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1 INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND TO PROJECT

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The following forms Errata to the published Environmental Impact Assessment Report (Dated May 2018). This Errata has been compiled to reflect changes in reference to the completion of a Natura Impact Statement which now replaces the originally submitted Appropriate Assessment Screening Report. Changes to the current practice in completion of Appropriate Assessment are as a result of recent case law, in particular with regard to changes arising out of EUCJ (C-323/17) People over Wind v Coillte.

2 OUTLINE

The following paragraph outlines how these errata are presented. The relevant section of the EIAR subject to the errata is quoted. The text is appropriately amended as follows:

Quoted text is outlined as follows:

'Quoted text'

Text to be deleted is crossed out:

~~Deleted~~

Amendment text is in bold (red):

Amendment text

Nb. In most circumstances there will be both a deletion and an amendment. In some cases however, there may only be one or other.

3 ERRATA

3.1 CHAPTER 5

The text is amended as follows:

5.2.4.1 Natura 2000 Sites

"Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) **and Natura Impact Statement** under Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive has been completed ~~and is included in Appendix 5D~~.

The following summarises the information from the ~~AA Screening-NIS~~ Document. The nearest Natura 2000 sites (cSAC's or SPA's) are:

- Great Island Channel SAC (Site Code:004219)
- Cork Harbour SPA (Site Code 004030)

These designated areas are located within 15km of the proposed River Bride (Blackpool) Certified Drainage Scheme and therefore require screening for Appropriate Assessment. Cork Harbour SPA is located >5km downstream of the works area. Cork Harbour is a large, sheltered bay system, with several river estuaries – principally those of the Rivers Lee, Douglas, Owenboy and Owennacurra. The SPA and SPA site comprises most of the main intertidal areas of Cork Harbour with the following species designated as conservation interest: Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, Cormorant, Grey Heron, Shelduck, Wigeon, Teal, Pintail, Shoveler, Red-breasted Merganser, Oystercatcher, Golden Plover, Grey Plover, Lapwing, Dunlin, Blacktailed Godwit, Bar-tailed Godwit, Curlew, Redshank, Black-headed Gull, Common Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull and Common Tern. Cork Harbour is an internationally important wetland site, regularly supporting in excess of 20,000 wintering waterfowl, for which it is amongst the top five sites in the country (NPWS, 2008).

The Great Island Channel SAC is located >10km downstream of the works area. It stretches from Little Island to Middleton, with its southern boundary being formed by Great Island. The site is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) selected for the following habitats:

- [1140] Tidal Mudflats and Sandflats
- [1330] Atlantic Salt Meadows

The ~~Appropriate Assessment Screening NIS~~ concluded that impacts on the Great Channel Island SAC and Cork Harbour SPA could be precluded on the basis of their distance (~~>5km downstream~~) from the proposed Drainage Scheme at Blackpool and the nature and scale of the proposed works, its design and mitigation measures.”

