

## **AA SCREENING DETERMINATION**

### **Waterways Ireland Climate Action Plan**

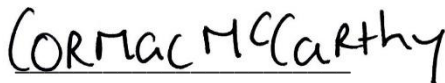
The requirement to carry out an Appropriate Assessment (AA) comes from Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive. The process aims to determine whether a plan or project, alone or together with other plans and projects, is likely to have significant effects on a European Site(s). This is in view of best 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 commissioned Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Ltd to undertake an Appropriate Assessment screening report to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives sites along its waterways, if the Waterways Ireland Climate Action Plan, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on any European Site(s).

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 the Screening Report (Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Ltd. 2022) that an Appropriate Assessment is not required. This conclusion is determined as the Waterways Ireland Climate Action Plan is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European sites and, on the basis of objective scientific information, the Objectives & Key Results, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, are not likely to have a significant effect on any European site(s).

Signed:



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