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Dear SIDS office,

Please find attached Inland Fisheries Ireland's submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála in relation to the above proposed development.

Kind Regards,

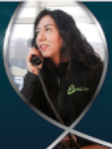
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An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street,
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Date: 28-8-2026

Case Reference: VA03.324491

RE: 10-year planning permission for a 110kV substation, underground grid connection and associated infrastructure

Dear Sir/Madam,

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI), established under the Inland Fisheries Act 2010, has statutory responsibility for the protection, management and conservation of inland fisheries and associated aquatic habitats.

In response to the above application, IFI has the following comments to make:

The CEMP and Aquatic EclA documents acknowledge the presence of low value ephemeral drainage features and field drains along the cable route. These are not identified on EPA mapping datasets. These drainage features remain hydrologically connected to the Blackwater Clare River and therefore maintain the potential to transport sediment and pollutants to fisheries-sensitive waters. IFI considers that all modified drainage channels and unmapped watercourses should be subject to the same environmental protection measures, mitigation requirements and regulatory controls as mapped watercourses throughout all phases of the cable crossings.

Watercourse crossing 5 (wr3) requires a flatbed formation alongside the existing culvert using reinforced concrete. IFI requests that pH monitoring be conducted where concrete is used near a watercourse. Should any of the other crossings require concrete formation, then downstream pH monitoring should be undertaken at these locations.

All works should be carried out as per Guidelines:

IFI's guideline documents on the protection of fisheries during construction work in and around waters. [Guidelines on protection of fisheries during construction works in and adjacent to waters | Inland Fisheries Ireland](#)

Yours sincerely,

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