

## **AA SCREENING DETERMINATION**

### **Barrow Navigation – Ballyellen Upper Lock Wall stabilisation**

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 2011-2021 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 removal of collapsed masonry wall material and stabilisation of the lock wall at Ballyellen Upper Lock on the Barrow Navigation (as described in the Screening Assessment), individually or in combination with other plans or projects are likely to have a significant effect on any European Sites. This has been completed with particular cognisance of the minor nature of collapsed masonry and stabilisation works being undertaken within, and in close proximity to, the River Barrow and River Nore SAC (site code: 002162), in view of the conservation objectives of this European Site.

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 maintenance works are not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European sites and, on the basis of objective information in the field, the proposed works, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, are not likely to have a significant effect on any European site. This determination is based on the limited extent and scale of the works, in addition to their short duration.

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