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Mr. Gerard McCutcheon  
On behalf of Mr Paul Tully



12 May 2025

Reg. No. P0710-04

**Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence review from Mr. Paul Tully in respect of the installation located at Moate Pig Units, Ballinakill, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 FX31**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to your application for a licence review in respect of the installation located at Moate Pig Unit, Ballinakill, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 FX31 .

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 February 2025.

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](http://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](mailto:licensing@epa.ie).

Yours Sincerely,

Emily Mangan

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

### Consent Details:

Reg. No.	P0710-04
Applicant Name:	Mr Paul Tully
Type of Consent Sought:	IEL
Location of installation:	Moate Pig Unit, Ballinakill, Portlaoise, Laois, R32 FX31
Review Application Date:	05 February 2025
European Site(s) assessed:	River Barrow and River Nore SAC IE0002162
	Lisbigney Bog SAC IE0000869
	River Nore SPA IE0004233
	Ballyprior Grassland SAC IE0002256
Date of AA Screening Determination:	12 May 2025

### 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, **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:

- 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.
- Regard has been had to the EPA's Application Instruction Note 1 (IN1) (Assessing the Impact of Ammonia Emissions and Nitrogen Deposition from Intensive Agriculture Installations on European Sites, Version 3, September 2024) and the online screening tool SCAIL Agriculture (<http://www.scail.ceh.ac.uk>) as part of this Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination.

- Taking all the foregoing into account it is considered that significant effects on European Sites and their qualifying interests due to emissions to air from the installation 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.

A Natura Impact Statement was received by the Agency on 03 February 2025.

Information in relation to European Sites is available on [www.npws.ie](http://www.npws.ie)

Documents relating to the review application are available on the Agency's website at [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie)

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Date: \_\_12 May 2025\_\_\_\_\_