

AA SCREENING DETERMINATION

Of

Swords Wastewater Treatment Plant, Co. Dublin

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, Uisce Éireann 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 European Site(s).

The scope involves upgrade works at the existing Swords Wastewater Treatment Plant, Co. Dublin, consisting of the construction of a new primary sludge storage tank, sludge reception unit, all necessary instruments, controls, equipment, ducting and pipework. The site is located in at Sea town West, Swords, Co. Dublin. Access to the Wastewater Treatment Plant is from Lisenhall road, L2141. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below:

- Malahide Estuary SAC [000205]
- Rogerstown Estuary SAC [000208]
- Baldoyle Bay SAC [000199]
- Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC [003000]
- North Dublin Bay SAC [000206]
- Irelands Eye SAC [002193]
- Lambay Island SAC [000204]
- Howth Head SAC [000202]
- South Dublin Bay SAC [000210]
- Malahide Estuary SPA [004025]
- Rogerstown Estuary SPA [004015]
- North-west Irish Sea SPA [004236]
- Baldoyle Bay SPA [004016]
- North Bull Island SPA [004006]
- Ireland's Eye SPA [004117]
- South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA [004024]
- Lambay Island SPA [004069]
- Howth Head Coast SPA [004113]
- Skerries island SPA [004122]
- Rockabill SPA [004014]

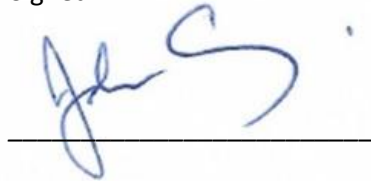
In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, **Uisce Éireann has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required** as the project is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the sites as European site(s) and **as it can be excluded**, on the basis of objective

information and in light of the conservation objectives of the relevant European Site(s), **that the project, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, would have a significant effect on a European Site.**

This determination is based on the nature, location, scale and duration of the proposed works, including any temporary works and excludes any consideration of mitigation measures.

Full records of the assessment, reports, surveys, consultations, and observations are held by the competent authority and available for public review as requested.

Signed:

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JOHN CASEY

CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR

DATE: 14/05/2025.