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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Inland Fisheries Ireland
3044 Lake Drive
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Date: 12 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.

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,


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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,

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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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