

Appropriate Assessment Conclusion Statement

Project reference: FS006916 Eirgrid – Foreshore Application for Construction and operation of a subsea electrical interconnector cable from the Irish EEZ to landfall at Claycastle, Co. Cork.

The cable will be buried in the seabed using a sea-plough and in the intertidal a long-reach excavators will be used to bury the cable.

The Appropriate Assessment Screening process determined that likely significant effects could not be ruled out with respect to disturbance to Annex II species, accidental loss of pollutant and in-combination effects.

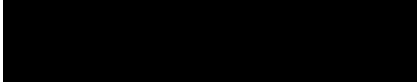
In accordance with Regulation 42(6) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 SI 477 as amended, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment was required as the project, individually or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

Measures to mitigate against the likely significant effect are identified in the Onshore AA Screening and Natura Impact Statement (March, 2022). The adherence to these measures is considered appropriate mitigation to avoid significant effects on conservation objectives of any European site.

It is therefore determined that the proposed project, either alone or in-combination with other projects, will not adversely affect the integrity of any European Site.

Signature & Date of Recommending Officer:  18th May 2022

Signature & Date of Minister of State for Local Government and Planning:


Date: 24 / 5 / 22