AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Barrow Navigation – Bagenalstown (Rea's) Lock Back Drain Clearance, Muine Bheag, Co. Carlow

The requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment (AA) comes from Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive. The process aims to determine whether a plan or project, alone or together with other plans and projects, is likely to have significant effects on a European Site(s). This is in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site(s). European Sites are those identified as sites of European Community importance designated as Special Areas of Conservation under the Habitats Directive or as Special Protection Areas under the Birds Directive.

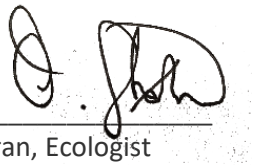
The above requirement has been implemented in the Republic of Ireland by the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011-2015 and the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2019, as amended.

Waterways Ireland has undertaken an Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the proposed drain clearance, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on any European Site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site(s) listed below:

- River Barrow and River Nore SAC (Site code: 002162)

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, Waterways Ireland, as a Public Authority, has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required. This conclusion is determined as the project is not directly connected with, or necessary to, the management of any European sites and, on the basis of objective information in the field, the project/works individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on the European site(s) listed above. This determination is based on the nature of the proposal, short timeframe and lack of impact source thus limiting impact pathways of the proposed activities to the SAC, or any other European site, in view of their conservation objectives.

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