Don French
Owner/Manager
Don French
Cloonee
Durrus
County Cork

24 November 2016

IE Licence Application by Don French in respect of Cloonee, Durrus, County Cork

Dear Mr French

I refer to your application for an IE licence, reference number P0982-01, in respect of an installation at Cloonee, Durrus, County Cork.

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, that the Agency has made a determination that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s). Notification of this determination is attached for your reference.

The application and associated correspondence, including acknowledgements, notifications and general correspondence are available to view on the Agency website at www.epa.ie. You are advised to refer to the website for information on the progress of the application.

Please direct any further correspondence in relation to this matter to Administration, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford.

Yours sincerely

Grainne Oglesby

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Environmental Licensing Programme
Office of Environmental Sustainability
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 existing and proposed activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on European Sites. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below.

Consent Details:

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<td>Type of Consent Sought</td>
<td>Industrial Emissions Licence</td>
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<td>Location of Installation</td>
<td>Cloonee, Durrus, Co. Cork</td>
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European Site(s) assessed:

- Dunbeacon Shingle SAC (002280)
- Reen Point Shingle SAC (002281)
- Sheeps Head SAC (000102)
- Glengarriff Harbour and Woodland SAC (000090)
- Roaringwater Bay and Islands SAC (000101)
- Caha Mountains SAC (000093)
- Derryclogher (Knockboy) Bog SAC (001873)
- Farranamanagh Lough SAC (002189)
- Lough Hyne Nature Reserve and Environs SAC (000097)
- Sheep Head to Toe Head SPA (004156)

Date of AA Screening Determination: 11th November 2016

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 can 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 was not required.

This determination was based on the following reasons:

- There is no surface water pathway connecting the installation to a European Site.
- The risk of surface water or groundwater contamination as a result of accidental emissions during storage, loading and movement of organic fertiliser is minimal.

- When the organic fertiliser is removed from the storage tanks it is loaded onto lorries/vacuum tankers for transport off-site for use as organic fertiliser at customer farms (and not within the installation boundary). The licence, if granted, relates to the site of the activity for which the licence application is made, i.e. the rearing of pigs within the installation boundary, and does not extend to the lands on which organic fertiliser may be used as fertiliser. The regulatory controls in place in relation to the transport and use of organic fertiliser as fertiliser on land beyond the installation boundary will ensure that the use of organic fertiliser from the activity as fertiliser beyond the installation boundary will not have a significant effect on any European Sites.

- Organic fertiliser arising from the activity is stored in underground effluent storage tanks. These storage tanks provide in excess of 26 weeks storage capacity. Considering the controls in place in relation to the management of organic fertiliser on-site, I am satisfied beyond reasonable scientific doubt that this method of handling the organic fertiliser from the activity within the installation boundary will not have a significant effect on any European Site.

- The activities which can take place within European Sites are restricted by legislation. All persons must obtain the written consent from the relevant Minister before performing particular operations on or affecting, particular habitats where they occur on lands/waters within the Special Area of Conservation. Hence, further regulatory controls exist for the spreading of fertilisers within European Sites. Therefore, I consider that the use of organic fertiliser from the activity as fertiliser on land in accordance with the Nitrates Regulations (SI 31 of 2014) will not cause environmental pollution. I am satisfied beyond reasonable scientific doubt that the use of organic fertiliser from the activity as fertiliser will not have a significant effect on any European Sites.

- Based on the use of SCAIL Agriculture, ammonia emissions from this activity are not predicted to have a significant impact on sensitive receptors within the European Sites listed above. Based on the model output, nitrogen deposition as a result of this activity will not have a significant effect on sensitive receptors within these European Sites.

- Noise levels from pig rearing installations are very low and as the nearest SAC is 7.4 km south west of the installation (Dunbeacon Shingle SAC), it is considered that noise will not impact on the qualifying interests within that European Site.

- The installation is located in a rural area where the predominant farming activities involve the rearing of livestock. Given the small scale of emissions associated with these activities, it is considered that the activity in combination with other plans or projects will not have a significant effect on any European Sites.

For the foregoing reasons it was concluded there will be no significant effects on the qualifying interests of any European Sites arising from air emissions, water emissions, noise emissions or accidental emissions from the activity.

Martina Nolan,
Office of Environmental Sustainability

Date: 14/11/2016

1 SCAIL Agriculture is a web based screening tool available at http://www.scail.ceh.ac.uk/