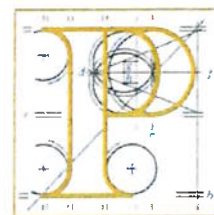


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Inland Fisheries Ireland  
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**Date:** 27 May 2024

**Re:** Proposed windfarm development including 13 no. wind turbines in Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo and hydrogen plant in Castleconnor, Co. Sligo.  
Carrowleagh, Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo and Curraun, Castleconnor, Co. Sligo.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

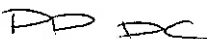
The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

  
Lauren Murphy  
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**Subject:** ABP-317560-23 Submission on further information for Firlough Wind Farm  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached IFI's submission in relation to further information received for the Firlough Wind Farm and Hydrogen Plant application ABP-317560-23.

IFI request an acknowledgement for this submission.

Kind Regards

**Aisling Donegan**  
**Senior Fisheries Environmental Officer**

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**Iascach Intíre Éireann  
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22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

**Re: Further Information for the Strategic Infrastructure Development under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended) Proposed Firlough Wind Farm, Carrowleagh Td., Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo & Hydrogen Plant, Carraun Td., Castleconnor, Co. Sligo (Ref. No. ABP-307264-20) – Mercury Renewables**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) is the state body responsible for the protection, management and conservation of the inland fisheries and sea angling resource in Ireland. Protection of the aquatic environment and habitat is a vitally important element of IFI's work.

In addition to IFI's earlier submission and having reviewed the submission response to third party submissions and observations provided IFI is satisfied with the response in most regards but remains concerned in relation to the following:

- 1 The tributary of the Newtown River named the South Corbally Stream has been identified by IFI for a habitat enhancement project which will include significant investment. It is imperative that the flow regime in this stream is not impacted by the proposed abstraction. The Groundwater Supply Assessment: Section 12. States reductions in flow at local springs (SP1 and SP2) were noted. These springs are the source of the South Corbally Stream. It is recommended in 3.3.6 that at a minimum SP1 And SP2 should be monitored to obtain baseline flow data and monitored. Trigger levels must be set which form the link between monitoring and mitigation. The trigger level must be set high enough to ensure the viability of the downstream fisheries habitat. IFI request consultation prior to the identification of trigger levels for mitigation as this will have a direct impact on the South Corbally Stream habitat enhancement project and fish populations downstream. A mechanism to ensure abstraction can be stopped in case of damage to fisheries habitat must be put in place.
- 2 IFI request consultation in relation to the ongoing flow monitoring and assimilative capacity calculations for the discharge into the Newtown River.

IFI requests an acknowledgement from An Bord Pleanála of receipt of this submission.

Yours sincerely

Aisling Donegan  
Senior Fisheries Environmental Officer