Appendix I Screening determination for Appropriate Assessment

Screening Determination for Appropriate Assessment

***Project reference*:** FS007027 Irish Water – The laying of a marine outfall on the Foreshore to convey treated effluent from the proposed Whitegate & Aghada Wastewater Treatment Plant to be discharged in White Bay, Co. Cork.

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 ('The Regulations'), the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has undertaken Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of relevant European sites, if the proposed project to lay a marine outfall on the Foreshore, individually or in combination with other plans or projects would be likely to have a significant effect (s) on a European site(s).

In accordance with Regulation 42(6) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 SI 477 as amended, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is to have a significant effect on any European site. The risk of likely significant effects on European sites cannot be excluded on the basis of objective evidence. This determination is based on the location, scale, extent and duration of the proposed development, including temporary works, and has not taken account of measures intended to avoid or reduce significant effects on European sites.

Signature and Date of Recommending Officer - Marine Advisor Environment:

[redacted] **25th of May 2022**

Signature and Date of Minister of State for Local Government and Planning:

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