Dingle Historic Landfill, Kilfountain, Dingle, County Kerry
Certificate of Authorisation Application Date:	17 th September 2021
European Sites assessed:	Dingle Peninsula SPA (site code: 004153)
	Blasket Islands SAC (site code: 002172)
	Blasket Islands SPA (site code: 004008)
	Mount Brandon SAC (site code: 000375)
	Tralee Bay and Magharees Peninsula, West to Cloghane SAC (site code: 002070)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	20 th June 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 Dingle Peninsula SPA (site code: 004153), via the adjacent Kilfountain River (waterbody code: IE_SW_22M030400, segment code: 22_1196) which discharges into the Milltown River (waterbody code: IE_SW_22M030400, segment code: 22_3998), which in turn flows into the Dingle Harbour (waterbody code: IE_SW_240_0000). Parts of the Dingle Peninsula SPA (site code: 004153) are located immediately adjacent to the Dingle Harbour.
- There is a hydrological connection between the closed landfill and the Blasket Islands SAC (site code: 002172), Blasket Islands SPA (site code: 004008), the Mount Brandon SAC (site code: 000375) and the Tralee Bay and Magharees Peninsula, West to Cloghane SAC (site code: 002070) via the adjacent Kilfountain River (waterbody code: IE_SW_22M030400, segment code: 22_1196). The Kilfountain River discharges into the Milltown River (waterbody code: IE_SW_22M030400, segment code: 22_3998), which flows into the Dingle

Harbour (waterbody code: IE_SW_240_0000), which discharges into the Outer Dingle Bay (waterbody code: IE_SW_230_0000), which in turn discharges into the South Western Atlantic Seaboard.

The South Western Atlantic Seaboard forms parts of the Blasket Islands SAC (site code: 002172) and Blasket Islands SPA (site code: 004008). The Mount Brandon SAC (site code: 000375) and Tralee Bay and Magharees Peninsula, West to Cloghane SAC (site code: 002070) are located immediately adjacent to the Southwestern Atlantic Seaboard. However, given the distance from the site, via the said waterbodies, the closed landfill does not present a risk to the qualifying interests of these four European Sites.



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Date: 20th June 2022