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On behalf of Uisce Éireann



19th February 2024

Reg. No. D0126-02

Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence review from Uisce Éireann in respect of the agglomeration named Macroom

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

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 sites. Notification of this determination is attached for your reference. The EPA acknowledges receipt of a Natura Impact Statement, submitted on 20th December 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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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 waste water discharges, 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.	D0126-02
Applicant Name:	Uisce Éireann
Type of Consent Sought:	Review of wastewater discharge licence
Location of agglomeration:	Macroom, Co. Cork
Review Application Date:	20th December 2023
European Sites assessed:	The Gearagh SAC (Site Code: 000108)
	The Gearagh SPA (Site Code: 004109)
	St Gobnet's Wood SAC (Site Code: 000106)
	Mullaghanish to Musheramore Mountains SPA (Site Code: 004162)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	19th February 2024

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 is required. The EPA acknowledges receipt of a Natura Impact Statement, submitted on the 20/12/2023.

This determination is based on the potential for impacts from the waste water discharges on the water dependant qualifying species at the Gearagh SAC due to the hydrological connectivity.

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

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



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Date: 19/02/2024