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APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION STATEMENT

***Project reference*:** FS007027 Irish Water – Construction of marine outfall pipe and parts of two wastewater pump stations and rising mains.

The Appropriate Assessment Screening process determined that likely significant effects could not be ruled out with respect to disturbance to species at a number of European sites within the Zone of Influence of the proposed project.

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 made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment was required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on the integrity of European sites in view of the said sites' conservation objectives.

Measures to mitigate against these likely significant effects have been identified in the Appropriate Assessment Report (February 2023). These measures will be included as licence conditions. Strict adherence to these measures is considered appropriate mitigation to avoid significant effects on conservation objectives of any European site.

It is therefore determined that the proposed project, either alone or in-combination with other projects, will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Site.

Signature and Date of Recommending Officer - Marine Advisor Environment:

MSc, 2nd March 2023

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

Kieran O'Donnell
5th April 2023