



Submission

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Application

Applicant:	Mr. Wesley Windrum
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Our Ref: MK/Fane

26th February, 2020

**Re: Licence Application – Wesley Windrum
Ref. No.: P1123-01**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to the above mentioned licence application for a poultry facility at Erryroe, Castleblayney.

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) is a Statutory Body established on the 1st July 2010. Under section 7(1) of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No. 10 of 2010) *the principal function of IFI is the protection, management and conservation of the inland fisheries resource.*

IFI has no objection to this application, from a fisheries perspective, provided that:

- The number of poultry housed shall not exceed that in the application.
- All effluent, soiled water and solid wastes shall be stored on site in adequately sized and sited watertight structures.
- Buildings shall comply with Department of Agriculture standards and regulations.
- All effluent to be disposed of by landspreading shall be carried out in accordance with the Department of Agriculture's booklet Good Farming Practice.
- Only clean, uncontaminated storm water shall be discharged to a soak-away system or to surface water.

The EPA's Pollution Impact Potential Maps should be referred to in relation to landspreading locations for this facility. These maps indicate the risk of phosphorus entering surface waters from land. In high-moderate risk areas phosphate is more likely to flow overland to surface waters than being retained in the soil and subsoil. Therefore, it is vital that any land spreading carried out is strictly controlled and ideally should be carried out in low risk areas in order to protect surface waters.

The site is located in the Gentle Owen's Stream catchment, which is a sub catchment of the River Fane. The Gentle Owens Stream is valuable from a fisheries perspective as it contains salmonid spawning and nursery habitat and supports stocks of brown trout among other species.

The Ecological status of this waterbody, Gentle Owen's Lake Stream_020 is Moderate and At Risk of not achieving Good status.

Therefore, it is important to ensure the proposed development does not have a negative impact on the aquatic habitat.

Please notify us of your full decision in due course.

Yours faithfully

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