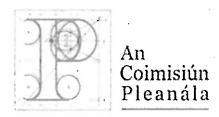
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Inland Fisheries Ireland Teach Breac Earl's Island Co. Galway

Date: 28 August 2025

Re: Proposed elevation of local tertiary road (L-52214)

Cuan Na Loinge, Ceantar na nOileán, Conamara, Co. Galway

Dear Sir / Madam,

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

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Lauren Griffin

Executive Officer

Direct Line: 01-8737244

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Email

Lauren Griffin

From:

Lauren Griffin

Sent:

Wednesday, 27 August 2025 09:56

To:

David Harrington

Subject:

RE: An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: JP07.323024

A Chara,

The Commission acknowledges receipt of your email; official correspondence will issue in due course.

Kind regards,

Lauren

From: David Harrington < David. Harrington@fisheriesireland.ie >

Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 4:43 PM

To: Bord < bord@pleanala.ie >

Subject: An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: JP07.323024

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Dear Secretary,

I refer to the proposed planning application submitted by Langan Consulting Engineers, (LCE) on behalf of Galway County Council to An Coimisiún Pleanála in accordance with Section 177AE of The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and The Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), in respect of the following development: elevation of local tertiary road (L-52214) at Cuan Na Loinge, Ceantar na nOileán, Conamara, Co. Galway. (An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: JP07.323024)

Please find attached IFI's observations on the planning application.

I would appreciate if An Coimisiún Pleanála could acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Kind Regards,

David

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The Secretary An Coimisiún Pleanála 64 Marlborough Street Dublin 1 D01 V902

26th August 2025

An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: JP07.323024

Re: <u>Cuan Na Loinge, Ceantar na nOileán, Conamara, Co. Galway, Proposed elevation of local</u> tertiary road (L-52214) - <u>Langan Consulting Engineers</u>, (LCE) on behalf of Galway County Council.

Dear Secretary,

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. IFI is mandated to ensure that the fisheries of the State are protected. "Fisheries" includes all inland fisheries recreational and commercial, sea angling and mollusc fisheries stipulated under the Fisheries Acts, the physical habitat upon which the fishery relies, the facilities and access, the quantity and quality of the water and the plant and animal life on which fish depend for shelter and food and the spawning areas where in fish deposit their eggs. The protective role of IFI relates to all aspects of the aquatic environment and all factors that influence the biotic communities within waters, which in any way relate to the propagation of fish stocks.

Proposed Development

On behalf of Galway County Council, Langan Consulting Engineers, (LCE) are submitting planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála in accordance with Section 177AE of The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and The Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), in respect of the following development:

The application proposes to raise the elevation of the local tertiary road (L-52214), at the above address. The length of road to be raised is approximately 200 metres. The maximum increase of road elevation will be of 1.0 metre above the existing road level, with natural rock armour embankment and natural stone parapet walls on each sides together with associated drainage, water services, fencing and signage upgrades all in accordance with plans lodged.

Associated waterbodies

The site is located adjacent to Loch Fhada which is currently listed as of high ecological status under the Water Framework Directive, a status that needs to be protected. Derrynea_010 River which flows out of Loch Fhada is currently classed as not at risk and of good ecological status, again a status that must be protected.



Having regard to these environmental sensitivities, IFI requests that consideration be given to the following:

Protection of water quality and fisheries habitat

It is noted that the application includes mitigation measures to avoid impacts on water quality during the construction phase of the project. These measures are set out in the Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and have been incorporated into the design of the proposed works. IFI would also request that should the development be granted permission, it be a requirement that the appointed contractor(s) are made aware of IFIs guidance document for reference regarding the protection of fisheries watercourses during construction works in and adjacent to waters before the construction phase of the project commences: https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/sites/default/files/migrated/docman/2016/Guidelines%20Report%20 https://www.fisheriesireland.ie/sites/default/files/migrated/docman/2016/Guidelines%20Report%20

I would appreciate if An Coimisiún Pleanála could acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Yours sincerely

David Harrington

Senior Fisheries Environmental Officer

IFI Galway