In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, Irish Water has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European site(s) listed below:

Lower River Shannon SAC (002165), Slieve Bernagh Bog SAC (002312), Glenomra Wood SAC (001013), Silvermines Mountains West SAC (002258), Lough Derg (Shannon) SPA (004058), Slievefelim to Silvermines Mountains SPA (004165), Slieve Aughty Mountains SPA (004168), River Shannon and River Fergus Estuaries SPA (004077)

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, Irish Water has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the project is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as European site(s) and as it can be concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the project, 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, scale, extent, short duration and location of the works, and the lack of pathways which would have the potential to give rise to likely significant effects for any of the SAC or SPA sites.

Signed:

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