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On behalf of Mr Declan Sullivan



13 October 2025

Reg. No. P1065-02

Re: Appropriate Assessment Screening for a licence review from Mr Declan Sullivan in respect of the installation located at Drumcreeghan, Latton, Castleblaney, County Monaghan

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to your application for a licence review in respect of the installation located at Drumcreeghan, Latton, Castleblaney, County Monaghan.

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 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 Sincerely,

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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.	P1065-02
Applicant Name:	Mr Declan Sullivan
Type of Consent Sought:	IEL
Location of installation:	Drumcreeghan, Latton, Castleblaney, County Monaghan
Licence Review Application Date:	01 April 2025
European Site(s) assessed:	Kilroosky Lough Cluster SAC (001786)
	Lough Oughter and Associated Loughs SAC (000007)
	Magheraveely Marl Loughs SAC (UK0016621)
	Upper Lough Erne SPA (UK9020071)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	13 October 2025

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 within a European Site.
- Emissions to air from the activity will consist of fugitive emissions of dust, odour and ammonia. European Sites and their qualifying interests are considered to be outside the zone of influence of air emissions from the installation given the separation distance with the nearest site, the Kilroosky Lough Cluster SAC, located approximately 23.4 km north-west of the installation.
- Regard has been had to the EPA's *Licence Application Instruction Note 1 (IN1) Assessing the Impact of Ammonia Emissions and Nitrogen Deposition from Intensive Agricultural Installations on European Sites* (Version 3, September 2024) in addition to the online

screening tool, SCAIL Agriculture (<https://www.scail.ceh.ac.uk>), as part of this Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination.

- There are no direct process emissions to surface waters or groundwater from this activity.
- Clean storm water collected in a dedicated storm water drainage system at the installation will discharge to the nearby Balladian Stream which connects to the Dromore River and ultimately to the Annalee River. The nearest hydrologically connected European Site is the Lough Oughter and Associated Loughs SAC, located approximately 45 km downstream of the installation on the Annalee River. Considering the nature of the discharges and the distance downstream, it is considered that these discharges will not have a significant effect on European Sites.
- Noise levels from poultry installations are typically very low and, as the nearest European Site is approximately 23.4 km from the installation (Kilroosky Lough Cluster SAC), European Sites and their qualifying interests are considered to be outside the zone of influence of noise emissions arising from the installation.
- The quantity and type of waste produced by the activity per annum is not considered significant.
- The poultry litter generated at the installation has high dry matter content. The litter remains within the concrete-floored covered poultry houses until all pullets are removed at the end of the batch. Therefore, there is no pathway between the litter and surface water and/or groundwater while the houses are stocked.
- When the houses are destocked, the poultry litter is removed from the animal houses and will be transported by a contractor to composting facilities or may be used as an organic fertiliser on farmlands in accordance with the European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for the Protection of Water) Regulations, referred to as the Nitrates Regulations. Similarly, it is proposed that wash water generated during washing activities at the installation will be applied to farmlands in accordance with the Nitrates Regulations. The licence, if granted, relates to the site of the activity for which the licence application is made, i.e. the rearing of poultry within the installation boundary, and does not extend to the lands beyond the installation boundary on which wash water may be spread or organic fertiliser may be used.
- The risk of surface water or groundwater contamination because of accidental emissions during washing activities, or from spillage from the wash water tanks, is minimal given the distance between the activity and European sites.
- Activities which can take place within European sites are restricted by legislation. All persons must obtain the written consent from the relevant Minister before performing particular operations on, or affecting, particular habitats where they occur on lands within the SACs and/or SPAs.
- Given the nature and scale of emissions, it is considered that the activity in combination with other plans or projects will not have a significant effect on European Sites.

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



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