

Appropriate Assessment Screening Conclusion Statement

<i>Project Reference</i>	DET-2023-000069
<i>Project Name</i>	RIVERINE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT ON THE TERMON RIVER (SUCK CATCHMENT)
<i>Project Description</i>	to complete the riverine restoration works on the Termon River, which is a major tributary of the Francis River in the Upper River Suck catchment, to the north east of Castlerea.
<i>Accompanying Report</i>	River_Termon_Enhancement_Works_AA.pdf,
Consultations	
<i>Agency</i>	<i>Observations</i>
European Sites	
<i>Site Name (1)</i>	IE0000216 - River Shannon Callows SAC
<i>Proximity / Connection to Site</i>	110km
<i>Qualifying Interest</i>	<p>Otter (<i>Lutra lutra</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (<i>Molinion caeruleae</i>) • Lowland hay meadows (<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>, <i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>) • Limestone pavements • Alluvial forests with <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> and <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> (Alno-Padion, <i>Alnion incanae</i>, <i>Salicion albae</i>)
<i>Connections</i>	Pathway 100km
<i>Impact</i>	<p><i>Potential Impact:</i> No</p> <p><i>Significant:</i></p> <p><i>Reason:</i></p>
<i>Site Name (2)</i>	IE0000592 - Bellanagare Bog SAC
<i>Proximity / Connection to Site</i>	1.4km
<i>Qualifying Interest</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active raised bogs • Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration • Depressions on peat substrates of the <i>Rhynchosporion</i>
<i>Connections</i>	No
<i>Impact</i>	<p><i>Potential Impact:</i> No</p> <p><i>Significant:</i></p> <p><i>Reason:</i></p>
<i>Site Name (3)</i>	IE0004097 - River Suck Callows SPA
<i>Proximity / Connection to Site</i>	40km
<i>Qualifying Interest</i>	<p>Greenland White-fronted Goose (<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lapwing (<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>) • Wigeon (<i>Anas penelope</i>) • Whooper Swan (<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Plover (<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>) • Wetlands
<i>Connections</i>	Pathway 40km
<i>Impact</i>	<i>Potential Impact:</i> No <i>Significant:</i> <i>Reason:</i>
<i>Site Name (4)</i>	IE0004105 - Bellanagare Bog SPA
<i>Proximity / Connection to Site</i>	1.4km
<i>Qualifying Interest</i>	Greenland White-fronted Goose (<i>Anser albifrons flavirostris</i>)
<i>Connections</i>	no
<i>Impact</i>	<i>Potential Impact:</i> No <i>Significant:</i> <i>Reason:</i>
Assessment & Determination	
<i>Assessment of likely significance of effects</i>	
<p>The proposed project consists of fishery habitat enhancement works along the Termon River, for a distance of 3.5k at a point upstream of Castlerea. These works are 40km upstream of the River Suck Callows SPA and over 110km upstream of the Middle Shannon Callows SPA and the River Shannon Callows SAC. Having regards to the limited nature of the works and the downstream distance between the works and the European sites, it is considered that significant effects upon the Natura 2000 sites that are downstream of the proposed works will not arise.</p>	
<i>Assessment Conclusion</i>	
AA not required, project directly connected to management of a European Site.	
<i>Determination</i>	
<p>It can be concluded objectively that this proposed plan does not need to proceed to Stage II of the Appropriate Assessment process (NIS). There will be no significant effects upon the conservation objectives of the Natura 2000 sites identified. The habitats and species associated with this site will not be adversely affected.</p>	