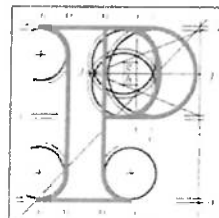


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Loughs Agency
c/o Riain McLaughlin
Loughs Agency
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BT47 2AB

Date: 01 October 2026

Re: Proposed Development of the Barnesmore Gap Greenway Project
County Donegal

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it or approved it with modifications.

If you have any queries in the meantime, 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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Dear sir/madam,

Please find attached Loughs Agency consultation response regarding the Barnesmore Gap Greenway project.

Thanks,

Riain



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Donegal County Council
County House
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County Donegal

28 September 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application: *Barnesmore Gap Greenway*

Thank you for your recent correspondence in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development. Loughs Agency is the statutory body charged with the conservation, protection and development of inland fisheries within the Foyle and Carlingford systems, the promotion of development of Loughs Foyle and Carlingford, and catchments for commercial and recreational purposes in respect of marine, fisheries and aquaculture issues and the development of marine tourism.

Loughs Agency has considered the information provided within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and would have no objection in principle to the proposed development. The potential impacts and mitigations put forward are cognisant of fish species including the site selection feature Atlantic salmon. The applicant should demonstrate best environmental

practice when working close to watercourses. The potential for deleterious matter to enter a watercourse is of primary concern. Impacts on the aquatic environment such as a decrease in water quality can cause a significant impact upon various life history stages of fish species. Loughs Agency wish to put forward the following conditions:

CONDITIONS

A detailed final Construction Environmental Management Plan must be provided prior to works commencing. This should include all mitigation measures outlined with the EIAR documentation.

REASON: To prevent pollution of surface waters which is detrimental to fisheries.

All storm water from the development site must not be discharged to nearby watercourses unless first passed through pollution interception and flow attenuation measures. Storm water can carry pollutants into watercourses and high volume discharges can alter the prevailing hydrological regime, both of which can impact on fisheries interests. **REASON: To prevent pollution of surface waters which is detrimental to fisheries.**

In the event of the need for dewatering excavations during construction, all water from these excavations must not discharge directly to nearby watercourses unless first passed through pollution interception and flow attenuation measures. Site excavations can carry pollutants into watercourses and high volume discharges can alter the prevailing hydrological regime, both of which can impact on fisheries interests.

REASON: To prevent pollution of surface waters which is detrimental to fisheries.

Silt interception (a perimeter fence fitted with a silt barrier membrane and/or interception trenches, earth bunds, straw bales etc.) is recommended to be installed between the site and the adjacent watercourses for the duration of the construction phase. **REASON: To prevent pollution of surface waters which is detrimental to fisheries.**

All instream works must take place within the stated window of July to September as set out within the EIAR documentation and as previously agreed with Inland Fisheries Ireland and Loughs Agency. **REASON: To ensure protection of sensitive life cycle stages of fish species.**

The nature of the works has the potential to spread aquatic invasive species. A biosecurity protocol must be implemented. **REASON: To reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species.**

INFORMATIVES

It is an offence to remove or disturb any material, including sand or gravel from the bed of any freshwater river within the Foyle and Carlingford Areas without the consent of the Loughs Agency contrary to Section 47 of the Foyle Fisheries Act 1952, as amended by Article 18(3) of the Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries Act 2007.

The applicant should also be aware that it is an offence under section 171(1) of the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959, as extended by Section 10 of the Foyle Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1961 and as amended, to cause pollution which is detrimental to fisheries interests.

Environmental Consultation Officer

On behalf of Loughs Agency