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. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site listed below.

Consent Details:

Reg. No.	H0077-01
Applicant Name:	Cork County Council
Type of Consent Sought:	Certificate of Authorisation
Location of Facility:	Clountreem Historic Landfill, Clountreem, Castletownbere, County Cork
Certificate of Authorisation Application Date:	14 th March 2013
European Site assessed:	Beara Peninsula SPA (site code: 004081)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	17 th May 2023

AA Screening Determination:

That the activity is 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 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 was not required.

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

- The installation is not located within an European site.
- The distance and lack of hydrological connectivity connecting the Beara Peninsula SPA (site code: 004081) and its qualifying interests to the closed landfill. This European site is located 600m north of the closed landfill.
- The closed landfill is also located approximately 280 m west of the River Derrymihin (West) at its closest point. The Beara Peninsula SPA (site code: 004081) is located approximately 1.15 km upstream of the River Derrymihin (West) (waterbody code: IE_SW_21F170790, segment code: 21_8054). Due to the distance and lack of hydrological connectivity connecting this European site and its qualifying interests to the closed landfill, the activity will not have a likely significant effect on the Beara Peninsula SPA (site code: 004081).

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

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

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Date: 17th May 2023