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Ms. Julie McMahon
On behalf of Donegal County Council



24 April 2023

Reg. No. W0024-05

Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence review from Donegal County Council in respect of the facility located at Ballynacarrick, Ballintra, Donegal, F94 AY99

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to your application for a licence review in respect of the facility located at Ballynacarrick, Ballintra, Donegal, F94 AY99.

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(s). Notification of this determination is attached for your reference. The EPA acknowledges receipt of a Natura Impact Statement, submitted on 12/01/2023.

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 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 a European Site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site(s) listed below.

Consent Details:

Reg. No.	W0024-05
Applicant Name:	Donegal County Council
Type of Consent Sought:	Waste
Location of facility:	Ballynacarrick, Ballintra, Donegal, F94 AY99
Licence Review Application Date:	23/12/2022
European Site(s) assessed:	Ballintra SAC (Site Code: 000115)
	Lough Golagh and Breesy Hill SAC (Site Code: 002164)
	Dunmuckrum Turloughs SAC (Site Code: 002303)
	Lough Melvin SAC (Site Code: 000428)
	Tamur Bog SAC (Site Code: 001992)
	Dunragh Loughs/Pettigo Plateau SAC (Site Code: 001125)
	River Finn SAC (Site Code: 002301)
	Lough Eske and Ardnamona Wood SAC (Site Code: 000163)
	Donegal Bay SAC (Site Code: 000133)
	Durnesh Lough SAC (Site Code: 000138)
	Pettigoe Plateau SAC (UK) (Site Code: UK0016607)
	Lough Melvin SAC (UK) (Site Code: 0030047)
Lough Derg (Donegal) SPA (Site Code:	

	004057)
	Pettigo Plateau Nature Reserve SPA (Site Code: 004099)
	Durnesh Lough SPA (Site Code: 004145)
	Donegal Bay SPA (Site Code: 004151)
	Pettigoe Plateau SPA (UK) (Site Code: 9020051)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	24/04/2023

AA Screening Determination:

That the activity 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.

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

- The distance and hydrological connection between the facility and the European Sites, Durnesh Lough SAC, Durnesh Lough SPA and Donegal Bay 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

Jennifer Cope

Date: 24/04/2023

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Office of Environmental Sustainability