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Mr. David Wynne
On behalf of Carhue Piggeries Limited



17 January 2024

Reg. No. P0621-03

Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence review application from Carhue Piggeries Limited in respect of the installation located at Cooligboy, Timoleague, Bandon, County Cork, P72 HD61.

Dear Mr Wynne,

I refer to the above application for a licence review in respect of the installation located at Cooligboy, Timoleague, Bandon, County Cork, P72 HD61.

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 European sites. Notification of this determination is attached for your reference. The EPA acknowledges receipt of a Natura Impact Statement, received on 15 November 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. 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,

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

Consent Details:

Reg. No.	P0621-03
Applicant Name:	Carhue Piggeries Limited
Type of Consent Sought:	Industrial Emissions Licence
Location of installation:	Cooligboy, Timoleague, Bandon, Cork, P72 HD61
Licence Application Date:	15 November 2023
European Sites assessed:	Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC (Site Code: 001230)
	Courtmacsherry Bay SPA (Site Code: 004219)
	Clonakilty Bay SAC (Site Code: 000091)
	Clonakilty Bay SPA (Site Code: 004081)
	Seven Heads SPA (Site Code: 004191)
	Galley Head to Duneen Point SPA (Site Code: 004190)
	Kilkeran Lake And Castlefreke Dunes SAC (Site Code: 001061)
	Old Head of Kinsale SPA (Site Code: 004021)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	17 January 2024

AA Screening Determination:

That the activity is 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:

- Air emissions of ammonia (and associated nitrogen deposition) from the installation have the potential for effects on qualifying interest habitats and species in the European Sites listed above due to their proximity to the installation and the qualifying interest's particular sensitivity to ammonia. The closest European sites, Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC and Courtmacsherry Bay SPA, are approximately 1.3 km from the installation boundary. Regard has been had to the EPA's Licence Application Guidance (Assessment of the Impact of Ammonia and Nitrogen on Natura 2000 Sites from Intensive Agriculture Installations, Version 2, March 2023) and the online screening tool SCAIL Agriculture (www.scail.ceh.ac.uk) as part of this Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination.
- It is proposed that storm water run-off from the roof and paved areas will be directed into land drains. There are potential surface water pathways connecting the installation to European sites, Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC and Courtmacsherry Bay SPA approximately 2km downstream of the installation, therefore, potential impact on sensitive receptors cannot be ruled out at European sites.
- Taking all of the foregoing into account it is considered that significant effects on European Sites and their qualifying interests cannot be ruled out at the screening stage and based on the precautionary principle this determination is that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required.

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



Date: 17 January 2024

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