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Ms. Sheelagh Flanagan
On behalf of Uisce Éireann



19th February 2024

Reg. No. D0427-02

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

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 not required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on a European sites. Notification of this determination is attached for your reference.

The application and all associated correspondence 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 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.	D0427-02
Applicant Name:	Uisce Éireann
Type of Consent Sought:	Review of a wastewater discharge licence
Location of agglomeration:	Coachford, Co. Cork
Review Licence Application Date:	19th December 2023
European Sites assessed:	Cork Harbour SPA (Site Code: 004030)
	Great Island Channel SAC (Site Code: 001058)
	The Gearagh SAC (Site Code: 000108)
	The Gearagh SPA (Site Code: 004109)
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 can 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 was not required.

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

1. The Inniscarra lake IE_SW_19_138, the receiving water for waste water discharges from the agglomeration, is currently assigned 'Good' water quality status under the 2016-2021 Water Framework Directive (WFD) reporting period.
2. Cork Harbour SPA and Great Island Channel SAC are hydrologically connected to the proposed discharges but the proposed discharges are considered to have no impact on the qualifying interests of the European sites due to the large distance (approximately 31km) between the discharges and the sites.
3. The Gearagh SAC and the Gearagh SPA are located approximately 15km upstream of the

proposed discharges. The proposed discharges will not impact on the qualifying interests of these European sites due to the lack of hydrological and hydrogeological connection and due to the distance between the discharges and the sites.

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

Mark Dwyer

Date: 19/02/2024

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