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Memorandum ABP-322329-25

To: Stephen Kay, ADP
From: Fiona Fair, SPI
Re: Request for Input from Ecology and Environmental Team
Date: 05.08.25

File ABP-322329-25 was lodged with ABP on 16th April 2025. Mayo County Council is seeking approval to undertake flood relief works along and/or adjacent to and/or in the vicinity of the River Moy, and the following tributaries: Quignamanger Stream, Bunree Stream, Brusna River, and the Tullyegan Stream. Works proposed include the construction of new flood walls, repairs to quay wall, culverts, embankments, cutting, pruning and bankside maintenance and other works within the River Moy SAC (002298) and the Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC (000458) and adjacent to Lough Conn and Lough Cullin SPA (004228) and Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA (004036).

The application is being made by Mayo County Council pursuant to Section 175 (3) and Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) have issued a derogation under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats)

Regulations 2011 allowing for disturbance and actions authorised within the derogation in respect of otters at Clare Street & Abbeyhalfquarter (Derogation No. DER-OTTER-2025-09). The actions which this derogation authorise shall be completed between the 28th March – 31st December 2025, inclusive. It is anticipated that another derogation will be necessary to allow for the proposed works to be undertaken at a later date.

Observations on file from An Taisce (Notes the “near threatened” and protected status of sea lamprey and request ACP to consider closely the instream works proposed. Recommend the project be assessed against Article 4 of the Water Framework Directive. Highlight the designation of River Moy as Salmonid River and presence of salmon in the Zone of Influence of the scheme. Notes the presence of Otter). TII and Uisce Eireann and Moyvale Residents Association (Water safety concerns and impact to biodiversity).

Having reviewed the application documentation including the submitted Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and the observations received by the Board, I am of the opinion that input from the Board’s ecologist Dr Maeve Flynn is required.

Fiona Fair

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