Environmental Impact Assessment Report



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Appendix 23.9 Water Quality Fisheries Assessment at Watercourse Crossings









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Water Crossing	Stream Name / WFD Name (RWB code)	Approx. Lat, Long	IFI WFD Fish Monitoring <sup>1</sup> Status & Assemblage	Q-value Status (2016-2021)	WFD Risk Score	Salmonid Suitability	Photograph
1	Bremore Stream / Matt_010 (IE_EA_08M010900)	53.61514, -6.19107	Not monitored	Not assessed / Poor	At risk	No stream visible. Possibly culverted	
2	Bracken (Matt) River B / Matt_010 (IE_EA_08M010900)	53.60364, -6.18646	Not monitored	Not assessed / Poor	At risk	Yes, substrate available and good flows.	
3	Knock Stream / Matt_010 (IE_EA_08M010900)	53.58334, -6.19539	Not monitored	Not assessed / Poor	At risk	No, choked with vegetation. No passage.	

Table 1 - Water quality and fisheries assessment for each water crossing within the onshore development area

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Water Framework Directive: Fish Ecological Status Map Viewer. Available at: <u>Water Framework Directive Fish Ecological Status 2008-2021</u> | <u>Water Framework Directive Fish Ecological Status 2008-2021</u> | <u>Inland Fisheries Ireland Data Hub (arcgis.com)</u> (Accessed December 2022)

4	Balrothery Stream / Matt_010 (IE_EA_08M010900)	53.57752, -6.20143	Not monitored	Not assessed / Poor	At risk	No, subterranean flow and no substrate	
5	Balrickard Stream / Matt_010 (IE_EA_08M010900)	53.56375, -6.20998	Not monitored	Not assessed / Poor	At risk	No passage	
6	Rowans Big Stream	53.56249, -6.209828	Not monitored	Not assessed / Poor	At risk	Not viable	-
7	Rowans Little Stream	53.56121, -6.210099	Not monitored	Not assessed / Poor	At risk	Not viable	-
8	Courtlough Stream / Ballough Stream_010 (IE_EA_08B031500)	53.54808, -6.20729	Not monitored	Moderate (downstream)	At risk	No water present	

9	Obserstown Stream / Ballough Stream_010 (IE_EA_08B031500)	53.53922, -6.20030	Not monitored	Moderate (downstream)	At risk	Yes, substrate available and suitable flow	
10	Aldruman Stream / Ballough Stream_010 (IE_EA_08B031500)	53.53695, -6.19849	Not monitored	Moderate (downstream)	At risk	No flow	
11	Ballough Stream / Ballough Stream_020 (IE_EA_08B031600)	53.50901, -6.19605	Not monitored	Moderate (downstream)	At risk	Yes, close proximity to estuary	
12	Deanestown Stream / Ballyboghil_010 (IE_EA_08B012200)	53.49933, -6.19425	Not monitored	Poor	At risk	Yes. No visual on substrate, but appears to have potential suitability	

13	Ballyboghil Stream / Ballyboghil_010 (IE_EA_08B012200)	53.49876, -6.19433	Not monitored	Poor (upstream)	At risk	Yes, due to proximity to estuary	
14	Turvey Stream / Turvey_010 <sup>2</sup> (IE_EA_08T020700)	53.4944, -6.19517	Not monitored	Poor (upstream)	At risk	No available substrate, no flow and choked with vegetation	
15	Staffordstown Stream / Turvey_010 (IE_EA_08T020700)	53.47575, -6.20782	Not monitored	Poor	At risk	No, very low flow	
16	Broadmeadow River / Broadmeadow_040 (IE_EA_08B020800)	53.47097, -6.21177	In monitoring year 2017, the status upstream was Poor. Fish recorded were: • Minnow • Stone loach • European eel Brown trout (≥1+,0+)	Moderate (upstream)	At risk	Yes, suitable substrate and flows – high potential	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Catchments.ie – Turvey\_010. Available at: <u>https://www.catchments.ie/data/#/waterbody/IE\_EA\_08T020700?\_k=ffgv2s</u> (Accessed December 2022)

17	Ward River / Ward_040 (IE_EA_08W010610)	53.47021, -6.21257	In monitoring year 2017, the status upstream was Good to Moderate. Fish recorded were: Minnow Brown trout (≥1+,0+) Sea-trout	Moderate (upstream)	At risk	Yes, suitable substrate and flows – high potential	
18	Seapoint Stream / Gaybrook_010 (IE_EA_08G080700)	53.46388, -6.202588	Not monitored	Poor	At risk		-
19	Greenfields Stream / Gaybrook_010 (IE_EA_08G080700)	53.46322, -6.19996	Not monitored	Poor	At risk	No, concrete pipe discharge point	
20	Gaybrook Stream / Gaybrook_010 (IE_EA_08G080700)	53.44824, -6.18000	Not monitored	Poor	Under review	No, subterranean flow	
21	Hazlebrook Stream / Sluice_010 (IE_EA_09S071100)	53.44008, -6.17665	Not monitored	Poor	Under review	No, subterranean flow	

22	Sluice Stream / Sluice_010 (IE_EA_09S071100)	53.42769, -6.17768	In monitoring year 2016, the status downstream was Poor. Fish recorded were: • 3-spined stickleback • Brown trout (0+) • European eel Flounder	Poor	Under review	Yes, good substrate and flows	
23A	Cuckoo Stream / Mayne_010 (IE_EA_09M030500)	53.41197, -6.17983	In monitoring year 2016, the status upstream was Bad. Fish recorded were: European eel 3-spined stickleback	Poor (downstream)	At risk	No, substrate mixed but urban	
23B	Cuckoo Stream / Mayne_010 (IE_EA_09M030500)	53.41086, -6.16247	As above	As above	As above	As above	-
23C	Cuckoo Stream / Mayne_010 (IE_EA_09M030500)	53.40968, -6.16112	As above	As above	As above	As above	-
24A	Mayne Stream A / Mayne_010 (IE_EA_09M030500)	53.40701, -6.17787	In monitoring year 2016, the status downstream was Poor to Bad. Fish recorded were: • European eel	Poor (downstream)	At risk	No potential, but substrate mixed	

24B	Mayne Stream A / Mayne_010 (IE_EA_09M030500)	53.40918, -6.16359	As above	As above	As above	Yes, good substrate available however other areas have fine sediments	
24C	Mayne Stream A / Mayne_010 (IE_EA_09M030500)	53.40887, -6.16146	As above	As above	As above	Yes, good substrate available however other areas have fine sediments	
25	Mayne Stream B / Mayne_010 (IE_EA_09M030500)	53.4086, -6.20646	In monitoring year 2016, the status downstream was Poor to Bad. Fish recorded were: • European eel	Poor	At risk	No, substrate loaded with sediment and heavily vegetated	