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Mr. Paraic Fay
On behalf of Woodburn Farms Limited



17 August 2022

Reg. No. P1175-01

Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence application from Woodburn Farms Limited in respect of the installation located at Kilnamaddy, Newbliss, Monaghan

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to your application for an industrial emissions licence in respect of the installation located at Kilnamaddy, Newbliss, Monaghan.

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 European sites. 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,

Environmental Licensing 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.	P1175-01
Applicant Name:	Woodburn Farms Limited
Type of Consent Sought:	Industrial Emissions Licence
Location of installation:	Kilnamaddy, Newbliss, Monaghan
Licence Application Date:	22 March 2022
European Site(s) assessed:	Magheraveely Marl Loughs N.I. SAC (Site Code: UK0016621)
	Kilroosky Lough Cluster SAC (Site Code: 001786)
	Lough Oughter and Associated Loughs SAC (Site Code: 000007)
	Slieve Beagh N.I. SAC (Site Code: UK0016622)
	Upper Lough Erne N.I. SAC (Site Code: UK0016614)
	Upper Lough Erne N.I. SPA (Site Code: UK9020071)
	Slieve Beagh-Mullaghfad-Lisnaskea N.I. SPA (Site Code: UK9020302)
	Slieve Beagh SPA (Site Code: 004167)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	17 August 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.

This determination has been made in light of the following reasons:

- Air emissions of ammonia (and associated nitrogen deposition) from the installation have the potential for effects on qualifying interest habitats and species in the European Sites listed above due to their proximity to the installation.
- The closest European sites, Magheraveely Marl Loughs N.I. SAC and Kilroosky Lough Cluster SAC, are within 10km of the installation boundary. Alkaline fens [7230] which are particularly sensitive to ammonia are listed as qualifying interests in the Conservation Objectives documents for both of these European Sites. Information in relation to European Sites is available on www.npws.ie and www.daera-ni.gov.uk/.
- Regard has been had to the EPA's Licence Application Guidance (Assessment of the Impact of Ammonia and Nitrogen on Natura 2000 Sites from Intensive Agriculture Installations, Version 1, May 2021) and the online screening tool SCAIL Agriculture as part of this Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination.
- Taking all of the foregoing into account it is considered that significant effects on European Sites and their qualifying interests due to emissions to air from the installation cannot be ruled out at the screening stage and based on the precautionary principle this determination is that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required.

Documents relating to the licence application are available on the Agency's website at www.epa.ie

Rachel Neeson

Date: 17 August 2022

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Office of Environmental Sustainability