

Appendix A7

NATURE CONSERVATION DESIGNATIONS

Special Protection Area (SPA's)

EU Directive of 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds (Birds Directive); this was transposed into Irish law by the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations (S.I. 291 of 1985). These sites are protected under the legislation from actions that would damage their value to bird species, especially those on Annexe 1 of the Directive.

Proposed Natural Heritage Area (pNHA's)

No Natural Heritage Areas have been designated yet in Co. Waterford under the Wildlife Act 1976 as amended by the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000. However it is the policy of Dungarvan Town Council to protect these areas. They are also protected under the administration of grants by the Department of Agriculture and Food (Rural Environment Protection Scheme, forestry etc.).

Table 1 SPAs in Dungarvan

Site code	Site name	Qualifying Interests of site
004032	Dungarvan Bay	Great Northern Diver, Bar-tailed Godwit, Golden Plover

Proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHA) in Dungarvan

Site Number	NAME	Map Reference and Description
663	Dungarvan Harbour. (Contains an SPA)	X2791 Large estuarine bay, which dries out considerably at low tide giving mudflats. Some marginal saltmarshes and sandy beaches but birdlife is the main interest, with major wintering flocks.