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25th January 2012

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Re: Bandon Flood Relief Scheme – Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation

Dear Ms. Colloran,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter and attached EIA Scoping Pack regarding the above.

Yours Sincerely,



John O' Neill
Director of Service – Planning





Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Dublin 2.

Oifig an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara, Baile Átha Cliath 2.

26 January, 2012

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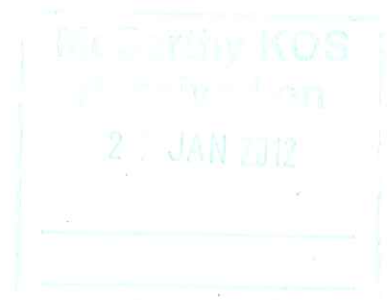
Dear Ms Colleran,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of submission: Bandon Rlood Relief Scheme - Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation which was received in the Office of Simon Coveney TD, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine .

I have brought your correspondence to the Ministers attention and also to the relevant officials in this Department.

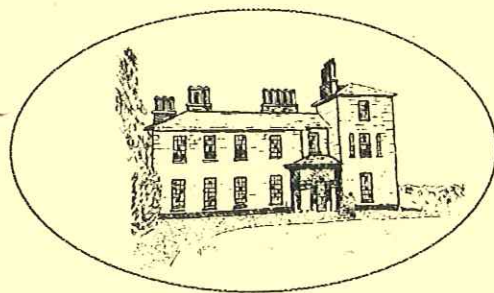
Yours sincerely

Kevin Galligan
Private Secretary



Manch House Fishery

26th Jan 2012



Manch House
Ballineen
County Cork
Ireland

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Dear Corina Collieran

Thank you for the Bandon Flood Relief Scheme
EIA Scoping Pack.

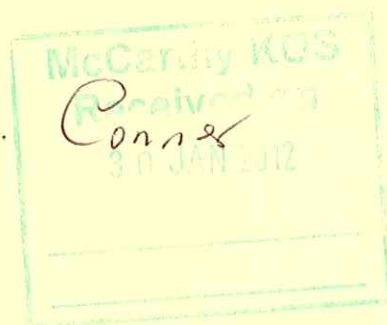
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The correct address is Matthew Conner,
Manch House Fishery,
Ballineen,
Co. Cork.

Thank you.

Saphie L. Conner



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Our Ref: TP/DK/27012012
Your Ref: 2185-100735

27th January 2012

**Re: Bandon Flood Relief Scheme - Environmental Impact Assessment
Consultation**

Dear Corina,

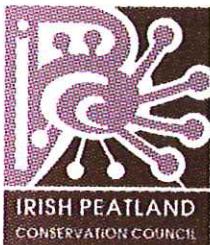
We would like to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 20th January 2012 regarding the above.

As the proposed development is outside our direct area of interest we do not have any specific comments to make.

Yours Sincerely,


David King
Transport Planning Manager
Railway Procurement Agency





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27th January 2012

Re: Bandon Flood Relief Scheme - Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation

Dear Ms Colleran,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your consultation letter regarding the above proposed development.

Having studied our designation maps here at the IPCC I can confirm that there are 3 proposed Natural Heritage Area sites in within the proposed development area (see enclosed map). These are;
Bandon Valley Above Inishannon **pNHA 1740**
Bandon Valley below Inishannon **pNHA 1515**
Bandon Valley West of Bandon **pNHA 1034**

To the best of my knowledge these sites do not contain peatland habitat and as such we have very little information on them. You can get further info on the sites through contacting the National Parks & Wildlife Service.

However given the location there may be some fen habitat present within the proposed study area. A fen is a wetland system with permanently high water level at or just below its surface. They are commonly found along river margins. As a result of development, particularly to do with agricultural reclamation, 77% of the original fen habitat of Ireland has been lost with 20,912ha suitable for conservation. It is also almost certainly a case of underrecording of the habitat as demonstrated by the fen survey of Monaghan carried out between 2007-2009 which uncovered a large number of previously unrecorded sites. IPCC could not support any development which resulted in the loss of conservation worthy fen habitat.

Please be aware that the National Parks and wildlife viewer also indicates the presence of 3 species of conservation concern within the 10km grid in which the development is proposed.

These are;

Saxifraga granulata Protected under the Flora Protection Order 1987. Listed as critically endangered on the IUCN Red List.

Mentha pulegium Protected under the Flora Protection Order 1987. Listed as endangered on the IUCN Red List.

Misopates orontium Protected under the Flora Protection Order 1987. Listed as endangered on the IUCN Red List.

Both designated sites and the protected species present need to be considered and their presence investigated in any Environmental Impact Assessment carried out on the site.

Thank you for consulting with IPCC on this matter.

Is mise le meas,

Tadhg O Corcora MSc
Conservation Officer, IPCC.



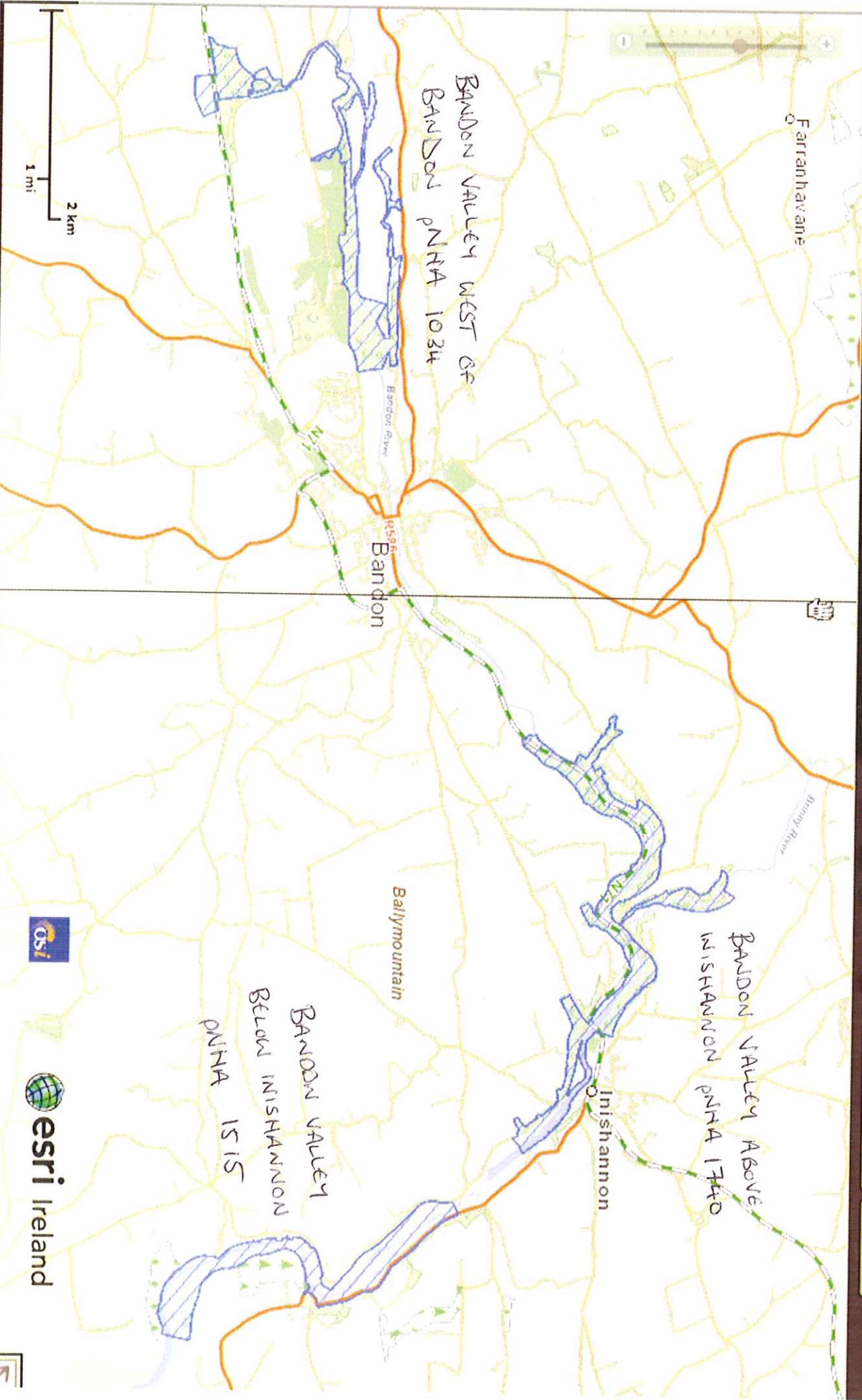
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3 February, 2012

NRA12-84280

2185-100735

Re: EIS Scoping Request for Bandon Flood Relief Scheme.

Dear Ms, Colleran,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter and enclosures of 20 January, 2012, regarding the above.

The Authority wishes to advise that it is not in a position to engage directly with planning applicants in respect to proposed developments. The Authority will endeavour to consider and respond to planning applications referred to it given its status and duties as a statutory consultee under the Planning Acts. The approach to be adopted by the Authority in making such submissions or comments will seek to uphold official policy and guidelines as outlined in the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoECLG, 2012). Regard should also be had to other relevant NRA Circulars and guidance documents available at www.nra.ie.

The issuing of this correspondence is provided as best practice guidance only and does not prejudice the NRA's statutory right to make any observations, requests for further information, objections or appeals following the examination of any valid planning application referred.

With respect to EIS scoping issues, the recommendations indicated below provide only general guidance for the preparation of EIS, which may affect the National Roads Network.

The developer should have regard, *inter alia*, to the following;

- Consultations should be had with the relevant Local Authority/National Roads Design Office with regard to locations of existing and future national road schemes, N71 Bandon to Inishannon,
- The Authority would be specifically concerned as to potential significant impacts the development would have on any national roads in the proximity of the proposed development, existing N71,
- The developer should assess visual impacts from existing national roads,
- The developer should have regard to any Environmental Impact Statement and all conditions and/or modifications imposed by An Bord Pleanála regarding road schemes in the area. The developer should in particular have regard to any potential cumulative impacts,

- The developer, in conducting Environmental Impact Assessment, should have regard to the NRA DMRB and the NRA Manual of Contract Documents for Road Works,
- The developer, in conducting Environmental Impact Assessment, should have regard to the NRA's Environmental Assessment and Construction Guidelines, including the *Guidelines for the Treatment of Air Quality During the Planning and Construction of National Road Schemes* (National Roads Authority, 2006),
- The EIS should consider the Environmental Noise Regulations 2006 (SI 140 of 2006) and, in particular, how the development will affect future action plans by the relevant competent authority. The developer may need to consider the incorporation of noise barriers to reduce noise impacts (see *Guidelines for the Treatment of Noise and Vibration in National Road Schemes* (1st Rev., National Roads Authority, 2004)),
- It would be important that, where appropriate and having regard to the extent of dredging proposed, subject to meeting the appropriate thresholds and criteria, a Traffic and Transport Assessment be carried out in accordance with relevant guidelines and best practice, noting traffic volumes attending the site and traffic routes to/from the site with reference to impacts on the national road network and junctions of lower category roads with national roads. The Authority's Traffic and Transport Assessment Guidelines (2007) should be referred to in this regard. The TTA Guidelines also outline recommendations on when it may be appropriate to undertake TTA for sub-threshold development.
- The designers are asked to consult the National Roads Authority's DMRB *Road Safety Audit* (NRA HD 19/09) to determine whether a Road Safety Audit is required,
- In the interests of maintaining the safety and standard of the national road network, the EIS should identify the methods/techniques proposed for any works traversing/in proximity to the national road network.

(Developers may wish to consult the local planning authority, road authority/County Council or National Road Regional Design Office for the area for assistance on the foregoing matters).

Notwithstanding, any of the above, the developer should be aware that this list is non-exhaustive, thus site and development specific issues should be addressed in accordance with best practise.

I hope that the above comments are of use in your scoping process.

Yours sincerely,



Raymond Foley,
Programme & Regulatory Unit.



Ref: 2185-100735

6th February 2012

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Re: Bandon Flood Relief Scheme – Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation.

Dear Corina

I refer to your query of 20th January 2012, to the Irish Aviation Authority concerning the above development.

I wish to advise you that we have no observations on this application.

Yours sincerely

Claire O'Donoghue
Corporate Affairs



Bord Stiúrthóirí / Board of Directors

Anne Nolan (Cathaoirleach / Chairman), Eamonn Brennan
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7th February, 2012

Re: Request for Comments in relation to the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Bandon Flood Relief Scheme

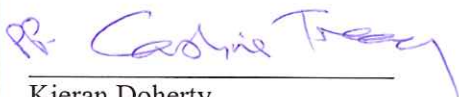
Dear Sirs,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to your letter dated the 20th January 2012, inviting the Board to make a submission / observation on the information contained in the Environmental Impact Statement in respect of the above-mentioned proposed development.

Please be advised that the Board will not be making any submission / observation in relation to the matter at this stage.

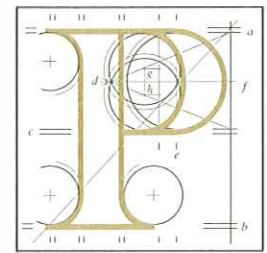
If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Yours faithfully,



Kieran Doherty
Executive Officer
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07 February 2012

Dear Corina

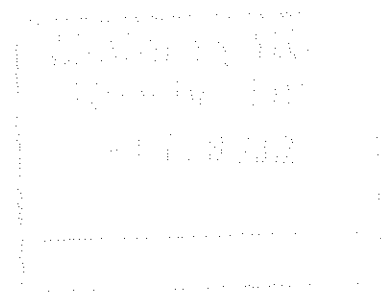
Bandon Flood Relief Scheme

Waterways Ireland has no comments to make on this proposal.

Yours sincerely



Brian Mullan
Head of Civil Engineering Design



Main St,
Dunmanway,
Co. Cork,
8-2-12

Dear Ms. Collieran,

First, on behalf of Dunmanway Anglers I would like to apologise for not being in contact with you sooner. I am afraid we missed the two open days in Bandon last year as our Secretary was abroad for most of the year on some work course.

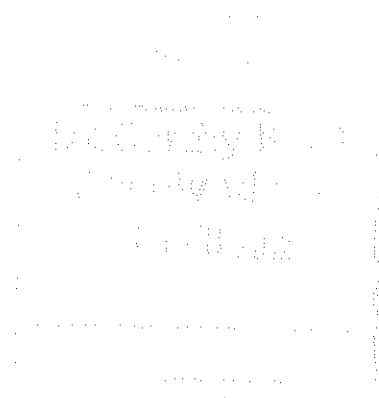
We had our A.G.M last night and the matter was discussed. We are of the opinion that some of the problems in Bandon may stem from part of our waters. There are at least three points of the river, upstream of Manch Bridge where in recent years floods have washed tons of gravel from three corners and changed the course of the river dramatically. All the salmon pools up river are now full up so that the floods now just tear through. An average flood on our stretch now will run off in the space of a few hours, where ten, fifteen years ago it would take the same flood a couple of days to run off. If any of your colleagues would like to look at this, we would be only too willing to meet and point out the flash points. I hope this is of help.

Yours truly,

Pat Mc Carthy,

Hon. Treasurer.

Phone No 0238855196 or 1861633911



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09th February 2012

Reference: Brandon Flood Relief Scheme – EIA Consultation

Your Ref: 2185-100735

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you, for your letter dated 20th January 2012.

The South Western River Basin District (SWRBD) management plan was adopted by all Local Authorities in the SWRBD prior to the 30th April 2010, as stipulated in the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 722 of 2003 as amended). The SWRBD plan came into effect on the 15th July 2010.

The South Western River Basin Management Plan (2009-2015) objectives should be considered and integrated as appropriate with the proposed Brandon Flood Relief Scheme (See Section 6 of the SWRBD Plan). The Scheme should comply with the Water Framework Directive.

The main objectives of the **Water Framework Directive (WFD)** are:

- Prevent deterioration and maintain high status where it already exists
- Protect, enhance and restore all waters with aim to achieve at least good status by 2015
- Ensure waters in protected areas meet requirements
- Progressively reduce chemical pollution

The SWRBD Management plan is available on the website www.wfdireland.ie with all the background documents. (Composite SWRBD Management plan version is available on www.swrbd.ie – this includes Ministerial amendments)

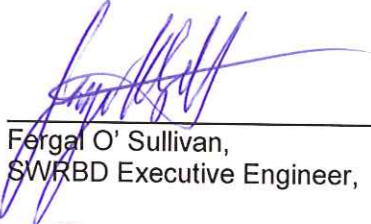


The following sections of the SWRBD plan should be noted:

- Section 4.2.3 of the SWRBD plan refers to **New modifications or sustainable development** and this should be taken into consideration in your development of the proposed Brandon Flood Relief Scheme.
- Section 6.1.1 – **Land use planning** - Any potential impacts from future development on waters can be mitigated by properly incorporating the objectives established in this (SWRBD) plan into development plans to ensure sustainable development.
- Please refer to the EPA Website for the latest updated WFD Status in order to establish the water body status.

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



Fergal O' Sullivan,
SWRBD Executive Engineer,

cc: File



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14th February, 2012

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**Re: Bandon Flood Relief Scheme – Environmental Impact Assessment
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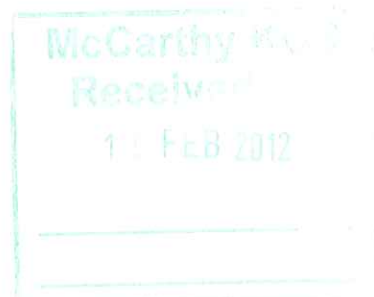
Dear Ms Colleran,

I have examined the above document dated 20th January 2012. From an agricultural impact, I cannot see any negative consequences. For the prevailing soil types in the study area, flood events do not have any long term effects, as the soil are free draining and the river is generally fast flowing. The proposed work won't change but rather enhance that effect. I would not be qualified to comment on the effects on fish life, or effects on the proposal on biodiversity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gerard MacMahon".

Gerard MacMahon.
Regional Manager.



100735.



National Federation of Group Water Schemes

Society Ltd.

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Re: Bandon Flood Relief Scheme – Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation

Dear Corina,

Many thanks for your letter of 20th January regarding the above.

The NFGWS is the representative and development organisation for Group Water Schemes nationally. In general the NFGWS would have concerns regarding proposed Flood Relief Schemes if the development proposed would be likely to have an impact on Group Water Scheme (GWS) infrastructure necessary for the abstraction, treatment and distribution of rural water supplies.

As far as I can ascertain there is no threat to any GWSs in the vicinity of the proposed development in this instance. Accordingly the NFGWS has no comment to make at this time.

Many thanks for affording the NFGWS the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely,

Barry Deane, NFGWS



The Irish Farmers' Association

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Date: 15th February 2012

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Re: Bandon Flood Relief Scheme – Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation

Dear Ms. Colleran,

Further to your report on the Bandon Flood Relief Scheme, I wish on behalf of our Association to make the following points:

Following dredging, it is important that the river banks further downstream are bolstered, to cope with the additional volume of waterflow. It is crucial also that by correcting the flooding problem inside the town boundaries, that farmland and dwellings on the outskirts of the town are not left more vulnerable to flooding.

I wish you well with your efforts to resolve Bandon's flooding problem.

Yours Sincerely,

PP 
Sean Clarke

**Regional Development Officer
on behalf of Irish Farmers' Association, Cork**

Bernadette Rabbitt

From: Conor O' Donovan [Conor.O'Donovan@nationaltransport.ie]
Sent: 21 February 2012 12:20
To: Corina Colleran
Subject: Bandon Flood Relief Scheme

Corina,

I am writing to you in relation to your correspondence (20th January 2012) in relation to the Bandon Flood Relief Scheme.

We have no comments to make on this scheme,

Regards Conor

Conor O'Donovan

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Corina Collieran

From: Jacinta Reynolds <Jacinta.Reynolds@CorkCoCo.ie>
Sent: 23 February 2012 18:15
To: Corina Collieran
Subject: FW: Bandon Flood Relief System - Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation

Dear Corina,

I refer to your correspondence dated January 20th, 2012 to Cork County Council Environment Directorate seeking comments in relation to the Bandon Relief Scheme – Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation.

I have received no further comments on circulation within the Environment Directorate and thus refer you to original comments as stated in email 27th January 2011.

Regards

Jacinta

Jacinta Reynolds
Senior Scientist
Cork County Council
Environment Directorate.

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From: Jacinta Reynolds
Sent: 02 February 2012 16:52
To: Ted OLeary (Inniscarra); Liam Singleton
Subject: FW: Bandon Flood Relief System - Environmental Constraints Consultation

Please see further correspondence from Ryan Hanley re Bandon Flood relief scheme.

Jean Sayers has kindly scanned the scoping pack into the following link

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Comments or suggestions are requested before February 24th.

In the absence of an agreed system to respond to these types of requests, I have agreed in this instance to collate comments back to Ryan Hanley.

Please forward any comments by February 20th to allow me collate into one document to submit by 24th.

Regards

Jacinta

Regards
Jean Sayers

Jacinta Reynolds
Senior Scientist
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From: Jacinta Reynolds
Sent: 27 January 2011 16:10
To: 'ccolleran@mccarthykos.ie'
Cc: Valerie Hannon; 'info@mccarthykos.ie'; Michael Ryan
Subject: FW: Bandon Flood Relief System - Environmental Constraints Consultation

Dear Corina,

I refer to your correspondence dated January 10th, 2011 to Cork County Council Environment Directorate seeking comments in relation to the proposed Bandon Relief Scheme – Environmental Constraints Consultation.

Please see comments below:

1. Bandon wastewater treatment plant & discharge and the abstraction point for Inishannon drinking water supply is within the proposed study area identified on the map submitted in your correspondence.
2. From an Environment and Cork County Council point of view, one of the key issues would be that any work undertaken in Bandon town or in the flood study area will not have an impact on the WWTP or the abstraction point and increase the risk of washouts or accidental discharges from the wastewater treatment plant. The flow would need to be controlled to prevent any impacts or an increase in the risk of discharges from the network and the plant.
3. As the plant is upstream of drinking water intake at Inishannon this would be a primary concern.
4. Also in terms of licensing the EPA have a standard clause in their licenses of MWWTP discharges where all storm water discharges must meet the DOE guidelines and given the strategic location of the plant this would be a primary concern.
5. The plan should also cross reference with the objectives in the Water Management Unit and Objectives of the South Western River District Plan for the Bandon river

Regards

Jacinta

Jacinta Reynolds
Senior Scientist
Cork County Council
Environment Directorate.

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An Roinn
Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta

Department of
Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

1st March 2012

Your Ref: 2185-100735
Our Ref: DAU-2012-COW-CON-G Pre00035/2012

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Re: Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation - Bandon Flood Relief Scheme

A Chara,

I refer to your recent correspondence. Outlined below are the archaeological and natural heritage observations with respect to the above-proposed development application.

Nature Conservation

The Department wishes to await further information regarding surveys of river for Fresh water Pearl Mussel before making comment.

Archaeological Heritage

The scoping document outlines a suitable methodology for assessing the impact of the scheme on known and unknown archaeology. The Department will wait for the archaeological assessment to comment further.

Kindly forward any further information to the following address:

The Manager,
Development Applications Unit,
Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht,
Newtown Road,
Wexford

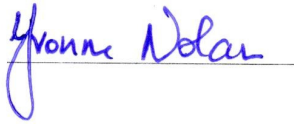
Alternatively, documentation associated with the above can be referred electronically to the DAU at the following address:

manager.dau@ahg.gov.ie

Finally, the above observations and recommendations are based on the papers submitted to this Department on a pre-planning basis and are made without prejudice to any observations the

Minister may make in the context of any consultation arising on foot of any development application referred to the Minister, by the planning authority, in his role as statutory consultee under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

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Dear Ms Colleran

I write on behalf of the Bandon Angling Association in regard to the Bandon Flood Relief Scheme EIA Scoping Pack a copy of which was sent to us for consultation.

Anglers accept that a flood relief Scheme is essential for Bandon Town & are disappointed that some work in the catchment is not envisaged which could possibly have lessened the depth of excavation now suggested.

Clearly the option proposed of heavy dredging for 3.5 Km. will seriously damage the angling along this section.

Migrant fish as salmon or sea trout need resting places on their journey up river to spawn & also as spent fish on their return journey to the sea. It is in these places that the angler can find them. Resident brown trout need runs & pools to allow them to collect their food as it travels down the river.

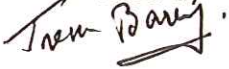
All this will disappear if the river bed is lowered on a fixed gradient.

Some compromise can be made by lowering the river bed even further at intervals & thereby eventually creating resting pools for the migrant fish. This should not prove very expensive if it can be carried out in areas where rock is not present. Another relatively inexpensive operation is to place random boulders in the river bed at intervals. This should not impede the flow to any serious extent but will provide a resting place for migrant fish & a feeding place for brown trout downstream of the rock.

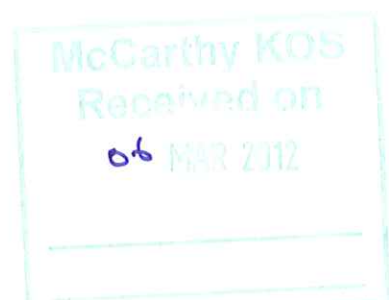
.We note that flood defence walls of varying height are proposed over considerable distances along the river. We presume that accesses to the river will be provided (perhaps by stiles?) at intervals along these walls to allow access to fishermen & river workers.

We hope that these suggestions will be given serious consideration by the designers.

Yours sincerely



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Re: Bandon Flood Relief Scheme – Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation

Dear Ms. Colleran,

I refer to your recent correspondence concerning the above. In the first instance, I wish to apologise for not replying to you within the timeframe specified.

At this time the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has no comment to make in regard to the Bandon Flood Relief Scheme.

Yours sincerely,

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