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Mr. Derek Luby
On behalf of Kilsaran Concrete Unlimited Company



27th of April 2023

Reg. No. W0311-01

Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence application from Kilsaran Concrete Unlimited Company in respect of the facility located at Ballinclare Quarry, Kilbride, Wicklow, A67 HN12

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to your application for a licence application in respect of the facility located at Ballinclare Quarry, Kilbride, Wicklow, A67 HN12.

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 03/03/2023

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,

Jennifer Cope

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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.	W0311-01
Applicant Name:	Kilsaran Concrete Unlimited Company
Type of Consent Sought:	Waste
Location of facility:	Ballinclare Quarry, Kilbride, Wicklow, A67 HN12
Licence Application Date:	3/3/2023
European Site(s) assessed:	Deputy's Pass Nature Reserve SAC (Site Code: 000717)
	Vale ff Clara (Rathdrum Wood) SAC (Site Code: 000733)
	Magherabeg Dunes SAC (Site Code: 001766)
	Buckronev-Brittis Dunes and Fen SAC (Site Code: 000729)
	The Murrough Wetlands SAC (Site Code: 002249)
	Wicklow Reef SAC (Site Code: 002274)
	Wicklow Mountains SAC (Site Code: 002122)
	The Murrough SPA (Site Code: 004186)
	Wicklow Head SPA (Site Code: 004127)
	Wicklow Mountains SPA (Site Code: 004040)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	27/04/2023

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, 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:

- There is a hydrological connection between the installation and the Buckroney-Brittas Dunes and Fen SAC . Treated surface water/groundwater will discharge, via a wetland treatment system, to the River Potter. The River Potter flows into the Buckroney-Brittas Dunes and Fen SAC approximately 11.5 km downstream of emission point SW1. This discharge from the installation has the potential to have adverse effects on water quality in this European site with the potential effects on its water dependent qualifying interests.

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

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



Date: 27/04/2023

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