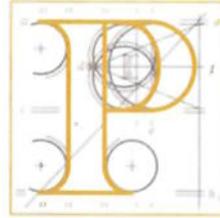


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Inland Fisheries Ireland  
c/o Roisin O'Callaghan  
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Dublin 24  
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**Date:** 31 December 2025

**Re:** Proposed construction of the Celbridge Hazelhatch Mobility Corridor  
Celbridge Town, County Kildare

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](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,

*Kevin McGettigan*

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**The Secretary, Local Authority Projects Section,  
An Coimisiún Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
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**Planning Reference: The construction of a new road, pedestrian footpaths, and cycle lanes as part of an active travel corridor known as the Celbridge Hazelhatch Mobility Corridor, located in Celbridge Town, County Kildare. The proposed corridor spans approximately 2km, commencing at a new junction with Clane Road (R403) and extending southeast through predominantly greenfield lands. The corridor connects with the R405 Hazelhatch Road and terminates at the Loughlinstown Road Roundabout near Hazelhatch and Celbridge Train Station. A new bridge crossing over the River Liffey is proposed approximately 200m south of the Clane Road junction**

To whom it may concern,

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

- The proposed development area is traversed by the River Liffey in addition to smaller associated surface water channels (Sinkeen and Donaghcomper Rivers etc.). It is of vital importance that development in the area will not have a deleterious effect on aquatic life in these systems. The Liffey and several of its tributaries are exceptional in the area in supporting Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*, listed under Annex II and V of the EU Habitats Directive) and Sea trout (*Salmo trutta*) in addition to resident Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) populations. This highlights the sensitivity of local watercourses and the Liffey catchment in general.

The Grand Canal at Hazelhatch supports significant populations of coarse fish not to mention a range of other freshwater aquatic species, plus all associated floral and faunal components in adjacent habitats.



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- Should development proceed, best practice should be implemented at all times in relation to any activities that may impact on surface water or riparian habitats. Any discharges to surface streams present on or near the site must not impact negatively on the local watercourses. All works should be completed in line with a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) which ensures that good construction practices are adopted throughout the construction period and contains mitigation measures to deal with potential adverse impacts identified in advance of the scheme.
- The disturbance of riparian habitats should be minimised. Buffer zones must be strictly adhered to and riparian vegetation should be retained in as natural a state as possible at all times.
- To prevent water pollution, before commencing any works, it is strongly advised to ensure that all construction personnel and contractors are made familiar with and adhere to the mitigation measures in any construction phase surface water management plan, construction management and environmental plan, Inland Fisheries guidance on protecting fisheries during construction; construction industry guidance and planning permission conditions pertaining to the site.
- There can be no direct pumping of contaminated water from the works to a watercourse at any time. Any dewatering of ground water during excavation works must be pumped into an attenuation area before being discharged offsite.
- Any top soil material which is to be stored on site must have mitigations in place to prevent any deleterious material entering the surface water network. Drainage from topsoil storage area may need to be directed to a settlement area for treatment and silt fences around stockpiles may be required.
- Detail design and subsequent method statements for the new bridge over the Liffey must be submitted to IFI for approval. Instream works can only take place from 1st July to 30th September. Bridge foundations should be positioned at least 4.0m back from the wetted river channel as not to impact the riparian habitat. (Consultation between the project team and IFI will be essential in order that a fisheries-sustainable solution is arrived at and incorporated in the final works programme).
- The installation of the culverts should also be subject to agreed method statements with IFI. The culverts must not be overly wide in design and again are subject to timing constraints for instream works. IFI's recommend that box culverts are used instead of pipe culverts. These will have the least impact on fish passage.
- Surface water outfalls to any watercourse must have detail design and subsequent method statements submitted to IFI for approval.



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- 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.
- Regular inspections of local water courses and drainage ditches should be carried out and recorded especially during rainfall events to check that mitigation measures to protect water quality and wildlife habitat are in place and working effectively.
- Due to the size of the development, a suitably qualified Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) should be appointed to oversee the site set-up and construction of the proposed development and the ECoW shall be present on-site during construction works and carry out the water quality monitoring. Particular attention to activities likely to generate suspended solids and/or other pollutants.
- 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 when assessing this application.

Regards,

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