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**Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination Statement
Bridge Rehabilitation Programme 2024: East Region**

Boyne Arterial Drainage Scheme – AA Screening, 1No. Bridges

Bridge Rehabilitation Programme 2024					
Description of Works	Rehabilitation / replacement of 1 No. bridge within the Boyne Arterial Drainage Scheme.				
	Drainage district	Channel number	Bridge number	Chainage	Distance from and hydrological link to European site (S-P-R)
	Boyne	C1/38/4	BX2	380	~2.5km upstream of River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC, ~2.5km upstream of River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA, ~12km upstream and ~2.5km over land of Mount Hevey Bog SAC
	Bridge works proposed in the AA Screening Report are programmed to be completed between 01 February to 01 April 2024, within the OPW's Boyne Arterial Drainage Scheme. The works include rehabilitation works to one existing bridge designed in accordance with the OPW Standard Design. Instream works will be required to remove the existing bridge culvert and construct a new bridge culvert.				
European Site within the zone of influence of proposed works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (002299) •River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (004232) •Mount Hevey Bog SAC (002342) 				

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 Office of Public Works (OPW) as a Public Authority has a statutory obligation under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945 with maintaining the above said drainage works in proper repair and effective condition and so has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and

the conservation objectives of the European Sites, if the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s).

As required under Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, OPW has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required. The project is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the sites as European sites 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 sites listed above.

This determination is based on information supplied by OPW Environmental Section and Eastern Region Arterial Drainage Section along with information contained within the *Appropriate Assessment Screening Report, Bridge Rehabilitation Works on the Boyne Arterial Drainage Scheme BX2, C1/38/4, 2024*.

From this screening exercise it has been determined that no significant likely effects may arise on any European sites as a result of the Bridge Rehabilitation Works in combination with other plans and projects, through surface water, land and air, and groundwater pathways. This assessment was undertaken in the absence of mitigation measures. The project was screened out for Appropriate Assessment based on the location of the works, the nature and the scale of the works.

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