

Appropriate Assessment Determination and Conclusion Statement

Project reference: FS007084 Dredging and beach nourishment at Magheraroarty Beach, Gortahork, Co. Donegal

The proposed project is for the annual dredging at Magheraroarty Harbour and beach nourishment of Magheraroarty Beach, Gortahork, Co. Donegal. The works comprise the relocation of material from a 0.62Ha area of accretion within Magheraroarty Harbour to a 12.7ha intertidal area on the strand which suffers erosion from wave and wind action and longshore drift.

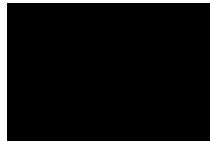
The Appropriate Assessment Screening process determined that likely significant effects on four Annex I habitat in the Ballyness Bay SAC (IE001090) could not be ruled out as a result of the proposed project.

In accordance with Regulation 42(6) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 SI 477 as amended, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment was required as the project individually or in combination with other plans or projects, was likely to have a significant effect on a European site.

A comprehensive set of mitigation measures are proposed within the Natura Impact Statement to avoid impacts to the European site. With the proper implementation of these proposed mitigation measures, the proposed project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have adverse effects on any habitat within the Ballyness SAC.

It is therefore concluded that the proposed project, either alone or in-combination with other projects, will not adversely the integrity of European sites, in view of the said sites' conservation objectives.

Signature and Date of Recommending Officer:



11th March 2022

Signature and Date of the Decision Maker:



22nd March 2022