

Ms. Sheelagh Flanagan  
On behalf of Uisce Éireann



13 March 2023

Reg. No. D0437-02

**Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence review from Uisce Éireann in respect of the agglomeration named Boherbue and Environs**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to your application for a licence review in respect of the agglomeration named Boherbue and Environs.

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 a European site. Notification of this determination is attached for your reference. The EPA acknowledges receipt of a Natura Impact Statement, submitted on the 05/10/2023.

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](http://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](mailto:licensing@epa.ie).

Yours faithfully,

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

### Consent Details:

<b>Reg. No.</b>	D0437-02
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Uisce Éireann
<b>Type of Consent Sought:</b>	Review of a waste water discharge licence
<b>Location of agglomeration:</b>	Boherbue, Co Cork
<b>Review Application Date:</b>	05/01/2023
<b>European Site assessed:</b>	Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC
<b>Date of AA Screening Determination:</b>	13/03/2023

### 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 cannot 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 waste water discharges is required. The EPA acknowledges receipt of a Natura Impact Statement, submitted on 05/01/2023.

This determination is based on the potential for impacts from waste water discharges on the water dependent qualifying habitats and species of the Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC due to the fact that the proposed discharges are directly into the European Site.

Information in relation to European Sites is available on [www.npws.ie](http://www.npws.ie)

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