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On behalf of Uisce Éireann



01 March 2023

Reg. No. D0544-02

Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence application from Uisce Éireann in respect of the agglomeration named Grenagh

Dear Sir,

I refer to your application for a licence application in respect of the agglomeration named Grenagh.

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 not required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s). Notification of this determination is attached for your reference.

The application and all associated correspondence 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Una Prendergast'.

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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 waste water discharges activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site(s) listed below.

Consent Details:

Reg. No.	D0544-02
Applicant Name:	Uisce Éireann
Type of Consent Sought:	WWDL
Location of agglomeration:	Water Services, Floor 11, County Hall, Cork, Cork
Licence Review Application Date:	20 September 2022
European Site(s) assessed:	Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC (Site Code: 002170)
	Cork Harbour SPA (Site Code: 004030)
	Great Island Channel SAC (Site Code: 001058)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	01 March 2023

AA Screening Determination:


That the waste water discharges are not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site and that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the waste water discharges, 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 was not required.

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

1. The River Blackwater (Cork/Waterford) SAC is not hydrologically connected to the Martin River (the receiving water) and therefore there is no likelihood of any significant effects arising.
2. The proposed discharges are considered to have no likely impact on European sites due to the large distances (over 30km downstream) between the discharges into the Martin River and the qualifying interests of the Cork Harbour SPA and the Great Channel Island SAC.

Information in relation to European Sites is available on www.npws.ie

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



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Date: 01/03/2023