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An Bord Pleanála

Tadhg O' Cruadhlaoich
Bracknagh
Rathangan
Co.Kildare

9th April 2003

**Re:** Kildare Water Strategy and Mitigation Measures for the Kildare Bypass

Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála refers to the above-mentioned case.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter sent to the Board from the local authority dated the 19th of December, 2002.

In its letter Kildare County Council stated that it is not proposed to abstract water from the Curragh Aquifer as part of the Kildare Water Strategy.

Kildare County Council has stated that it does not intend to implement the Curragh Aquifer water abstraction proposal referred to in the 'Water Strategy for County Kildare'. This project as referred to in the second paragraph of your letter dated the 18th of November, 2002 is accordingly not a "sub-threshold" development 'proposed to be carried out by a local authority'. The Board accordingly may not require the local authority to prepare an environmental impact statement for such development in accordance with sub-section 120 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2001.

Having regard to the above conclusions, the letter from the local authority dated the 19th of December, 2002 and the absence of any further clarification, the Board does not intend to consider the matter further.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

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

Yours faithfully,

Nichola McNamee.

Nichola McNamee,
Executive Officer.