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**To:** [Nicola Brennan](#); [LAPS](#)  
**Cc:** [Transport](#); [Paul Phelan](#); [Sinead Singleton](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Road Improvement Scheme at Newtownmoyaghy Road, Kilcock, Co. Meath ACP-323799-25  
**Date:** Monday 22 December 2025 11:54:00  
**Attachments:** [ACP-323799-25-Circulation Letter-Meath County Council.pdf](#)  
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[Submission - Transport Infrastructure Ireland.pdf](#)  
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[Submission - Development Application Unit.pdf](#)  
[Submission - Inland Fisheries Ireland.pdf](#)  
[Submission - Lucy Tottenham.pdf](#)  
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Good morning Nicola

I acknowledge receipt of your email.

It appears that a clerical error may have been made when printing the copies of the submission which were issued to your offices. Apologies for this oversight.

Please see the attached letter and submissions in response to this error.

Hard copies of the letter and the submissions will be issued to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards  
Eimear

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**From:** Nicola Brennan <NBrennan@meathcoco.ie>  
**Sent:** Friday 19 December 2025 10:24  
**To:** LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>  
**Cc:** Transport <transport@meathcoco.ie>; Paul Phelan <PPhelan@meathcoco.ie>  
**Subject:** Proposed Road Improvement Scheme at Newtownmoyaghy Road, Kilcock, Co. Meath ACP-323799-25

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**ACP-323799-25**

**FAQ: Ms Eimear Reilly**

Dear Eimear,

I refer to your correspondence dated 09 December 2025 regarding the submissions received by the Commission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development.

I attach a scanned copy of the correspondence that was received by our office by post, unfortunately, it appears that there may be pages missing for some of the submissions. Can you

please confirm if we have received all submissions in their entirety.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, I am available on 0469097135.

Many thanks.

Kind Regards,  
Nicola

**Nicola Brennan**  
**Executive Engineer | Transportation**

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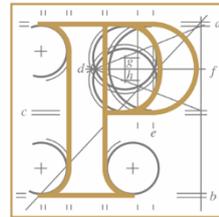
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**Date:** 22 December 2025

**Re:** Proposed road improvement scheme  
at Newtownmoyaghy Stream, Kilkcok, County Meath.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I refer to the above-mentioned case, and to your email dated 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

The Commission acknowledges the error made when circulating the submissions received in relation to this application to you on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025; as per your email, it appears that an incomplete copy was circulated to you. On behalf of the Commission, I apologise for this clerical error and for an inconvenience that it may have caused.

Please now find enclosed two full copies of the 8 submissions received by the Commission from the following in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development:

1. Anthony and Grainne Burke
2. Development Applications Unit
3. Inland Fisheries Ireland
4. Lucy Tottenham
5. Pat Field
6. Paul Johnston
7. Townley and Catherine Angel
8. Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Due to the Commission's clerical error please note that the deadline for receipt of your response to these submissions has been extended. As such, any submission in relation to the above must be received by the Commission within 4 weeks from the date of this letter (**i.e. on or before 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026**). Please note that the provisions of section 251 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, relating to the holiday period between the 24<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January, both days inclusive, have been taken into account in the calculation of the response date.

Please ensure that a copy of these submissions is available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority.

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

Yours faithfully,



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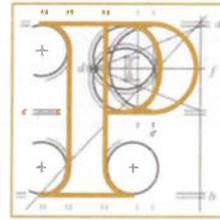
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**An  
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Transport Infrastructure Ireland  
Land Use Planning Section  
Parkgate Business Centre  
Parkgate Street  
Dublin 8  
D08 DK10

**Date:** 06 November 2025

**Re:** Proposed road improvement scheme  
at Newtownmoyaghy Stream, Kilkcok, County Meath.

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.

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Yours faithfully,

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## Eimear Reilly

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**From:** LAPS  
**Sent:** Tuesday 21 October 2025 13:26  
**To:** Eimear Reilly  
**Subject:** FW: TII submission to proposed road improvement scheme at Newtownmoyaghy Stream, Kilcock, County Meath, ACP ref. JP17.323799 (TII ref. TII25-133523)  
**Attachments:** TII25-133523 - Proposed road improvement scheme at Newtownmoyaghy Stream, Kilcock, Co. Meath, ACP ref. JP17.323799\_issued 21.10.2025.pdf  
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**From:** Landuse Planning <LandUsePlanning@tii.ie>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2025 11:28 AM  
**To:** LAPS <laps@pleanaia.ie>  
**Subject:** TII submission to proposed road improvement scheme at Newtownmoyaghy Stream, Kilcock, County Meath, ACP ref. JP17.323799 (TII ref. TII25-133523)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached TII's observation on the above application.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Acknowledgements can be forwarded to [landuseplanning@tii.ie](mailto:landuseplanning@tii.ie).

Regards and thanks,

**Cliona Ryan**  
Land Use Planner

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**Email:** [landuseplanning@tii.ie](mailto:landuseplanning@tii.ie)



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**RE: Proposed road improvement scheme at Newtownmoyaghy Stream, Kilcock, County Meath.**

**Applicant: Meath County Council**

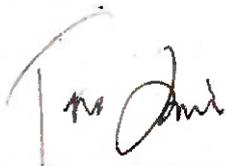
**Dear Sir /Madam,**

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) acknowledges receipt of referral of the above proposed development on behalf of Meath County Council.

In the case of the above planning application, TII has no observations.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Yours faithfully,

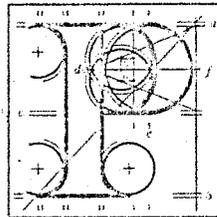


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**on behalf of**  
**Land Use Planning Unit**



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Anthony and Grainne Burke  
Hillfield House  
Newtownmoyaghy  
Kilcock  
Co. Meath  
W23 C42V

Date: 27 November 2025

Re: Proposed road improvement scheme  
at Newtownmoyaghy Stream, Kilcock, County Meath.

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.

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Yours faithfully,

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## Eimear Reilly

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**From:** LAPS  
**Sent:** Thursday 27 November 2025 14:57  
**To:** 'grainne burke'  
**Subject:** RE: Submission Newtownmoyaghy Stream Improvement Scheme

Good afternoon Grainne and Anthony

I acknowledge receipt of your email. A formal acknowledgement will issue to you by post today.

Kind regards  
Eimear Reilly  
Executive Officer  
SIDS/LAPS

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**From:** grainne burke <g.burke@yahoo.ie>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 25 November 2025 12:13  
**To:** LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>  
**Subject:** Submission Newtownmoyaghy Stream Improvement Scheme

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Please find attached a submission to the Newtownmoyaghy Stream / Road Improvement Scheme  
Ref :

Case reference: [JP17.323799](#).

Anthony and Grainne Burke

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An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: JP17.323799

Submission on the Newtownmoyaghy Road /Stream Improvement Scheme  
Kilcock Co-Meath .

Anthony & Grainne Burke ,Hillfield Hse, Kilcock ,Meath W23 C42V

We welcome the proposed upgrade to the Newtownmoyaghy Road improvement scheme and recognise the significant benefits it will bring in terms of safety, accessibility, and flood management.

In particular, we note that the proposed works — including the diversion of the river — appear to reduce the risk of flooding and may remove our lands from Flood Zone A as currently designated. We are the only house on this road . This would represent a very positive outcome for affected landowners and the wider area.

However, we respectfully request that Meath County Council, in consultation with the Office of Public Works (OPW), carry out a detailed review and confirmation of the flooding assessment to ensure that:

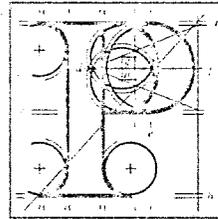
- The revised river alignment and drainage measures are appropriately designed to deliver this reduced flood risk; and
- The updated flow patterns and hydrological impacts are fully reflected in future flood zone mapping.

We welcome this improvement scheme and look forward to its delivery, provided the final design continues to safeguard and improve local flood resilience

Anthony Burke

Grainne Burke

Our Case Number: ACP-323799-25



An  
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Development Applications Unit  
Government Offices  
Newtown road  
Wexford  
Y35 AP90

**Date:** 05 December 2025

**Re:** Proposed road improvement scheme  
at Newtownmoyaghy Stream, Kilkcok, County Meath.

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.

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Yours faithfully,

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## Eimear Reilly

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**From:** LAPS  
**Sent:** Friday 28 November 2025 10:30  
**To:** Eimear Reilly  
**Subject:** FW: ACP-323799-25 Part 8-Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme-MH  
**Attachments:** Meath ACP-323799-25 Part 8-Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme-MH.pdf

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**From:** David OConnor (Housing) <David.OConnor@npws.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 28, 2025 10:26 AM  
**To:** LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>  
**Subject:** ACP-323799-25 Part 8-Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme-MH

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A chara

Please find attached Archaeological observations/recommendations for the above mentioned ACP notification.

Kindly forward a copy of your decision to [manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie](mailto:manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie) as soon as it issues.

In addition, please acknowledge receipt of the attached letter (as required under Article 29(2) of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001).

You are requested to send any further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at: [manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie](mailto:manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie)

Kind regards,

David

**David O'Connor**  
*Executive Officer*

**An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht**  
**Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage**

**Aonad na nIarratas ar Fhorbairt**

*Development Applications Unit*

**Oifigí an Rialtais**

*Government Offices*

Bóthar an Bhaile Nua, Loch Garman, Contae Loch Garman, Y35 AP90

Newtown Road, Wexford, County Wexford, Y35 AP90

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[Manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie](mailto:Manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie)



**Your Ref: ACP-323799-25**

**Our Ref: P800197/2025**

27 November 2025

The Secretary  
An Coimisiún Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
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Via email: [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

Re: Notification to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

**Development The proposed development will consist of:**

- **Diversion of the Newtownmoyaghy Stream within an area of agricultural grassland to the northeast of the existing channel and road**
- **Piping, infilling and top soiling of the existing stream channel**
- **Provision of new culvert under the Newtownmoyaghy Road to connect the diverted stream into the existing channel downstream**
- **Provision of agricultural crossings over the new channel**
- **Widening of the existing carriageway**
- **Construction of new road pavement and upgrade of existing road pavement**
- **Alterations to the entrance of one residential property**
- **Provision of new agricultural entrances; and**
- **Provision of associated drainage infrastructure, boundary treatments, surfacing works, road marking, traffic signage and landscaping.**

A Chara,

I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above.

Outlined below are archaeology related observations/recommendations of the Department co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit.

The Department has examined the Archaeology Heritage Desk-based Review (Niall Roycroft, Meath County Council, 31 July 2024) provided with the above planning referral. On the basis of the contents of the Heritage Report and its conclusions (pages 25-26) it is



the Department's recommendation that the following conditions pertaining to Pre-development Testing be included in any grant of approval that may issue.

**Pre-development testing shall consist of the following:**

1. Meath County Council will engage the services of a suitably qualified archaeologist (licensed under the National Monuments Acts 1930–2004) to carry out pre-development testing at the site. No sub-surface work shall be undertaken in the absence of the archaeologist without his/her express consent.
2. The archaeologist is required to notify the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in writing at least four weeks prior to the commencement of site preparations. This will allow the archaeologist sufficient time to obtain a licence to carry out the work.
3. The archaeologist shall carry out any relevant documentary research and may excavate test trenches at locations chosen by the archaeologist, having consulted the proposed development plans.
4. Having completed the work, the archaeologist shall submit a written report to the Planning Authority and to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration.
5. Where archaeological material is shown to be present, avoidance, preservation *in situ*, preservation by record (excavation) and/or monitoring may be required and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will advise Meath County Council with regard to these matters.
6. No site preparation or construction work shall be carried out until after the archaeologist's report has been submitted and permission to proceed has been received in writing from the Planning Authority in consultation with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

**Reason:** To ensure the continued preservation (either *in situ* or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

**Underwater Cultural Heritage**

It is noted that the proposed development includes the diversion of the Newtownmoyaghy Stream within an area of agricultural grassland to the northeast of the existing channel and road piping, infilling and top soiling of the existing stream channel; provision of new culvert under the Newtownmoyaghy Road to connect the diverted stream into the existing channel



downstream. The planning application incorporates a desk-based Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) which was carried out in relation to the proposed development by Niall Roycroft (July 2024) and which notes the presence within its environs of a number of recorded monuments (ME049-038----: Enclosure, ME049A003001-: Ring-ditch, ME049A003002-: Ring-ditch, ME049A004001-: Ring-ditch, ME049A004002-: Ring-ditch, ME049A004003-: Ring-ditch, ME049A005----: Enclosure, KD005-006----: Moated site), potential archaeological monuments and previously recorded built heritage structures. Given the high density of archaeological heritage within the environs of the proposed development, the c. 550m of stream proposed for diversion can be considered to have the potential to contain underwater cultural heritage and therefore its assessment by way of Underwater Archaeological Impact Assessment is warranted.

#### **Legal Codes and Policy Context**

Archaeological monuments are afforded statutory protection in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) established under section 12 (Recorded Monuments) of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1930-2014. The *Frameworks and Principles for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage* (Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and the Islands 1999, see section 3.6.1(3) and 3.6.4) sets out national policy on the protection of the archaeological heritage in the course of development. It includes emphasis on the non-renewable nature of the archaeological heritage, the need to always consider its preservation in-situ as the first option, and also the need to carry out appropriate levels and forms of archaeological assessment in advance of development.

Section 3 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1987 is the primary piece of legislation for the protection of underwater cultural heritage, including wrecks over 100 years old and archaeological objects underwater, irrespective of age. Wrecks that are less than 100 years old and archaeological objects underwater or the potential location of such a wreck or archaeological object can also be protected under Section 3 of the 1987 (Amendment) Act. Underwater Cultural Heritage also encompasses a broad range of saltwater and freshwater heritage, the protection of which is provided for in legal codes. The Wreck Inventory of Ireland Database (WIID) is the official register of historic shipwrecks protected under the National Monuments Acts. All wrecks over 100-years old are protected under the 1987 and 1994 (Amendment) Acts of the National Monuments Acts. Over 18,000 wrecks have been recorded to date, ranging from small fishing boats, dugout canoes and coastal traders to steamships and ocean going ships. Though earlier sources have been included where obtainable, the Inventory is largely based on documentary sources available from after 1700 AD.



In order to ensure the project aligns with statutory obligations, policy and guidelines for the protection of the State's archaeological heritage, as set out above, the Department recommends the following conditions are attached to any approval that may issue from An Coimisiún Pleanála. Note these recommended conditions align with Sample Conditions C5 and C6 as set out in OPR Practice Note PN03: Planning Conditions (October 2022), with appropriate site-specific additions/adaptations based on the particular characteristics of this development and informed by the findings of the archaeological assessment.

**Archaeological Recommendations:**

**Underwater Archaeological Impact Assessment**

1 Prior to the commencement of any construction activities an Underwater Archaeological Impact Assessment (UAIA) report shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval and shall include the results of the following:

- a. Desk based assessment that addresses the recorded and potential underwater cultural heritage (including historic wrecks, archaeological objects, terrestrial archaeological heritage, built heritage and industrial heritage) of the proposed development area based on field inspections, cartographic analysis, historical and archival research and prior archaeological investigations.
- b. Wade/dive survey, accompanied by a hand-held metal detection survey, centred on (but not confined to) the area(s) where in stream/river/stream margin works are proposed, including the proposed locations of any enabling works, coffer dams and any machinery movements that may affect the riverine environment. The wade/dive assessment and metal detection survey shall be undertaken by a suitably licenced and experienced underwater archaeologist. All identified and potential underwater cultural heritage shall be surveyed (photographic, descriptive, photogrammetric) in detail as part of the assessment and shall include detailed assessment of each of the wrecks it is proposed to remove from the harbour area.
- c. A Dive/Survey licence (Section 3 1987 National Monuments Act) and a Detection Device consent (Section 2 1987 National Monuments Act) shall be required for the dive/wade survey and metal detection, respectively.
- d. The UAIA report shall contain a detailed Archaeological Impact Statement that addresses all identified or potential impacts on identified or potential underwater cultural heritage and shall also make recommendations on measures to avoid (through the institution of Archaeological Exclusion Zones) or, where necessary, mitigate (by archaeological dive surveys/archaeological test excavations/archaeological geophysical surveys/archaeological monitoring/preservation by record or any other means as may recommended by the Department) all potential/identified impacts and significant adverse effects on underwater



cultural heritage. The Developer shall be prepared to be advised by the Department in this regard or in regard to any subsequent recommendations that may issue. No construction works shall be undertaken until formal approval of the UAIA in writing from the Department has been received by the Developer.

#### **Archaeological Monitoring (Underwater)**

2. Archaeological monitoring of in stream / river/stream margin construction works shall be undertaken as follows:
  - a. The services of a suitably qualified and experienced, to the satisfaction of the Department, maritime/underwater archaeologist shall be engaged to carry out full-time archaeological monitoring of all in stream / river/stream construction activities or works with the potential to impact on underwater cultural heritage.
  - b. The archaeological monitoring shall be carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced, to the satisfaction of the Department, maritime/underwater archaeologist, under a Section 26 (National Monuments Act 1930) excavation licence and in accordance with an approved method statement.
  - c. A Finds Retrieval Strategy shall be implemented and agreed with the Department, as part of the archaeological licence application. This shall include for the systematic spreading of all dredged material at a suitable repository to facilitate hand-searching and metal detection for finds retrieval, to be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced archaeologist working under a Detection Device consent (Section 2 1987 National Monuments Act). All monitoring works that have the potential to uncover human skeletal remains shall be undertaken in conjunction with a suitably qualified and experienced osteoarchaeologist. Secure finds storage that ensures the protection and conservation of wet and dry finds, including human skeletal remains, shall be provided within the construction site compound. The Finds Retrieval Strategy shall address the likely post-excavation requirements for all archaeological objects, including those from an underwater environment, including recording, finds processing, analysis and long-term conservation of material recovered during the project.
  - d. Sufficient, suitably experienced and qualified, to the satisfaction of the Department, underwater archaeologists shall be in place to ensure continuous archaeological monitoring works. An archaeological team shall be on standby to deal with any rescue excavation and may be augmented as required. An archaeological dive team shall be on standby in the event that underwater archaeological inspection is required by means of archaeological diving. All dive surveys shall be licenced (Section 3 1987 National Monuments Act) and shall include handheld metal detection survey, which shall also be licenced (Section 2 1987 National Monuments Act).



- e. In order to ensure full communication is in place between the monitoring archaeologist(s) and the works contractor(s) at all times, a communication strategy shall be implemented that facilitates direct archaeological monitoring of all in-stream / river/stream margin construction activities or works with the potential to impact on underwater cultural heritage. The monitoring archaeologist shall be provided with adequate notice (minimum four weeks) of all forthcoming works that require their attendance.
- f. Should suspected/verified archaeological structures, features, deposits or sites and/or archaeological objects, including wrecks, be identified during the course of the archaeological monitoring activities, the monitoring archaeologist shall be authorised by the Developer to suspend all construction activities on the affected area (as defined by the monitoring archaeologist). The Developer shall immediately institute a Temporary Archaeological Exclusion Zone (TAEZ) to the proposed find location and its environs (as defined by the monitoring archaeologist) and all construction activities shall immediately cease within the TAEZ in order to facilitate investigative assessment, protection and prompt notification to the NMS and other statutory authorities, as required.
- g. Following assessment of the newly discovered archaeological materials, the Developer shall undertake any ensuing mitigating action as is required by the Department. Mitigation shall prioritise redesign or partial redesign to facilitate full or partial preservation in situ. Mitigation may also include archaeological excavations ('preservation by record'), archaeological test-excavations, stabilisation/conservation works and/or archaeological monitoring, underwater archaeological inspection by means of archaeological diving, underwater archaeological surveys, or any combination of the above or any other mitigation measures as may be recommended by the Department. No construction activities shall recommence within the Temporary Archaeological Exclusion Zone until formally agreed in writing with the Department. Where ensuing mitigation is required, no archaeological works shall be undertaken until after an amended method statement that describes the mitigation strategy has been submitted, reviewed and agreed in writing by the Department. All resulting and associated archaeological costs shall be borne by the Developer.
- h. The planning authority and the Department shall be furnished with a final archaeological report describing the results of all archaeological monitoring and any archaeological investigative work/excavation required, following the completion of all archaeological works and any post-excavation analysis, scientific dating programmes, palaeoenvironmental analysis, geoarchaeological analysis, conservation of archaeological objects, as required by the Department and the National Museum of Ireland. Where significant archaeological discoveries are made, they shall be fully published in an appropriate academic format. All post excavation and publication costs shall be borne by the Developer.



### **Construction Environment Management Plan**

3. The Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) shall be updated to include the location of any and all underwater cultural heritage constraints relevant to the proposed development. The CEMP shall clearly describe all identified likely archaeological impacts, both direct and indirect, and all mitigation measures to be employed to protect the archaeological or underwater cultural heritage environment during all phases of site preparation and construction activity.

You are requested to send any further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at [manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie](mailto:manager.DAU@npws.gov.ie), where used, or to the following address:

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David O'Connor  
Development Applications Unit  
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An  
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Inland Fisheries Ireland  
3044 Lake Drive  
Citywest Business Campus  
Dublin 24  
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Date: 12 November 2025

Re: Proposed road improvement scheme  
at Newtownmoyaghy Stream, Kilkcok, County Meath.

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## Eimear Reilly

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**From:** LAPS  
**Sent:** Tuesday 11 November 2025 11:25  
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**Subject:** FW: Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme in the townland of Newtownmoyaghy, Kilcock, Co. Meath  
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**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2025 12:11 PM  
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**RE: Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme in the townland of Newtownmoyaghy, Kilcock, Co. Meath**

To whom it may concern

Attached are the comments of IFI in relation to the above application.

Kind Regards,

Roisin  
**Roisin O'Callaghan**  
**Senior Fisheries Environmental Officer**

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**10/11/2025**

**Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme in the townland of Newtownmoyaghy,  
Kilcock, Co. Meath**

We have reviewed the application and associated documentation and make the following observations

- The development is located in the catchment of the River Ryewater. The River Ryewater is exceptional among most urban rivers in the area in supporting Atlantic salmon and Sea trout in addition to resident Brown trout populations.
- Ground preparation and associated construction works, including large-scale topographic alteration have significant potential to cause the release of sediments and pollutants into surrounding watercourses. Pollution of the adjacent freshwaters from poor on-site construction practices could have a significantly negative impact on the fauna and flora of this sensitive and important freshwater system. Any top soil or spoil storage on site must have mitigations in place to prevent any deleterious material entering surface waters.
- There can be no direct pumping of contaminated water from the works to the stream at any time. Any dewatering of ground water during excavation works must be pumped into an attenuation area before being discharged offsite.
- Silt fencing and silt trappings on construction roads and any temporary watercourse crossings must be in place to avoid allowing silt to enter watercourses. They also must be regularly inspected and maintained to ensure they are performing their function properly.
- Method statement must also be agreed with IFI for the realignment of the local watercourse.
- The design of the road culvert must not be overly wide in design. When the culvert width exceeds the natural channel, water velocities can become unnaturally high, scouring the bed downstream and eroding banks, while also creating shallow, fast-flowing sections upstream that are unsuitable for fish and invertebrates. Wide culverts often fail to replicate natural channel features.
- We are requesting the construction of a clear-span bridge in place of the planned box culvert for farm access. Box culverts can significantly disrupt river habitat continuity, impeding fish and other aquatic species and altering natural flow regimes. A clear-span bridge, by contrast, allows the river to flow naturally beneath the structure, maintaining sediment transport, ecological connectivity, and habitat integrity.



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- It is recommended that there is a designated, suitably experienced and qualified person is assigned during the construction phase, to monitor and ensure all conditioned and agreed environmental mitigation measures are implemented and functioning correctly. The contact details of this appointed person should be provided to all relevant agencies, including IFI.
- The new filter drain should be fitted with hydrocarbon and silt filters. If permission is granted we suggest a condition to require MCC to provide annual maintenance in respect of the efficient operation of the stormwater drainage.
- All discharges must be in compliance with the European Communities (Surface Water) Regulations 2009 and the European Communities (Groundwater) Regulations 2010.

I trust you will take our observations on board.

Kind regards,

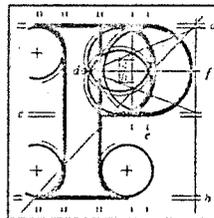
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An  
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Lucy Tottenham  
Cloragh  
Ashford  
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A67 P038

**Date:** 05 December 2025

**Re:** Proposed road improvement scheme  
at Newtownmoyaghy Stream, Kilkcok, County Meath.

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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

**Re: Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme in the townland of  
Newtownmoyaghy, Kilcock, Co. Meath**

***To who it may concern:***

I wish to object to the above scheme on the following grounds:

***Flooding***

No alternatives have been considered to alleviate the apparent flooding problem. Nowhere in the report has careful clearing of the vegetation in the river blocking the river been suggested (while maintaining existing shrubs/trees). Why not move the road/expand it rather than move the river? This would be a far cheaper alternative! (and leave the County Council more funds to allocate to much needed housing in the area!!!)

Inadequate flood risk assessment: The Strategic flood risk assessment carried out places this site within Flood Zone A (highly likely to flood, history of flooding). No flood management measures have been considered to take into account future climate change – like the extreme rain which hit last week. A drain replacing a river would not have the capacity to cater for extreme weather/flooding, as debris carried downstream will constantly block a drain entrance and be extremely dangerous to clear in a flood event. The nearby ESB sub station would be at risk of flooding. As would the nearby houses.

***Sensitive Species/Biodiversity/Trees/EIS***

Natura Impact Study: The inadequate study undertaken notes the existence of otter and kingfisher. A Kildare County Council study undertaken at Carton Demense (attached) notes existence of brown trout, salmon, eels, minnows, lampreys, pike and white-clawed crayfish (sensitive and in some cases – protected species). Nowhere in the current Natura study does it make reference to measures to be taken to prevent disturbance/impact to these species during construction or long term. Nor has a study been undertaken to identify all biodiversity likely to be impacted downstream by this project – flora and fauna. Both during construction and future impacts. Fish will not be able to spawn in a drain. Kingfisher are listed on Annex 1 of the EU birds directive. While white-clawed crayfish is on Annex 2 and Annex 5 of the EU Habitats directive. Removal of the river would remove the associated biodiversity/species present. It is essential to protect all waterways and all endangered species from improper planning.

Trees: Even if trees adjoining the site are not disturbed, tree roots will inevitably be damaged by digging during construction – another threat to the biodiversity in the area – and a danger to the public – future dead trees falling on the road.

Environmental Impact Study (EIS): No EIS has been undertaken. This is essential to ensure protection of this environmentally sensitive area. Particularly as it is within a known flood zone. And particularly as moving a waterway has dire consequences to sensitive species. A detailed EIS is required.

***Traffic/Speed calming/Accident prevention***

While it is acknowledged that this road is in need of radical improvement and is used as a 'rat race' at certain times. It is extremely dangerous with inadequate width in places for traffic to pass – mostly as a result of the eroding riverbank. No alternative (widen existing road instead of moving the river/ traffic lights/ speed calming measures/ a wall between river and road to prevent cars plunging into the river) have been considered.

I would ask that Meath County Council be requested to reconsider the options, follow through with their commitment to protection of biodiversity and create a safer road in the public good without destroying the existing nature-rich habitat and overspending on an unnecessarily complicated project in the process.

I object to the Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme and request that planning is denied.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucy Tottenham', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lucy Tottenham

## SITE SYNOPSIS

### SITE CODE: RYE WATER VALLEY/CARTON

### SITE CODE: 001398

This site is located between Leixlip and Maynooth. It extends along the Rye Water, a tributary of the R. Liffey.

The Rye Water in Carton Estate is dammed at intervals, creating a series of lakes. Reed Grass (*Glyceria maxima*) is frequent around the lakes, along with Yellow Flag (*Iris pseudacorus*), Reed Canary-grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), Bulrush (*Typha latifolia*), Water Forget-me-not (*Myosotis scorpioides*), Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*) and Starwort (*Callitriche* spp.). Along the remainder of the site the river has recently been dredged and much of the Reed fringe removed.

To the north-west of Carton Bridge a small clump of Willows (*Salix* spp.), with Dogwood (*Cornus* sp.) some Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and Elder (*Sambucus nigra*) occurs. The ground flora found here includes Golden Saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium oppositifolium*), Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*), Common Valerian (*Valeriana officinalis*), Wavy Bitter-cress (*Cardamine flexuosa*) and Bittersweet (*Solanum dulcamara*).

The woods on Carton Estate are mostly old demesne woods with both deciduous and coniferous species. Conifers, including some Yew (*Taxus baccata*) are dominant, with Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), Oak (*Quercus* sp.), Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*), Ash and Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) also occurring. The ground flora is dominated by Ivy (*Hedera helix*) with such species as Hedge Woundwort (*Stachys sylvatica*), Wood Speedwell (*Veronica montana*), Woodruff (*Galium odoratum*), Wood Avens (*Geum urbanum*), Common Dog- violet (*Viola riviniana*), Wild Angelica (*Angelica sylvestris*), Ramsons (*Allium ursinum*), Ground-ivy (*Glechoma hederacea*) and Ivy Broomrape (*Orobanche hederaceae*) also occurring.

Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*), a species legally protected under the Flora Protection Order (1987), occurs in Carton Estate; there is an old record from the estate for the similarly protected, Hairy Violet (*Viola hirta*), but this has not been recorded from here in recent years. Another species listed in the Red Data Book, Green Figwort (*Scrophularia umbrosa*), occurs on the site in several locations by the Rye Water. The woods at Carton Demesne are the site of a rare Myxomycete fungus, *Diderma deplanatum*.

Within the woods, Blackcap, Woodcock and Long-eared Owl have been recorded. Little Grebe, Coot, Moorhen, Tufted Duck, Teal and Kingfisher, the latter a species listed on Annex I of the EU Birds Directive, occur on and about the lake.

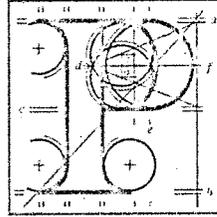
The marsh, mineral spring and seepage area found at Louisa Bridge supports a good diversity of plant species, including Stoneworts, Arrowgrass (*Triglochin palustris*), Purple Moor-grass (*Molinea caerulea*), Sedges (*Carex* spp.), Common Butterwort

(*Pinguicula vulgaris*), Marsh Lousewort (*Pedicularis palustris*), Grass-of-parnassus (*Parnassia palustris*) and Cuckooflower (*Cardamine pratensis*). The mineral spring found at the site is of a type considered to be rare in Europe and is a habitat listed on Annex I of the EU Habitats Directive. The Red Data Book species Blue Fleabane (*Erigeron acer*) is found growing on a wall at Louisa Bridge. The Rye Water is a spawning ground for Trout and Salmon, and the rare, White-clawed Crayfish (*Austropotamobius pallipes*) has been recorded at Leixlip. The latter two species are listed on Annex II of the EU Habitats Directive. The semi-aquatic snails *Vertigo angustior* and *V. moulinsiana* occur in marsh vegetation near Louisa Bridge; both are rare in Ireland and Europe and are listed on Annex II of the EU Habitats Directive. The scarce Dragonfly, *Orthetrum coerulescens*, has been recorded at Louisa Bridge.

The main importance of the site lies in the presence of several rare and threatened plant and animal species, and of a rare habitat, thermal, mineral, petrifying spring. The woods found on Carton Estate and their birdlife are of additional interest.

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An  
Coimisiún  
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Pat Field  
Meath Bridge  
Kilcock  
Co. Kildare

Date: 27 November 2025

Re: Proposed road improvement scheme  
at Newtownmoyaghy Stream, Kilcock, County Meath.

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## Eimear Reilly

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**From:** LAPS  
**Sent:** Thursday 27 November 2025 14:55  
**To:** 'pat Field'  
**Subject:** RE: Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme.

Good afternoon Pat

I acknowledge receipt of your email. A formal acknowledgement will issue to you by post today.

Kind regards  
Eimear Reilly  
Executive Officer  
SIDS/LAPS

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**From:** pat Field <fieldpat18@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday 24 November 2025 10:50  
**To:** LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>  
**Subject:** Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme.

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Dear Sir .

In connection with the Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement scheme I am the owner of the land along which the Newtownmoyaghy Stream currently runs .

I want to make the following submissions.

The scheme will divert the stream away from my land and I will lose a water source for cattle grazing the land. This would seriously limit my options for using this field in the future.

Can some proposals be looked at and discussed with me to address this issue.

The scheme also proposes to move the existing entrance to my field.

Can the options for relocation for this be looked at and discussed with me before a final decision is made on the location of the new entrance.

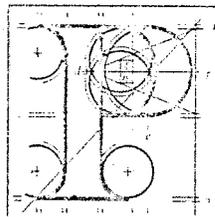
The scheme involves the construction of a new fence along the full length of the affected boundary with the new/improved roadway.

Can the options for the type of fence be looked at and discussed with me before a final decision is made on the type of fence to be erected ----- in the interest of future road safety.

Pat Field.

Meath Bridge ,  
Kilcock,  
Co Kildare.

**Our Case Number:** ACP-323799-25



**An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála**

Paul Johnston  
Luimnagh West  
Corrandula  
Co. Galway

**Date:** 05 December 2025

**Re:** Proposed road improvement scheme  
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**From:** LAPS  
**Sent:** Friday 28 November 2025 09:19  
**To:** Eimear Reilly  
**Subject:** FW: Observation on Newtownmoyaghy road scheme ref TRA 04 023 12  
**Attachments:** Newtown Moyaghy Paul Johnston report Ref TRA 04 023 12.pdf

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**From:** Paul Meredith Johnston <PJHNSTON@tcd.ie>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 28, 2025 8:37 AM  
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Attn An Coimisiun Pleanala  
Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement scheme Ref TRA 04 023 12

I attach an observation on the proposed road improvement scheme which I trust is in order.

Thank you

Paul

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Meath County Council/An Coimisiún Pleanála Ref TRA 04 023 12  
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**Observations on the proposed road improvement scheme**

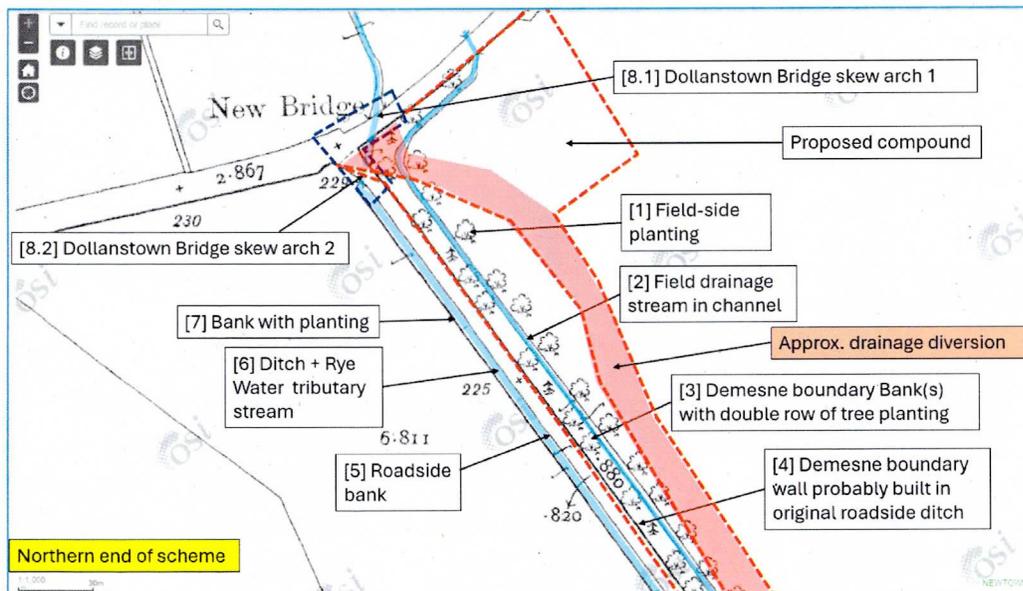
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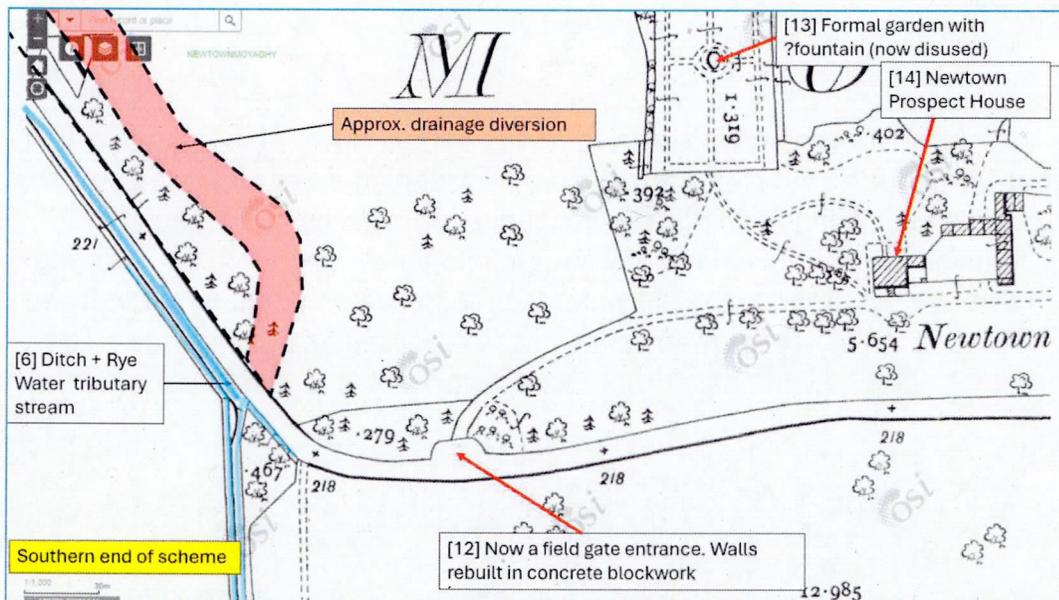
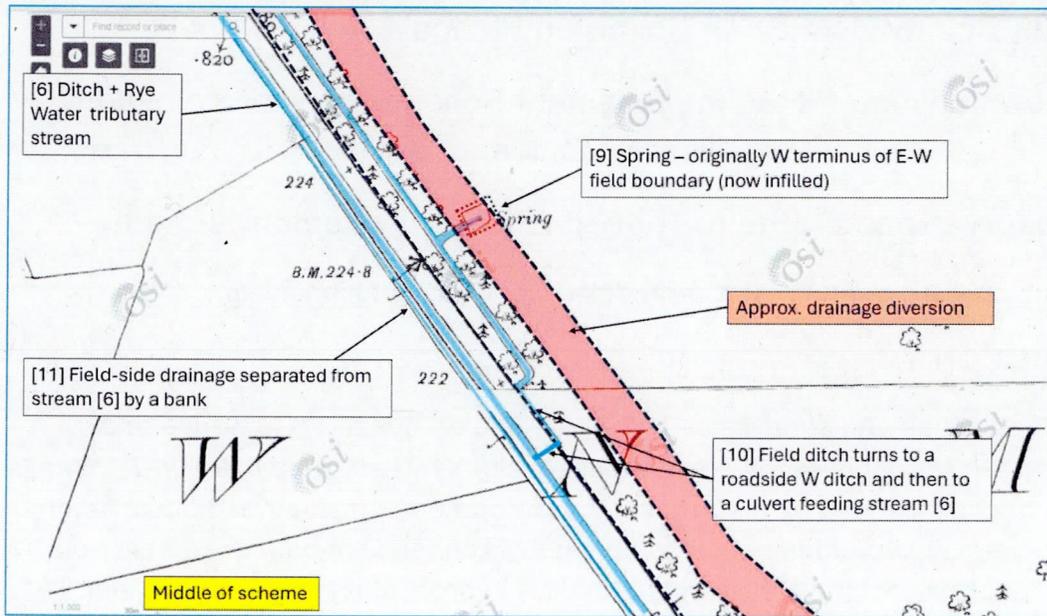
INTRODUCTION

These observations and submission are also made on behalf of Catherine and Townley Angel, residents of Newtown Prospect House, Newtownmoyaghy, whose lands are directly affected by the proposed development. I make these observations as an engineering hydrologist of some 50 years experience in both academia and professional practice. I have also worked on the hydroecology of the Rye Water SAC immediately downstream of this proposed road development scheme. I have also worked as an advisor to An Bord Pleanála and conducted research with the EPA, OPW and NPWS

OBJECTIVES & RATIONALE.

Primary objective of the scheme is stated to be the improvement of the capacity and safety of the Moyglare/Newtownmoyaghy Road by widening it and removing sources of the apparently increasing flooding. The consequential solution proposed in the scheme is to divert the Newtownmoyaghy stream into a new water course, allowing the road to be widened, filling in the old water course. It seems no other alternatives were considered or why the proposed scheme was regarded as optimum.





Images/maps reproduced from 'Archaeology Heritage Desk Based Review and Assessment V2', N. Roycroft, July 2024, showing current arrangement of drainage channels.

Historically, the road is situated on the floodplain of the adjacent stream, originally bounded by the eighteenth century estate wall on the east side. Parallel field drainage was separated on the east side of the wall, but discharged into the stream via a culvert, as shown on the maps in the Archaeology report, reproduced above. Although the original road was probably a track, some 3m wide, later widening and tarmac sealing has encroached on the floodplain to some 5-6m in width now.

From the perspective of the stream, the proposed scheme represents a major change in its hydrological regime. At the northern end of the scheme it is proposed to route the stream through a right angle into a wide (13m+), two tiered channel, although still separated from the field drainage. This new stream channel, some 850 long, will reconnect to the original stream channel at the southern end. This re-routing represents a major change in the hydromorphology of the stream. Given the good status of the water quality/habitat of the stream in the recent Water Framework Directive (WFD) review (2016-21), eliminating this habitat by filling in the old stream represents a significant environmental impact. The proposed scheme will clearly put at risk the requirement under the WFD to maintain that status by 2027. In any case altering the stream course as proposed comes under the remit of Article 9 of the Arterial Drainage Amendment Act (1995), requiring an application to the OPW (which is not apparent in the planning documentation). The proposed scheme does not accord with principles of nature restoration, as established under the EU Nature Restoration Law.

## FLOODING

The flood analysis undertaken as part of the assessment of the proposed scheme has used conventional rainfall-runoff catchment modelling along with hydraulic routing to indicate the benefits of re-routing the stream. As acknowledged, the modelled results are indicative, since there is little opportunity for validation in the field. However, even the reported results also acknowledge that there is a residual chance of flooding under extreme rainfall events, particularly at the northern end of the scheme.

The modelling as presented concentrates on the sources of the flooding (ie extreme rainfall) on a catchment basis, routed hydraulically through the present channel conditions. It is clear that a principal control on the flow into the stream along the road is the pair of stone arch bridges at the northern end. The constriction of the arches limits the flow into the downstream channel but is also a factor in causing upstream flooding, above the bridges (not part of the scheme). However, the observed *causes* of the flooding now experienced along the road is multifarious. Road runoff, overspilling of field drainage (particularly at the northern end) and an overgrown stream channel are significant causal factors which are not necessarily taken into account in the modelling. Re-routing the stream into a much wider/deeper channel would seem to be a 'sledgehammer to crack a nut', at the same time as causing a significant environmental impact.

The land-take from the agricultural field to the east to accommodate the proposed scheme/channel diversion has an additional environmental impact, not addressed in the planning documentation.

## ALTERNATIVES

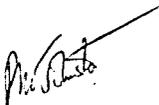
Lack of maintenance of the current stream channel is clearly a contributing cause of the recent observed flooding. Similarly, maintenance/development of field drainage on either side of the road is clearly in need of improvement. Limited widening and strengthening of the road and its margin with the stream channel is an alternative, more cost-effective strategy to creating a safe route for traffic. It is not clear whether the ultimate intention is to cause the proposed scheme to become a future bypass to Kilcock – what is the strategic purpose of the traffic management?

Re-routing the stream into a completely new channel in the field to the east of the current route is not only a negative environmental impact but a major impact on the utility of the then riparian land. Irrespective of the present zoning, a re-routed stream will effectively sterilize future access to the land from the newly widened road. Any future development would be significantly affected by such restriction of access, reducing the value of the land. Bridging the wide, newly proposed channel would be a prohibitive cost.

Another alternative for the road improvement, if necessary, would be the re-routing of the road itself, more or less along the route now proposed for the stream. A new T-junction could be created at the northern end. The existing stream channel could be widened, still allowing for a riparian walking/cycle track along the old roadway. Access to the existing property could still be accommodated. Such a scheme would be much less environmentally damaging and nature would be allowed to assume a more natural course.

## SUMMARY

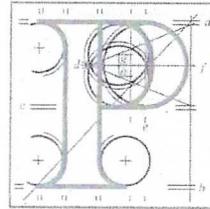
The proposed stream re-alignment under this road improvement scheme is not justified under environmental grounds. Even the flood modelling indicates it will not fully solve the flooding problem under more extreme events, as expected under climate change. A more thorough investigation of the situation in the field is needed coupled with an analysis of alternative solutions to accommodate both road improvement and environmental concerns, is required. The acquisition of a land-take on the east side of the road is not warranted under the circumstances.



Paul Johnston

21 Nov. 2025

**Our Case Number:** ACP-323799-25



An  
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Townley and Catherine Angel  
Newtown Prospect  
Newtownmoyaghy  
Kilcock  
Co. Meath  
W23 T6XC

**Date:** 05 December 2025

**Re:** Proposed road improvement scheme  
at Newtownmoyaghy Stream, Kilcock, County Meath.

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.

Please be advised that there is no fee required to make a submission in relation to this application. Accordingly, a refund for the €20 fee that you have paid will issue under separate cover.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

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

Yours faithfully,

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W23 T6XC  
25th of October 2025

**Ref:**  
**Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme in the townland of  
Newtownmoyaghy, Kilcock, Co, Meath.**

To whom it may concern

We wish to express out disappointment, observations and objectives to the road improvements scheme at Newtownmoyaghy, Kilcock, Co Meath which severely impacts our farm and as a result our livelihood.

In the first instance, we want all parties to be clear, we support the improvement of the road at this location, for many years it has been a dangerous thoroughfare for an ever increasing amount of traffic.

### **1.0 Disappointment;**

- 1.1 The loss of a long length of road frontage being replaced by a long length of river concerns us in terms of the land value and flooding for both ourselves and future generations to come at our farm.
- 1.2 Moving a river from its current location rather than moving the road, seems to be a very intrusive method of a road improvement, we feel that the river should be retained at its existing location and the road moved in on our lands instead.
- 1.3 We feel the road improvement though urgently needed will only increase the traffic movements on the road and as such, make it more dangerous at other locations along the road where the carriageway is narrow and restricted.

### **2.0 Observations;**

- 2.1 Moving a river must be very disturbing to the natural environment.
- 2.2 There is a greater risk of erosion of the river bank if located at the new proposed location, there are bends in the river that do not appear to have erosion protection and thus our lands are threatened further by means of erosion into the future.
- 2.3 We are at a loss of 0.85Ha (Fenced off Lands”) and 0.96Ha ( “Area with Restricted Access”) = 1.81Ha (4.45Ac) Total loss of productive lands. The narrow strip of land resulting would be suitable for grasing only, hay or silage production would no longer be possible on this piece of land. The productive loss is not fully reflected in the compensation being offered Meath County council to date.
- 2.4 We note the use of 0.44Ha (1.09Ac) for “Temp. Lands during construction”, we have concerns about re-instatment of these lands back to exactly how they are at present.

## 2.5 Flood Risk;

2.5.1 We have concerns about future flooding of the environs of our family holding.

2.5.2 The river floods the road on a regular basis not due to the immediate location in question, but as a result of the restrictions further down and along the river, such as overgrown trees and bushes in the river itself and the lack of maintenance of the margins. A more robust maintenance plan is required for the river to protect us and others from flood risks.

2.5.3 In the event that the river is moved on to our lands, not the road (the road being our preferred option), we require written & formal guarantees that our lands will not be flooded as a result of this action, we feel that the documentation in the Section 177AE submissions by Tobin and MCC do not address this in full.

## 3.0 Objection;

3.1 We Mr. and Mrs. Townley and Catherine Angel, object to the current Section 177AE application for the Newtownmoyaghy Road Improvement Scheme in the townland of Newtownmoyaghy, Kilcock, Co. Meath

Should you require any futher information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Townley Angel 10.11.25

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Catherine Angel 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025

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