



Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

CP1100 Finglas-North Wall 220 kV Underground Cable Project [Exempted Development] (Co./Dublin)

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'), EirGrid has undertaken Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of relevant European sites, if the CP1100 Finglas-North Wall 220 kV Underground Cable Project [Exempted Development] ('the development') individually or in combination with other plans or projects would be likely to have a significant effect (s) on a European site(s).

The development comprises the laying underground of 220 kV cables from the existing Finglas 220 kV station, to the existing North Wall 220kV station, and all associated temporary works. The development is not located within or adjacent to any European sites. The nearest European sites are the:

- South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA; site code 4024)¹ located 0.35 km from the works at its nearest point ;and,
- South Dublin Bay SAC (site code 210)² located 1.4 km from the works at its nearest point; and,
- North Dublin Bay SAC (site code 206)³ and North Bull Island SPA (site code 4006)⁴, both located c. 2.2 km north of the works at its nearest point

There are no qualifying interests of SACs, or Special Conservation Interests (SCI) of SPAs, within the zone of influence of likely significant effects from the development. The nearest location for ex-situ SCI birds is located 0.08km south of the works. This SCI site is screened from noise and visual disturbance from the development works by intervening buildings and vegetation. Pollution effects to European sites can be excluded given the nature scale, and location of the works, and the existing Unpolluted status of the coastal waters in the River Liffey and nearby complex of European sites in Dublin Bay downstream.

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 SI 477 as amended, EirGrid has made a determination following screening 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 any European sites. The risk of likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded on the basis of objective evidence. This determination and has not taken account of measures intended to avoid or reduce harmful effects on European sites.

Signed

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¹ NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA 004024. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

² NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: South Dublin Bay SAC 000210. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

³ NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: North Dublin Bay SAC 000206. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

⁴ NPWS (2015) Conservation Objectives: North Bull Island SPA 004006. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht