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To whom it may concern,

Please see attached comments in relation to the above application.

Kind regards,

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

- The development is adjacent to the Mayne River which contains populations of European Eel and other fish species. The River Mayne at the site location is a particularly attractive and sensitive section of the river corridor. Areas further downstream have already experienced impacts, and therefore this section should be treated with the utmost care, ensuring that any works are carried out with absolute minimum disturbance to the river and its surrounding environment.
- Ground preparation and associated construction works, including large-scale topographic alteration and the creation of roads, buildings, car parks and infrastructure 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 freshwater system.
- 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 your site to protect water quality and the wildlife habitat of any watercourses.
- The short-term storage and removal / disposal of excavated material must be considered and planned such that risk of pollution from these activities is minimised. Drainage from the topsoil storage area may need to be directed to a settlement area for treatment
- All works will be completed in line with a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CMP) which ensures that good construction practices are adopted throughout the works period and contains mitigation measures to deal with potential adverse impacts identified in advance of the scheme. The CEMP should provide a mechanism for ensuring compliance with environmental legislation and statutory consents.



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- 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 to offsite. A discharge licence may be required.
- Precautions must be taken to ensure there is no entry of solids, during the connection of pipework to the surface water system.
- 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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