Irish Water,
Colvill House,
24/26 Talbot Street,
Dublin 1

19/05/2015

Dear Mr. White,

I refer to your application for waste water discharge licence for the agglomeration named Ferbane.

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and 2013 that the Agency has made a determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s). Please note the Agency shall request a Natura Impact Statement in due course.

The Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination is available to view below this notice. Please direct any queries that you may have in relation to the above to Michael Martin at 053-9160600 or to OCLR Admin Team D.

Yours sincerely

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Michael Martin,
Inspector.

Environmental Licensing Programme,
Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use,
Environmental Protection Agency.
Tel: 053-9160600
Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and 2013, the Agency has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activity, 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 Sites listed below.

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European Site(s) assessed:

- River Shannon Callows SAC (Site code: 000216)
- Middle Shannon Callows SPA (Site code: 004096)
- Moyclare Bog SAC (Site code: 000581)
- Ferbane Bog SAC (Site code: 000575)

Date of AA Screening Determination: 19/05/2015

AA Screening Determination:

That the activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as a European site and that it cannot be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects will have a significant effect on a European site and accordingly the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity is required, and for this reason determined to require the applicant to submit a Natura Impact Statement.

A screening for Appropriate Assessment was undertaken to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activity, 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 sites at River Shannon Callows SAC (Site code: 000216), Middle Shannon Callows SPA (Site code: 004096), Moyclare Bog SAC (Site code: 000581) and Ferbane Bog SAC (Site code: 000575). The Agency considered, for the reasons set out below, that the activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as a European site and that it cannot be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects will have a significant effect on a European site, and accordingly the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity is required, and for this reason determined to require the applicant to submit a Natura Impact Statement.
Impact Statement.
This determination is based on the ‘moderate’ status of the receiving waters (WFD Code: IE_SH_25_681) under the Water Framework Directive and the potential for cumulative impacts with other plans or projects on the named European Sites.

Michael Martin,
Inspector
Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use.