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ACP-323799-25

FAO: Ms Eimear Reilly

Dear Eimear,

I refer to your correspondence dated 01 April 2026 and request for further information in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development.

Please find attached response from Meath County Council, noting request to extend period.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Kind Regards,

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Transportation Department

09 April 2026

An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
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**Re: Proposed Road Improvement Scheme at Newtownmoyaghy Stream, Kilcock, Co Meath
(Case Number ACP-323799-25)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your correspondence dated 1 April 2026 regarding the proposed road improvement scheme at Newtownmoyaghy, Kilcock, County Meath.

I am writing to seek clarification in relation to the request for further information outlined in Item No. 3: *“Applicant to submit an updated Natura Impact Statement that addresses the potential for significant effects on the Rye Water Valley / Carton SAC (Site Code: 001398) as Part of Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.”*

As part of the Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening, an assessment was undertaken of all European Sites within the potential Zone of Influence (Zol) of the proposed development including the Rye Water Valley / Carton SAC [001398], see Table 5-1 in Section 5.4 of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report. The assessment found in relation to this site that ***“...Surface water impacts to petrifying springs or tufa formations are considered to be avoided due to their isolation from the proposed development and surface water flows. All remaining qualifying interests are terrestrial species with no pathway for any likely significant effects. This site is screened out and not considered further within this assessment.”***

Notwithstanding the fact that the Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening concluded that the Rye Water Valley / Carton SAC [001398] could be screened out, having regard to its qualifying interests and the absence of any source-pathway-receptor linkage, the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) submitted in October 2025 has, on a precautionary basis, considered the site in light of its relative proximity to the proposed development. The NIS includes mitigation measures designed to protect water quality and to avoid potential indirect effects on downstream aquatic environments. However, these measures are considered specifically relevant to European sites that were screened in at Stage 1, namely South Dublin Bay SAC [000210], South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA [004024], North Dublin Bay SAC [00206] and North Bull Island SPA [004006].

Can An Coimisiún Pleanála confirm if the above item 3 from the request for further information reflects a belief by An Coimisiún that the Rye Water Valley / Carton SAC [001398] should have been screened in for Appropriate Assessment as part of the Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening and if so can you confirm if the Stage 1 Screening Report is also required to be updated.

In light of the Easter break and certain members of the design team being on leave we would also request an extension for the deadline for submission of the further information until the 15th May 2026.

Yours faithfully,



Paul Phelan
Senior Executive Engineer
Transportation