

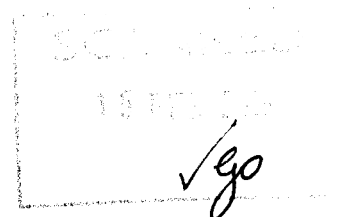
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Blackwater River Trust

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Re. North Cork Co-operative Creameries Limited : IED Licence Application P1051-01

Dear Ms. Connolly

I make this submission on behalf of the Blackwater River Trust in respect of the above application for an IED licence. The BRT is an association of fishery and riparian owners, both private and commercial, on the Munster Blackwater and its tributaries, formed for the purpose of maintenance and protection of the river and its environment in particular as a habitat for trout, salmon and other aquatic species.

North Cork Co-op Creameries Limited (hereinafter the Applicant) has come to our attention in the past through a number of our members and from Inland Fisheries Ireland with whom we work closely. In consequence this application causes the Trust significant concerns due to the Applicants proximity to and discharges into the River Allow. This river is a substantial spawning tributary of the River Blackwater and part of a designated Special Area of Conservation (SAC) under Natura 2000 /Habitats Directive (92/43/EE).

In the year 2012 the Applicant was convicted by the Circuit Court of water pollution offences under the Fisheries Consolidation Act, 1959 due to deleterious matter emanating from the premises into the River Allow following a considerable milk spillage on the premises. The applicant was fined the sum of €3,500 together with measured costs of €15,000. Notwithstanding this matter being one of public record it does not appear to be mentioned by the independent environmental consultants to the Applicants in its EIA Report last dated 1 November 2017 . In fact the report at the Non Technical summary paragraph 6.0 specifically states the following to the contrary.

“ AWN has been advised that there have been no significant historical spillages at the site to date.”

This in the submission of the BRT, at best discloses a lack of forthrightness which cannot be discounted in respect of the application.