



Date: 7 October 2016

Subject: Sliabh Bawn Attenuation Ponds – Screening for Appropriate Assessment – Decision

Pursuant to its obligations under Article 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended), Coillte, as a Public Authority, has carried out a Screening for Appropriate Assessment in respect of the proposed provision of 4 attenuation ponds in the townland of Trila (Martin), Doughill Forest, Sliabh Bawn Mountain, County Roscommon.

Having regard to:

- the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report dated October 2016 and prepared by Elaine Dromey MCIEEM, Ecological Consultant, which Coillte has considered and adopts as its Screening for Appropriate Assessment,
- the conclusion reached in the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report dated October 2016 and prepared by Elaine Dromey that no Appropriate Assessment is required, and the reasons for that conclusion,
- the reasons and recommendations set out in the Memorandum from Mary Lynch dated 7 October 2016, which said reasons and recommendations Coillte has considered and adopts as the reasons for the decision reached by Coillte,

and in light of the best scientific knowledge, Coillte has determined, pursuant to Article 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended), that the construction and operation of the attenuation ponds will not have a significant effect on the relevant European sites (the Corbo Bog SAC, Lough Ree SAC, Lough Ree SPA, Annaghmore Lough (Roscommon) SAC, Ballykenny Fisher bog SPA, Lough Forbes Complex SAC), in light of the conservation objectives of these European sites, alone or in combination with the Sliabh Bawn wind farm and other plans or projects, and an Appropriate Assessment is not required.

Signed: _____

Fergal Leamy
Chief Executive
Coillte

Dated: _____

7th Oct 2016.