



Internal Memo

To: Billy Joe Padden, A/Senior Executive Planner
Terence Loane, Executive Planner
From: Loreto Guinan, Heritage Officer
Re: Nobber Fire Station - Part VIII
Date: 01/10/2020

Re: Stage 1 Screening Statement for Appropriate Assessment

I have reviewed the above application and the Habitats Directive Screening Statement which forms a part of the application documentation and have the following comments/observations:

- There are three Natura 2000 sites within 15km of the proposed development
 - River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC and River Boyne (12.4km south) – there is no hydrological connectivity to this site as it is within a different catchment
 - River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA - (12.4km south) there is no hydrological connectivity to this site as it is within a different catchment
 - Kilconney Bog – 14km south west – is there is no hydrological connectivity to this site
- Two further Natura 2000 sites – Dundalk Bay SAC and Dundalk Bay SPA have also been screened out as there are no watercourses on site and therefore no hydrological connectivity

I am satisfied based on the scientific data provided, the scale and nature of the works proposed that it can be concluded that there will be no significant effects (direct or indirect) on the qualifying interest of any Natura 2000 sites (European Sites), either individually or in combination with other plans or projects.