



## Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

### CP1117 Irishtown Substation alteration [Exempted Development] (County 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 proposed Irishtown Substation alteration ('the proposed 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 proposed development consists of improvement or other alteration of the existing 220/110 kV Irishtown Electricity Substation, to include the installation of a roller shutter door on the eastern wall and associated concrete apron.

The works are entirely within the existing substation site. There will be no works within European sites required as part of the proposed development. The nearest European sites to the proposed development are the South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA; site code 004024; c.025 km distant)<sup>1</sup>, and the South Dublin Bay Special Area of Conservation (SAC; site code 000210; c. 0.4 km distant)<sup>2</sup>. This determination has had regard for these and any other relevant European sites.

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 is based on the location, scale, extent and duration of the proposed development, including temporary works, and has not taken account of measures intended to avoid or reduce significant effects on European sites.

Signed:

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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