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Reg No H0181-01

Re: Historic Landfill Certificate of Authorisation Application by Galway County Council in respect of a closed landfill at Gort Historic Landfill, Bridge Street, Gort, County Galway.

Dear Mr. Ryder,

We refer to the above referenced application for a certificate of authorisation in relation to Gort 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](http://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 H0181-01.

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:

<b>Reg. No.</b>	H0181-01
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Galway County Council
<b>Type of Consent Sought:</b>	Certificate of Authorisation
<b>Location of Facility:</b>	Gort Historic Landfill, Bridge Street, Gort, County Galway
<b>Certificate of Authorisation Application Date:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
<b>European Sites assessed:</b>	Coole-Garryland Complex SAC (site code: 000252)
	Coole-Garryland SPA (site code: 004107)
	Caherglassaun Turlough SAC (Site code: 000238)
	Kiltartan Cave (Coole) SAC (Site code: 000286)
	East Burren Complex SAC (Site code: 001926)
	Lough Cutra SAC (Site code: 000299)
	Lough Cutra SPA (Site code: 004056)
	Slieve Aughty Mountains SPA (Site code: 004168)
<b>Date of AA Screening Determination:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> July 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 Coole-Garryland Complex SAC (Site code: 000252) and Coole-Garryland SPA (Site code: 004107) via the adjacent Cannahowna river (waterbody code IE\_WE\_29C010200, segment code: 29\_810) which forms

part of the Coole-Garryland Complex SAC (Site code: 000252) and Coole-Garryland SPA (Site code: 004107).

- There is a hydrological connection between the closed landfill and the Caherglassaun Turlough SAC (Site code: 000238) via the adjacent Cannahowna river (waterbody code IE\_WE\_29C010200, segment code: 29\_810) prior to discharging into the Kilchreest river (waterbody code: IE\_WE\_29K022100, segment code: 29\_534). The Kilchreest rivers forms part of the Caherglassaun Turlough SAC (Site code: 000238).
- There may be an occasional hydrological connection between the closed landfill and Kiltartan Cave (Coole) SAC (Site code: 000286), via flood waters arising from the Cannahowna river.
- East Burren Complex SAC (Site code: 001926) is located upstream of Coole-Garryland Complex SAC (Site code: 000252) and Coole-Garryland SPA (Site code: 004107), therefore there will be no impact from the closed landfill on this European Site.
- The following sites are located upstream and at a significant distance from the closed landfill: Lough Cutra SAC (Site code: 000299), Lough Cutra SPA (Site code: 004056) and Slieve Aughty Mountains SPA (Site code: 004168), therefore there will be no impact from the closed landfill on these three European Sites.



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Office of Environmental Sustainability

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022