



Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

CP1183 Mooretown 220 kV Station [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 Mooretown 220 kV Station [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 scope of the works shall occur wholly within the compounds of the Finglas and Huntstown 220 kV stations. The development will consist of:

- Replacing protection relays at the existing Huntstown 220 kV Station, Corduff 220 kV Station and Finglas 220 kV Station;
- Replacing cable sealing ends at the Huntstown 220 kV Station; and,
- Replacement of the bay conductor on the Finglas 220 kV Station including the excavation of any street or other land for that purpose.

The development is not located within or adjacent any European sites. The nearest European sites to the development are the North Dublin Bay (SAC) (site code 206)¹ and the North Bull Island Special Protection Area (SPA) (site code 4006)², both located c. 10 km from Finglas station. This determination has had regard for the conservation objectives of these, the wider complex of sites in Dublin Bay and coastal Dublin 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 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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¹ NPWS (2013) Conservation Objectives: North Dublin Bay SAC 000206. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

² NPWS (2010) Conservation Objectives: North Bull Island SPA 004006. Version 1. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.