

To whom it may concern,

A review of the outcome of this original Screening for Appropriate assessment report has been completed and it attached as an addendum. The review was carried out to take into considerations any changes to the outcome given two significant changes to European sites in Ireland since the application was originally submitted.

These changes are:

- Two new SPAs, the North-west Irish Sea Special Protection Area (SPA) and the Seas off Wexford SPA were approved in July 2023 and January 2024, respectively.
- Harbour porpoise and bottlenose dolphins have recently been added as Qualifying Interests to 16 existing marine and coastal Special Areas of Conservation (SAC).

The Source-Pathway-Response (SPR) model was used to assess if there was any significant effects on the conservation features of the new SPAs or to the new QIs for the existing SACs. It was concluded that there was no connectivity under the SPR model and all conservation features and their objectives were screened out.

The addendum also took into account an updated review of plans or projects which may have in-combination effects with the proposed project.

The review concluded that there would be no potential significant effects to European sites from the project, in-combination with other plans and projects.

Upon review of the recent changes to European sites since the original Screening for Appropriate Assessment was produced, the reassessment concluded that due to lack of significant effects identified through the SPR model the original conclusion is upheld:

*'The assessment has determined, in light of best available scientific data, that there is no potential for significant effects on Natura 2000 sites.*

*The assessment also determined that there is no potential likelihood for significant effects from the proposed activities in combination with other plans or projects.*

*Given the nature and scale of the proposed harvesting activity, and the distance to the harvest areas from designated Natura 2000 sites, it can be concluded that the harvesting activities will not have a significant effect on designated Natura 2000 sites - there are no impact pathways and effects are ruled out.'*

Kind regards,