# **SECTION THREE**

# **ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS**

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# **ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS**

## **HUMAN BEINGS**

#### Existing Environment

Prior to commencement of the current project the site consisted of 70% marshy land with the remainder, a narrow strip along its west side partly usable for agriculture. After some 7 years of filling, over one half of the land is now recovered and usable for agriculture.

The site was and still is gated off and thus does not permit public access.

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on ionpupose only any other use The site has been made more visible to adjacent motorists on the N20 Cork/Mallow Road by virtue of the land raising.

# **Characteristics Affecting**

#### **Economic**

The project will make some 2.5 hectares and available for agriculture. Prior to this the land of copyrig had little agricultural value.

#### Facility for Disposal

The site has been used and will continue to be used until completed to accept excess excavation from building and various civil engineering activities in the region. At present it serves this very useful function as one of the few available sites between the north of Cork City and Mallow. This provides a necessary facility for builders and developers.

## Traffic

The site requires additional lorry traffic entering and exiting the main N20 Cork/Mallow Road at a minor junction. The N20 Cork/Mallow Road is much used and has had a relatively high frequency of motor accidents over the years. The junction is well marked and visible on both sides for considerable distance. Since commencement there have been no incidents with lorries serving the site.

The minor road, of which the access to the site is, leads to Mourneabbey. This road was subject to a traffic survey prior to granting planning permission. The total no. of journeys taken on this road during operating hours in Sept 2006 was 279. The maximum number of vehicle entry/exits permitted is 30 per day. The purpose of this was to limit impact and ensure traffic build-ups at the junction did not occur.

Advance warning signs to oncoming traffic have been erected complying with planning conditions granted by Cork Co Council.

# Railway

The proximity of the railway below and close to the ongoing large vehicles was a concern. The developer was required by the planning permission to erect a secure barrier across the opening above the railway line. This was to prohibit any trucks from exiting the road and going down any any other onto the railway line.

# Recycling

The project recycles pulverized stone for mainly agricultural use for roadways and hard-Consent of copyright standing areas.

# **Residual Impacts**

The residual impact will be the increased agricultural value of the lands.

Availability of pulverized stone for agricultural roadways and hard-standing areas.

# **FLORA & FAUNA**

# **Environmental Impact Assessment Mallow Contracts Site**

# Flora and Fauna Assessment Prepared by Dr. Mary O'Connor

# The Receiving Environment

#### **General Area**

The general area in which the site is located is undulating and underlain for the most part by Old Red Sandstone ridges and inter-ridge river and stream valleys. Valleys support Lower Avonian shales and sandstones and the hills are principally old red sandstone. The Peastinagh and Martin Rivers and their minor tributaries principally drain the area. The principal underlying bedrock old red sandstone is covered by a layer of boulder clay in the area which produces rich pastureland and some arable land upon which the agricultural economy of the area is based.

The ecological interest of the general area is for the most part concentrated in the river and stream valleys, in particular steep valleys where remnant natural woodlands persist; but for the most part the land is improved agricultural grassland interspersed by hedgerows. This pattern is typical of a cultural landscape which supports only small remnant natural/semi-patural habitat patches (i.e. small woods, scrub, watercourses, etc.), which are scattered through a matrix of more intensively managed agricultural fields or urban areas and are thus separated by land which is inhospitable for many species (Opdam, 1997).

The overwhelming predominance of improved agricultural habitat in the vicinity of the site does not support a high degree of ecological interest. This is recognised by the scarcity of national and international conservation designations within the area of the proposed road corridors.

#### The Site

The site is located directly to the west of the main Mallow Cork Road and to the east of the main railway line. The site prior to development comprised an area of agricultural grassland bounded by hedgerows and treelines.

Prior to development the site consisted of marshy ground towards the roadway and slightly firmer ground toward the railway line. The marshy ground was very soft and waterlogged during winter months, with the summer months being slightly more passable. The principle benefit to be obtained in reclaiming this wet land is for agricultural uses.

The site is located in the area where the Peastinagh River and the River Martin rise. The Peastinagh River rises and flows north from the site, approx. 1km downstream it joins the River Clyda which eventually joins the River Blackwater. The River Martin rises and flows south from the site eventually joining the River Bride.

# The Development

The project was completed in 3 phases working from the north. Ground would be made good, topsoiled and grassed at the end of each phase. Each phase involves the following steps:

- Strip topsoil and store
- Import material and then place, compacting in layers
- On achievement of elevation clear any top stone
- Allow to rest/consolidate
- Re-spread topsoil over the surface and rake
- Grassed at next suitable time of year
- Available for normal agricultural use

#### **Statutory Designations**

esonty any other use The development site lies entirely outside any area which possesses a European designation for nature conservation, i.e. candidate Special Area of Conservation (cSAC), or Special Protection Area (SPA) for birds. The site also lies outside any area designated as an area of national conservation interest.

The nearest areas carrying conservation designations include:

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The Blackwater River SAC

The Shournagh River proposed NHA 000103

The Blarney Bog NHA

Any potential impact to the Blackwater River SAC is discussed in detail in the Screening for Appropriate Assessment for this development which is also provided.

#### Legal Protection

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is the statutory body with responsibility for the implementation of the Wildlife Act in Ireland under which NHA sites are designated, the local authorities also provide part of the chain of protection of these sites through recognition of such sites in the local development plans, e.g Cork County Development Plan.

Appropriately the NPWS should be kept informed at all times of the nature and progress of any proposed developments which may impact these sites and additional survey for these areas may be required by these bodies.

Under legislation, i.e. The Wildlife Act and Orders made there-under, certain birds, animals and plants whose habitat lies outside the aforementioned statutorily protected areas are protected species under the Wildlife Act and Flora Protection Order (see Appendix 4C for details).

# Habitat and Flora Assessment

Habitat and flora species and communities recorded during the study were assessed in relation to their conservation importance.

The ecological impact of the development of the Mallow Contracts site centres primarily on:

- **Direct habitat loss**
- Habitat severance
- Habitat fragmentation
- Disruption to local hydrology

rinspection purposes only: any other use. It is obvious that the greater the area of matural or semi-natural habitat directly in the area of the development the higher the level of impact on local ecology/biodiversity under the above headings.

Ecological evaluation and impact assessment were based upon guidelines set out by the National Roads Authority Guidelines (2005) (see Appendix 4A).

# Occurrence of rare species

In consultation with the local Botanical recorders any species of rare occurrence regionally and within the study area were outlined.

No plant listed as protected under the Flora Protection Order (1999) was recorded from the footprint of the proposed route options during the course of the surveys.

Occurrence of protected habitats

No nationally or internationally designated habits occur or occurred at the site prior to development

# Site Assessment and Survey

An initial site walkover was carried out in March 2014 and a follow up survey within the flowering period in May 2014. Habitat terminology follows Fossitt (2000). Habitat maps are included for before and after development with this report.

Existing Habitat and Habitat which occurred at the site prior to development

Agricultural Habitats (existing and existed prior to development)

Agricultural habitat, i.e. areas of Improved Grassland (GA1)

The principal habitat of the site is improved agricultural grassland which has been seeded over the entire site with perennial rye grass (*Lolium perenne*) Associated with this pasture are common weed species, thistles (*Cirsium* spp.), buttercups (*Ranunculus* spp.), docks (*Rumex* spp,) and clovers (*Trifolium* spp.).

Wet Grassland GS4 (existed at the site prior to site development)

Prior to the development of the site the areas adjacent to the water courses and low lying wet depressions at the site supported areas of of wet grassland which support the grasses, such as Timothy grass (*Phleum pratense*), Creeping Bent (Agrostis stolonifera), Rough Meadow-grass (*Poa trivialis*) and rushes Soft Rush (Juncus effusus). For b species associated with the grassland vegetetation include, Buttercups (Ranunculus. repens, B. acris), Meadowsweet (Filipendula ulmaria), and Nettle (Urtica dioica). Creeping Buttercup (Ranunculus repens), Silverweed (Potentilla anserina), Sorrel (Rumex acetosa), Marsh ragwort (Senecio aquaticus) Chick-weed (Stellaria alsine) and Cuckooflower (Cardamine pratensis) occurred similarly to grassland still extant near the site.

Hedgerows WL1/Treelines WL2 (existing and existed prior to development)

Existing Hedgerows (WL1) and Treelines (WL2) along the site boundaries are generally good examples of their habitat types supporting a variety of shrub and tree species and providing an important network of wildlife corridor at the site evaluated as of Moderate-Low Locally Important conservation value. In general treelines within the area of the route corridor are dominated by Sycamore (Acer pseudoplantanus), Ash Beech (Fagus sylvatica) Poplar (*Populus* spp.), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Willows (*Salix* spp.) and occasional Oak (*Quercus robur*)

Hedgerows along the route corridor are very much dominated by Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*). In addition Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*), Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.), occasional Elder (*Sambucus nigra*), and willows (*Salix* spp.).

Hedgerows also support climbing plants such as Ivy (*Hedera helix*), Honeysuckle (*Lonicera periclymenum*), Cleavers (*Galium aparine*) and tall grasses, including False Oat grass (*Arrhenatherum elatius*), Cock's-foot grass (*Dactylis glomerata*), False Brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*) ferns, and woodland herbs are also abundant.

Scrub WS1 (existing and existed prior to development)

Gorse Scrub occurs in the vicinity of the site. This scrub is dominated by European Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*), which gives almost total shade and thus suppresses the growth of ground flora species beneath. Other scrub species, which occur at the site include Bramble (*Rubus* Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.) and Willow species (*Salix repens*). Some patches of willow (*Salix* spp.) scrub, also exist at the site. Small patches of gorse and willow scrub was lost as a result of the site development.

Dry meadows and grassy verges GS2 (existing and existed prior to development)

Along the road-side fringes of the existing road and along field boundaries the habitat Grassy verge is very commonly encountered. This habitat is dominated by the tussocky grasses False Oat-grass (*Arrhenatherum elatius*) and Cock's-foot grass (*Dactylis glomerata*). Other grasses include Yorkshire-fog (Holcus lanatus) and Smooth Meadow-grass (Poa prateins). The herb component by tall species such as Hogweed (Heracleum sphondylium) Nettle (*Urtica dioica*), and Common Knapweed (Centaurea nigra). Scrambling plants also occur commonly in the grassy margin and include Bush Vetch (*Vicia sepium*).

Drainage Channel (Ditch) FW4 (existing and existed prior to development)

Along some field margins and adjacent to some of the hedgerows at the site linear water bodies or wet channels that are entirely artificial in origin occur. At the site such ditches contain some water (stagnant) and in some parts merely damp but still support wetland vegetation. As with canals drainage ditches must be maintained and cleared in order to keep them open. It is a part of the cyclical management routine for this habitat that the ditch is occasionally dredged to facilitate a functioning drainage channel.

Species which are found to occur within this habitat at the site are representative of a suite or wetland or aquatic species these include the following species;

Callitriche stagnalis, C. obtusangula,	starworts
Mentha aquatica	Water mint
Polygonum amphibium	Amphibious bistort

#### Bare ground ED2

This category includes areas of bare ground that are either very transient in nature, or persist for longer periods of time because of ongoing disturbance or maintenance. Bare ground of exposed soil is very transient at the site as the topsoil is consistently re-worked and spread and seeded.

### Alien Species

There is no indication of spread of invasive species at the site as a result of the site works, i.e. no invasive species were found to occur within the footprint of the site development. This is in spite some such species occur in the greater area outside the site along the main Mallow-Cork Road.

### Impact of Site Development to Habitats and Flora

The development resulted in the loss of some areas of habitat from the site, these areas of habitat were wet grassland, improved grassland and very small areas of hedgerow and scrub. A watercourse/drainage ditch was also diverted to a newly created drainage ditch on the site.

The majority of the habitats at the site can be considered to be of moderate or low local ecological value and the general impact was imperceptible or only very slightly negative resulting from the permanent ecological change to the site.

No habitat which is considered to be of high ecological value exists or existed at the site i.e. no nationally or internationally protected habitat.

Rating	Qualifying criteria
	Internationally Important
Α	Sites designated (or qualifying for designation) as an SAC* or SPA* under the EU Habitats or Habitat and flora Directives.
	Undesignated sites containing good examples of Annex I priority habitats under the EU Habitats Directive.
В	Nationally Important
	Sites or waters designated or proposed as an NHA* or Statutory Nature Reserve.
	Undesignated sites containing good examples of Annex I habitats (under EU Habitats Directive).
section	Undesignated sites containing significant numbers of resident or regularly occurring assemblages of Annex II species under the EU Habitats Directive or Annex I species under the EU Habitat and flora Directive or species protected under the Wildlife (Amendment) act 2000.
C For institut	High Value, Locally Important
Consent of cop?	Sites containing semi-natural habitat types with high biodiversity in a local context and a high degree of naturalness, or significant assemblages of locally rare species.
	Sites containing any resident or regularly occurring assemblages of Annex II species under the EU Habitats Directive or Annex I species under the EU Habitat and flora Directive.
D	Moderate Value, Locally Important
	Sites containing some semi-natural habitat or locally important for wildlife.
E	Low value, locally important
	Artificial or highly modified habitats with low species diversity and low wildlife value.

Site Evaluation Scheme (National Roads Authority, 2006).

SAC = Special Area of Conservation; SPA = Special Protection Area; NHA = Natural Heritage Area.

Impact Assessment Matrix (National Roads Authority, 2006).

Table 1	Impact Assessment Matrix (	National Roads Authority.	2006).
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Impact Level	A Sites International ly Important	B Sites Nationally Important	C Sites High Value, Locally important	D Sites Moderate value, Locally important.	E Sites Low Value, Locally Important
Severe (Profound) Negative	Any permanent impacts	Permanent impacts on a large part of a site.			
Major (Significant) Negative	Temporary impacts on a large part of a site	Permanent impacts on a small part of a site	Permanent impacts on a large part of a site	Met USE.	
Moderate Negative	Temporary impacts on a small part of a site	Temporary impacts on a large part of a site	Permanent impacts on a small part of a site	Permanent impacts on a large part of a site	
Minor (Slight) Negative	C	Temporary impacts on a small part of a site	Temporary impacts on a large part of a site	Permanent impacts on a small part of a site	Permanent impacts on a large part of a site
Neutral (Imperceptible)	No Impacts	No Impacts	No Impacts	No Impacts	Permanent impacts on a small part of a site
Minor (Slight) Positive				Permanent beneficial impacts on a small part of a site	Permanent beneficial impacts on a large part of a site
Moderate Positive			Permanent beneficial impacts on a small part of a site	Permanent beneficial impacts on a large part of a site	

Major (Significant) Positive	Permanent beneficial impacts on	Permanent beneficial impacts on	
	a small part of a site	a large part of a site	

# Table 2 Habitat Assessment

Habitat Type	Value	Area Lost	Impact	Mitigation
Wet Grassland	D Sites Moderate value, Locally important	Small area less than one sixth of site area	Minor Slight Negative	None required
Improved Grassland	E Low Value	N/A	No Impact the	None required
Scrub	D Sites Moderate value, Locally important	Very small area of	Minor Slight Negative	Natural scrub maintained where possible Disturbance not
	ۍ د	0 <sup>2</sup>		allowed from March- September
Hedgerow treeline	D Sites Moderate value, Locally important	Very small area	Minor Slight Negative	Hedgerows retained where possible New boundary planting carried out
				Disturbance not allowed from March-

					September	
Drainage Ditch	D Sites	Circa 350m	Minor	Slight	Water	flow
	Moderate value,		Negative		diverted	to
	Locally				another ch	annel
	important					

### Impact to designated areas

No impact occurred directly to any designated area as a result of the site development.

Any potential impact to the Blackwater River SAC is discussed in detail in the Screening for Appropriate Assessment for this development which is also provided, where a finding of no significant impact is concluded.

### Mitigation

ouly any other use Mitigation for Habitats and Flora is outlined in Table 2 above. Appropriate species for boundary tion pu planting are hawthorn, willow and birch.

# **Assessment of Wild Birds**

Consent for inspection pri to inspection pri for inspection pri for inspection pri for inspection pri for inspection pri As part of the ecological assessment for the Mallow Contracts Site this section examines the avian interests of the site. Bird communities and important habitats for birds were assessed.

The site is not directly adjacent to any area of ecological designation (NHA, SAC or SPA)

# **Desk-top Studies and Field Surveys**

The avian ecological assessment was carried out using a simplified methodology incorporating a combination of consultation and field-based survey. Desk-top studies were as follows:

- Consultation with statutory consultee in relation to the avian ecology of the site
- Review of designated sites in the vicinity of the development site and their qualifying • interests.

Field survey was undertaken during May 2014. During the field surveys, all birds that were observed or heard (i.e. bird songs or calls) were recorded together with a note of the habitat type within which they were situated.

Surveys were undertaken at in the morning before 11:00.

Following the above procedure it was possible to identify the important ecological resources for birds within the site or forming the boundary of the site

Bird species names are given in English within the text. Habitat codes follow Fossitt (2000).

# Assessing the Conservation Importance of Birds

Bird species and communities recorded during the study were assessed in relation to their conservation importance. The conservation importance of a bird species relates largely to its population status either within its breeding and/or wintering range. Bird species of conservation importance may be listed within one or any of the following:

• Council Directive of 2 April 1979 on the Conservation of Wild Birds (79/409/EEC) ('Birds Directive'): The directive applies to the birds, their eggs, nests and habitats.

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- Irish Red Data Book Vertebrates (Whide, 1993): This book uses criteria laid down by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUNC). Species are listed as Extinct (Ex), Endangered (E), Vulnerable (V), Rare (R) or Indeterminate (I). Taxa that are common and/or widespread within Ireland but are considered to be rare or threatened in Europe are also fisted (II).
- Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland (Newton *et al.*, 1999): This document, by BirdWatch Ireland and BSPB Northern Ireland, presents a priority list of bird species within Ireland and was published in 1999 as a new framework for bird conservation in Ireland, updating Whilde (1993). The list is divided into Red List Species of high conservation concern e.g. species that have undergone significant population declines (>50%) since 1900. Amber List Species are defined as having medium conservation concern e.g. species whose breeding population has declined by 25-50% in the past 25 years. Green List Species are species whose conservation status is presently considered as favourable.

# **Ecological Evaluation**

Ecological evaluation and impact assessment were based upon guidelines set out by the National Roads Authority Guidelines (2005) and following criteria described in Appendix 3A. Terminology follows the EPA (2003).

# **Impact to Wild Birds**

At the site there was a minimal loss of scrub and hedgerow habitat and loss of some patches of wet grassland. It can be concluded that there was a slight negative impact to birds at the site. However the occurrence of an abundance of these habitat types in the adjacent area and the maintenance of good areas of scrub associated with the railway line and the western portion of the site will facilitate a continued good population of bird species at the site. This is represented by the number of birds recorded on site during the May 2014 walkover survey. The turning over of top-soil also benefits some bird species such as blackbirds and thrushes.

# Mitigation

It is recommended that wherever possible on site scrub and treeline/hedgerow habitat is retained and some additional planting carried out where possible, suitable species include hawthorn, willow and birch.

Hedegrows, treelines and scrub are not to be cut back or removed on site during the bird nesting season on 101 March-September.

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Habitat Type	Bird Species recorded during field surveys	Additional bird species that have the potential to be present within the habitats
Agricultural Grasslands incl.	<b>S</b> Pheasant	Skylark
Improved Agricultural Grassland	Magpie	Linnet
(GA1) and Wet Grassland (GS4)	Jackdaw	Meadow Pipit
	Rook	Yellowhammer
	Starling	Hooded Crow
Hedgerows/Treelines (WL1/WL2)	Woodpigeon	Linnet
	Wren	Common Whitethroat
	Robin	Dunnock
	Song Thrush	Long-tailed Tit
	Blackbird	Mistle Thrush
	Chaffinch	Great Tit
	Magpie	Blue Tit
	Jackdaw	Goldfinch
		Rook
Scrub (WS1)	Wren	Blue Tit
	Robin	Common Whitethroat
	Dunnock	Stonechat
	Blackbird	Goldfinch
	Jackdaw	
	Magpie	
	Rook	
	Chaffinch	

#### Bird species recorded and potentially present within habitats of the site TABLE 3

# Mammals

The time of year of survey was not appropriate for a full mammal survey of the site however because of the occurrence of suitable habitat on site it is likely that the following species occur within or utilize the area of the development.

Wood Mouse

Pygmy shrew

Rabbit

Hedgehog

Fox

Bat species

It is likely that pipistrelle bat species may utilise the area of scrub adjacent to and within the site.

There is no indication of badger setts in the area and the main area of semi-natural habitat lost to the development i.e. the areas wet grassland would not have provided a suitable sett or significant forage any area for badgers.

# Impact to Mammals

perion purposed inspection purpo Conservation of mammals at the site is intrinsically linked to the maintenance of areas of suitable habitat at the site, in particular scrub, tree lines, and hedgerows. Consei

Open habitat has been retained at the site in fields of the works and will provide continued open habitat for species. There is a substantial retained area of scrub also at the site in particular along the western fringes of the site and along the steep Cork Mallow railway line embankment. Boundary Treelines and hedgerows have also been retained. It can thus be concluded that the site development had a slight negative impact to mammals but that this impact was lessened by the maintenance of the most part of the boundary treelines and scrub at the site.

# Mitigation

It is recommended that wherever possible on site scrub and treeline/hedgerow habitat is retained and some additional planting carried out where possible, suitable species include hawthorn, willow and birch.



Appendix 1 Habitat Map for Site of Mallow Contracts Before Development 2006



Appendix 1 Habitat Map for Site of Mallow Contracts Post Development 2013

Appendix 3 Site Photographs



Photo 2 Overview of Mallow Contracts Site

# SOILS

### **Existing Environment**

The west side of the site was moderately good grassland showing some ponding. The east side of the site was unusable for agriculture as it was wet with some reeds and thick growth. Currently more than half of the ground has been raised and completed. It has been topsoiled with soil removed from the original ground. It is in agricultural use.

# **Characteristics Affecting**

The ground throughout is being raised by up to 3m with original topsoil replaced on it. The Infac overall drainage will be markedly improved and the surface will be usable throughout for agriculture.

## **Residual Impact**

The original heavy wet land will be up to to below the surface. The surface will be drier and consent of copyris usable for agriculture.

#### **Attachments**

- Proposed Levels



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## WATER

#### **Existing Environment**

The area is in the rises of both the River Martin and the River Peastinagh.

The River Martin flows southwards from the area. The channel at the southern end of the site is approximately 1.5m wide and 0.3m deep. Flow is slow. The biological water quality rating recorded by the EPA was 'good' in 1990, at station Lissavoura, 1.5km downriver of the site. A more recent survey in 1994 indicated satisfactory conditions at Rathduff, some 3.5m down downriver.

The River Peastinagh flows northwards from the area. The contributing channel in the land filled area is low flowing and ponded. There are no biological ratings recorded on the river. There are no references to the River Peastinagh in the ERU reports. They refer to the River Clyda which the River Peastinagh flows into 3km downstream of the site. The reach of the River Clyda into which the Peastinagh flows was identified with an EPA quality rating (Q) of 4 in 1990. The 1994 survey indicates satisfactory conditions at the confluence with the River Clyda.

The ponded area is located roughly  $2/3^{rd}$  of the distance down the site. This indicates rising water. This is close to a high point in a 3km reach with a number of springs. These springs are sources of the River Peastinagh and River Martin.

The Aquifer and Vulnerability Maps of the region are attached. The underlying aquifer is Pu – 'Poor aquifer, generally non productive'. It is not used for well water supply. The vulnerability of this aquifer is generally high with some extreme. This is due to limited cover or overburden.

# **Characteristics Affecting**

The construction of the raised land involved maintaining the free-flow passage in the existing channel. T his was done by open joint piping and large stoning on the bed of the channel. They

were both overlain with geotextile Terram to keep placed soil out of the channel and to allow drainage into the channel.

Immediately outside the raised area, a grit interceptor was located both north and south of the landfill. This removed grit particles entering the channel during construction of the landfill. This is serviced regularly to ensure effectiveness. When the land is raised and grassed there is no further requirement for the interceptor. That is the current position with the northern interceptor as this area is now completed.

The southern interceptor discharged to the vegetated slow moving drainage ditch outside the land filled area which ran southwards to an open channel by the railway. The vegetated drainage ditch is now stoned and soiled over by the landowner. The southern portion of the landfill is stanked. Surface run-off seeps through the ground to the stone filled drainage ditch.

There is no runoff change from the development. There has been no noticeable change in the spring water quantity flowing to the rivers from the area raised.

Well and drain analyses was recently carried out both north and south of the landfill. Results and sampling locations are attached. The well water quality does not show any impact. The northern drain similarly indicates no impact. The southern 'drain' is very low flowing but does indicate slight impact. The reason for this is the elimination of the interceptor while the work in the southern area continues. The interceptor should be installed to reduce solids to normal run-off for agricultural land.

# **Residual Impacts**

Noticeable solids in southern run-off at present. Same to be eliminated by interceptor.

# Attachments:

- Impact on Peastinagh and Martin River Catchments
- Overall Channel Drainage
- Sundry Details
- Monitoring Points
- Well and Drain Analysis & Sample Locations Map

# IMPACT ON THE PEASTINAGH RIVER CATCHMENT AND ON THE RIVER MARTIN CATCHMENT OF THE PROPOSED INFILL AT IVYHOUSE BRIDGE

- 1. The proposed site is located immediately south of Ivyhouse Bridge. This is close to the sources of the Peastingagh River and of the River Martin. There are no river gauges on either river close to this location.
- 2. The flow in the Peastinagh River is estimated by identifying its catchment. Reference is then made to An Foras Forbartha / ESB publication which identifies flows for each catchment in the country.
  - The unitised regional flow duration curves in this region, Cork C and Cork E, gives a maximum of 80 l/s per m2 per 1m rainfall.
  - The annual rainfall is calculated from the average of the two closest gauges at CSET Mallow and Shournagh i.e. 1309 mm/y and 1219 mm/y averaging at 1261 mm/y.
  - The catchment size is measured at = 0.84 sq.km

This gives a maximum flow rate resulting from run off the fields to the Peastingh of :

80 l/s x 1261/1000 x 0.84 / 1.00 0.084 m3/s.

3. The above is based on An Foras Forbartha / ESB publication 1984. This does not account for increased flow due to paving. The additional runoff due to paving is estimated as follows:

Total paved area in the catchment = 0.013 sq.km Time of concentration to Ivyhouse Bridge is estimated as Tc = 0.65 km @ 1 m/s = 10.8 mins Reference is made to EC Dillons analysis of rainfall. This shows rainfall maximum for 10.8 mins as 2.4 inches / hr = 60 mm/hr. Consequently the additional flow due to paving is estimated at :

 $13,000 \text{ m2} \times 60/1000 \times 1 \text{ hr} / 3600 \text{ secs} = 0.216 \text{ m3/s}$ 

4. The total max flow is therefore

0.084 (runoff from total area) + 0.216 (runoff from roadway) = 0.3 m3/s

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5. The Peastingagh was cross sectioned and bed elevations were measured. This is summarized as follows :

Above Ivyhouse Bridge (new route)

Below Ivyhouse Bridge

At Ivyhouse Bridge

cross section = 2.0 w x 0.3 d (metres)bed slope, i = 0.009cross section = 1.5 w x 0.3 d (metres)bed slope, i = 0.043

section  $0.6 \le 0.38 \text{ h} \text{ (metres)}$ bed slope, i = 0.048

Capacities calculated as follows :

 $V = 1.49 \times r^{2/3} \times i^{1/2}$ 

(imp units)

V = velocity ft/s n = roughness = 0.025 (value at Ivyhouse Bridge taken at 0.015 for stone) r = hydraulic radius in ft i = bed slope

For above Ivyhouse Bridge , V = 0.58 m/s(new route)  $Q = VA = 0.58 \text{ m/s} \times 0.58 \text{ m/s$ 

,  $V \gtrsim VA = 0.58$  m/s  $Q \gtrsim VA = 0.58$  m/s x 0.3 m x 2.0 m = 0.348 m3/s Above greater than total flow max of 0.3 – OK

For below Ivyhouse Bridge, V = 4.39 ft/s = 1.34 m/s

For at Ivyhouse Bridge,

 $Q = VA = 1.34 \text{ m/s} \times 0.3 \text{ m} \times 1.5 \text{ m} = 0.60 \text{ m3/s}$ Above greater than total flow max of 0.3 - OKTaken just flowing full with hydraulic radius

calculated by area over total perimeter. V = 5.0 ft/s = 1.52 m/s  $Q = VA = 1.52 \text{ m/s} \times 0.6 \text{ m} \times 0..38 \text{ m} = 0.34 \text{ m3/s}$ Above greater than total flow max of 0.3 – OK

6. The downstream impact of the infill above Ivyhouse Bridge is to reduce any floodwater storage above Ivyhouse Bridge. The quantity of floodwater stored above is small on account of the adequacy of the waterways leading from the area. This is evidenced from the capacity calculated in 5 above.



Check on existing channel above Ivyhouse Bridge as follows:

Cross Section Bed Slope, i = 4.0 w x 0.3 d (metres)= 0.0025

V = 1.49 x r x i

V = 2.85 f/s = 0.87 m/s  $Q = VA = 0.87 \text{ m/s} \times 4.0 \text{ m} \times 0.3 \text{ m} = 1.04 \text{ m3/s}$ Above greater than total flow max of 0.3 m3/s Consequently no backup of significance should occur.

The actual quantity of floodwater stored is difficult to accurately assess. The The extent of standing water is marked and dated 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 05 on the site survey drawing no MC 0512 - 05/1. Rainfall records for Nov 05 show Cork had 96% of the normal rainfall for period 1961 to 1990. Nov is historically one of the higher months for rainfall. Consequently the level on the survey date is reasonably close to maximum conditions. The area draining to the Reastinagh shown under water measures at 2300 m2. Estimate a mean depth of 0.3 m. This gives a volume of 690 m3.

To estimate change in storage, the volume stored in the new drain above Ivyhouse Bridge must be deducted from the above. At very maximum conditions this, from 5 above, is close to 0.3 m deep. Consequently the volume stored is calculated as 0.3 m x 2.0 m x 600 m = 360 m3.

Therefore storage is reduced by 330 m3 (690 - 360).

The impact of reducing the storage in this upper region of the catchment by 330 m3 is not significant. At Mourneabbey, 3.5 km downstream, where the Peastinagh flows into the Clyda, the impact can be assessed from the following:

Total catchment of Peastingagh @Mourneabbey = 24 sq. km Total rainfall for say month of November = 111 mm x 24 sq km = 2,664,000 m3

The storage reduction equates of 330 m3 equates to 0.00013 of this. The storage reduction is consequently of very little significance.



7. The impact on the River Martin side is of less significance than the Peastinagh side. This is because only some 20% the area between the N20 and the railway drained to the R.Martin is impacted. The line and gradient of the R.Martin is unchanged. The R.Martin flows under the railway 0.7 km from its high point.

Similar to 2 above . The catchment is measured 0.75 sq.km. This gives a maximum flow rate from run off the fields to the R. Martin of:

80 l/s x 1261/1000 x 0.75/1.0 =0.076 m3/s

Similar to 3 above . Total paved area in catchment is 0.010 sq.km. Time of concentration to crossing is estimated as Tc =0.70 km@1 m/s = 11.7 mins EC Dillons analysis of rainfall shows 11.7 mins as 2.1 inches/hr = 53 mm/hr. Consequently additional flow due to paving is estimated at ;

7500 m2 x 53/1000 x 1hr / 3600 secs = 0.110 m3/s

Consequently total max flow is therefore:

0.076 (runoff from area) + 0.110 (runoff from roadway) = 0.186 m3/s

 R.Martin cross section is average kind wide x 0.3 deep.(metres) Bed slope is average of 0.007 or instruction

Capacity calculates at

$$V = \underbrace{1.49}_{n} \times r \times i$$

= 1.80 f/s = 0.55 m/s

Q = VA = 0.55 m/s x 1.5 m x 0.3 m = 0.247 m3/s

Above greater than total flow max of 0.186 m3/s - OK, doesn't surcharge.

At railway crossing cross section is  $0.6 \ge 0.6$  stone section Velocity at max flow is  $0.186 / 0.6 \ge 0.52$  m/s .... OK, surcharge, if any not significant as head loss is minimal over 10 m length of crossing under railway.

**9**. The loss of upstream storage in the R.Martin is not of any significance. The storage reduction is small and the channel capacity above indicates that storage is not required.



The stream bed and the wet area at the head of the river is being filled with stone with protective cover to allow flow to continue. Consequently there will be a loss of some 75% of cross section of flow in this region. This is not significant because rising water, if any, is the only contributor to flow in this covered area as surface runoff and the road runoff does not drain in this covered channel.

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Attachments:

- PUN any other use. - 1/50,000 - showing Peastingagh and Martin complete (marked OS map enclosed)
- 1/10,000 showing features
- 'Small Scale Hydroelectric Potential for Ireland' 1985, AFF SPectionn

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- Extracts from Drainage Records
- Prof EC Dillons Rainfall
- Extract from 'Sewers' by Bevan & Rees









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# Hydrological Analysis

#### Introduction

2.1 The hydro power available at any site on a river is directly proportional to the fall at that site and to the flow in the river. Consequently the information needed to estimate the hydro power at any site is the height of the fall and the magnitude and frequency of river flows at the site. While in general the determination of the fall or head is a comparatively simple matter, for purposes of this report a method of extrapolation had to be developed so that flow data from gauged catchments could be applied to derive the frequency distribution of flows at all sites including those in ungauged catchments. A synthetic method termed the *regional unit flow duration curve* was employed for this purpose.

#### Flow Duration Curves (FDC's)

2.2 A flow duration curve is a graph of flow rate versus its exceedence percentile i.e. percentage of time when a given flow rate is equalled or exceeded. The bases for the derivation of regional flow duration curves are the flow duration curves produced from good quality records of daily mean flows from all suitable hydrometric gauging stations. The existing data available from approximately 185 gauging stations representing all the gauged catchments within the survey area were chosen for analysis.

2.3 Tables of daily mean flows were already available for some gauging stations. Where the data were in the form of chart records of water level at the gauging site these records were processed to derive tables of daily mean flows for each calendar year over the period of the record. Flow duration curves were then produced from the tables of daily mean flows.

2.4 The catchment area (in km<sup>2</sup>) contributing to flow at the site and the long term average rainfall (in m) on that catchment were calculated for each gauge site. Catchment areas were measured by planimetering  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1 mile scale Ordnance Survey maps and rainfall was determined from  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to 1 mile scale isohyetal maps based on observations over the period 1941-1970.

#### Derivation of Regional Flow Duration Curves

2.5 Using the values of catchment area and rainfall each flow duration curve was normalised to a unit flow duration curve by dividing the flow ordinates by the appropriate catchment area and rainfall. The unit flow duration curve for a site represents the flow at that site generated by 1 km<sup>2</sup> of contributing catchment with an annual average rainfall of 1 metre. Unit flow duration curves are the basis for the derivation of regional unitised flow duration curves.

2.6 Unitised flow duration curves were produced for 185 hydrometric gauging stations throughout the country. The bodies responsible for data collection at these sites include

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Local Authorities, the Office of Public Works and the Electricity Supply Board. Various lengths of records existed for the different gauge sites and the quality of the data also varied to some degree. This resulted in the reduction of the number of unitised curves selected for analysis. Thirty-one of the derived unitised FDC's were considered unsuitable for one or more of the following reasons:—

- (i) The period of record was too short.
- (ii) Flows at some gauging stations were seriously influenced by upstream storage.
- (iii) The rating curve for the gauging station i.e. the relationship between water level and measured flows was of poor quality.
- (iv) Where a particular gauging station was located close to another station with a longer period of record, then the station with the shorter period of record was excluded.

2.7 A total of 154 unitised FDC's were thus used in the determination of regional unitised FDC's. The hydrometric gauging stations to which these relate are listed in Appendix B.

2.8 Having normalised a set of standard flow duration curves with respect to catchment area and average rainfall, the variation in the resulting family of curves from that area depends almost completely on catchment geology and soil, assuming that a standard period of record was employed. Having regard to the quality of the hydrological data available, it was inevitable that considerable variation in flow duration curves would emerge. This was due to several factors which arose from a combination of particular local flow conditions, the use of FDC's from sites with small catchments and high rainfall, the inclusion of variable periods of flow records and the absence of information relating to specific geological and soil types. Typical variations in derived FDC's can be seen in Fig. 2.1 which compares 13 curves for gauging stations all in the catchment area of the river Suir. It was decided therefore that the regions to which a particular group of FDC's applied should be small to compensate for the possible inaccuracies arising from the various sources. Consequently the procedure of selecting regions on a county basis was adopted.

2.9 When a particular group of unit FDC's were considered to adequately represent flow conditions within a region a statistical curve fitting technique was applied to find the curve of best fit for the group. This curve is then the unitised regional flow duration curve and it indicates the variation in flow rate generated by  $1 \text{ km}^2$  of contributing catchment with an annual rainfall of 1 m anywhere within that region. A total of 85 regional flow duration curves have been derived using the unit FDC's from 154 hydrometric gauging stations. A total of five maps were prepared to outline all 85 regions for which unitised flow duration curves are shown in Appendix C. In Figure 2.2 the unitised regional flow duration curve for a typical region is shown as an overlay on the group of FDC's in Figure 2.3 which describes that region.

2.10 Hydrological records show that the mean flow in a natural watercourse is approximately equal to the 30 percentile flow. The 30% exceedance coefficient of the unitised regional flow duration curve is therefore taken to be the provisional mean flow coefficient for that region. The mean flow at any site can be estimated by multiplying the relevant provisional mean flow coefficient by that catchment area to the site and the average rainfall on that catchment. Unique flow duration characteristics for the site can be established by applying the same parameters to the complete unitised regional FDC.

2.11 The level of installed generating capacity (maximum power output) appropriate to any hydroelectric power site can be determined only when the design parameters of head and flow are established. The measurement of head is usually a relatively simple matter.

The design flow rate of the installation may be chosen to be equal to the mean river flow rate or to some multiple of this flow. The adoption of a particular proportion of the mean




flow as a design flow is based on river size, geomorphology, the condition of intake channels and weirs, power demand, access and the disadvantages to fishery and amenity interests. Knowing the design head, the design flow rate and the expected efficiency of the turbine unit at full capacity the installed capacity of the site is obtained from the relationship

$$P = 9.81 \text{ QH}\eta$$

where

re P = maximum power output (kW)

H = Head(m)

 $Q = flow (m^3/s)$ 

 $\eta = efficiency$  at full capacity

 $1,000 \text{ litres} = 1 \text{ m}^{3}/\text{s}$ 

#### The Use of Flow Duration Curves in Annual Energy Calculations:

2.12 The expected annual energy output is also of prime importance to the developer. The calculation of this energy potential is based entirely on the derived flow duration curve for the particular site. While the design flow rate will be the upper limit of turbine operation, the lower limit of operation is typically between 25% and 40% of the design flow depending on turbine characteristics. The effect of altering this limit is not large however, since not only are the volumes comparatively small at the lower end of the curve but the efficiency is less than for higher flows. The lower limit of turbine operation is taken as 25% of the full capacity discharge.

2.13 In Figure 2.4 a typical flow duration curve is plotted with time as abscissa and discharge as ordinate. The area under this curve represents the volume of water passing the site in unit time. The quantity used to produce electricity corresponds to the area ABCDF where A is the discharge when installed capacity is fully employed and G is one quarter of that volume.

The annual energy coefficient for the installation Ce is defined as this area multiplied by 9.81 (g) and 8,760 (the number of hours in a year). Since the area, and consequently the annual energy coefficient, is a function of the particular percentage of the mean flow  $(Q_m)$  which is chosen as the design flow (Q), it is necessary that a range of energy coefficients be available to the designer. For this study energy coefficients have been calculated for values of Q in the range of 1.65 Qm down to 0.2 Qm.

The annual energy potential of the site is given by

$$E = Ce ARH\eta$$

where

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E = Annual energy in kilowatt hours (kWh)

Ce = Annual energy coefficient

A = Catchment area (km<sup>2</sup>)

R = Average rainfall (m/year)

H = Design Head (m)

 $\eta = \text{Overall efficiency}$ 

The coefficients are listed in Tables C2-C6 of Appendix C.





#### Possible Errors

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2.14 The procedure outlined above to obtain the flow duration characteristics at all potential sites was simple and efficient having regard to the large number of sites where this information was required. However, it should be recognised that it is a synthetic method and there are possible inaccuracies arising both from the derivation of regional FDC's and in their application to ungauged catchments.

- (a) The flow duration curves used to derive the regional curve should ideally be based on a standard period of record of daily mean flows. Relatively large differences in the length of records were inevitable due to the large number which were analysed.
- (b) The basic FDC's do not take into account the effects of catchment geology and soil type.
- (c) The regional flow duration curve is derived from a number of FDC's from a particular region. It represents the general flow conditions and does not show the effects of particular local conditions. Most of the curves are from river sites with relatively large catchment areas and mean average annual rainfall. Many of the actual sites investigated have small catchment areas and high average annual rainfall. The effect of decrease in area is to increase the influence of local conditions.

- (d) Catchment areas have been drawn by study of the topography with no allowance being taken of geology.
- (e) Water abstractions and storage will have appreciable effects on some of the flow duration curves used in the analysis which will not be evident in the regional FDC. However, the overall effect is to reduce the curvature of the extremities of the FDC while leaving the central section comparatively unaltered and it is the central section which is most important for energy generation as detailed in paragraph 2.13.

2.15 The preceding paragraphs outline the use of flow duration curves in the determination of the appropriate level of installed capacity for a site and the expected annual energy output from the installation. It is evident that this curve forms a basic parameter in assessing the potential of any particular hydro power site. The data in relation to regional flow duration curves given in Appendix C can be used by a prospective developer to obtain a flow duration curve for a site anywhere in the country provided that he determines the catchment area contributing to flow at the site and the average rainfall on that catchment. The additional pieces of information required to estimate the energy potential of a site are the available head and the expected efficiency of the chosen turbine/generator. The procedure involved in the application of the data is outlined fully in Appendix C. However, before committing himself to any sizeable investment in a particular development, the developer would be well advised to obtain the advice of a competent engineer on scheme feasibility and optimisation.

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## Appendix B

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# List of Hydrometric Gauging Stations used for FDC Analysis Distribution of Stations

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Station No.	River	Name of Station	Grid Ref.	Area km <sup>2</sup>	Rainfall mm/yr.
01.41	D 1	Sandy Mills	H273 000	113	1293
0141	Deele	Droopon Br	H152 045	353	1713
0142	Finn	Diccilali Di.	H704 370	126	1026
0351	Blackwater	Faulkland DL.	H104 579	230	1073
0611	Fane	Moyles Mill	H918 0/0	207	007
0613	Dee	Charleville	N052 079	270	907
0614	Glyde	Tallanstown	N955 978	270	943
0621	Glyde	Manheldstown	0023 932	321	920
0623	Dee	Drumgoolestown	0030 909	302	907
0625	Dee	Burley Br.	N925 896	1/0	930
0626	Glyde	Aclint	N893 981	144	1072
0630	Big	Ballygoly	J152 100	12	1220
0631	Flurry	Curralhir	J083 143	40	1104
0633	White	Coneyburrow Br.	0056 893	54	957
0701	Tremblestown	Tremblestown	N755 577	150	950
0701	Castlerickard	Blackwater	N716 489	179	850
0705	Roune	Trim	N802 568	1282	913
0705	Moumalty	Fyanstown	N790 757	179	980
0700	Round	Navan Weir	N878 667	1610	898
0709	Boyne	Liscarton	N846 689	717	984
0/10	Blackwater	O'Daly's Br	N652 805	294	1043
0711	Blackwater	O Daly S DI.	N040 738	2408	920
0712	Boyne	Slane Castle	N522 260	2400	012
0714	Yellow	Garr Br.	N332 309	74	1070
0717	Moynalty	Rosehill	N720 852	74	1070
0723	Athboy	Athboy	N/1/ 640	98	982
0802	Delvin	Naul	Q132 612	37	850
0802	Broadmeadow	Fieldstown	0116 503	72	854
0804	Ward	Owens Br.	ST 0132 464	42	817
0004	Shuice	Kinsealy Hall	O220 417	10	780
0805	Mauna	Hole in the Wall	0222 415	16	780
0800	Broadmeadow	Ashbourne out out	0087 524	34	869
0007	Broaumeadow	ion street			
- 0901	Rvewater	Leixlip ect whe	O005 364	215	836
0902	Griffeen	Lucan instat	O005 352	38	826
0905	Cannock	Clondalkin	O083 321	60	879
0000	Liffey	Burgage Br.		288	1356
0)))	Liney	0	T107 000	000	1707
1002	Avonmore	Rathdrum	119/ 883	233	1/2/
1003	Avonmore	Earagh	1146 965	107	1040
1004	Glenmacrass	Laragh	T143 965	28	1978
1017	Ballyman	Ballyman	0227 187	3	1050
1101	Owenavorragh	Boleany	T170 560	148	961
1201	Slapav	Scarrawalsh	\$983 450	1036	1108
1201	Slaney	Rathvilly	S882 844	185	1231
1215	Baney	Pallis Br	T116 683	15	1200
1214	Bann	Fame	T030 403	161	1105
1215	Bann	Perns	S060 364	175	1108
1216	Boro	Dunanore	3900 304	115	1100
1301	Corock	Goffs Br.	S874 180	56	1060
1302	Corock	Foulkesmill	5854 183	64	1050
1303	Owenduff	Mullinderry	S814 158	90	. 1050
1404	Figile	Clonbulloge	N609 235	268	850
1405	Barrow	Portarlington	N540 126	398	981
1406	Barrow	Pass Br.	N623 109	1096	897
1/10	Barrow	Royal Oak	S689 614	2415	882
1/10	Barrow	Levitstown	\$705 876	1660	877
1419	Barrow	Graiguenamanagh	S727 418	2795	896
1423	Burren	Coolasnachta	S818 567	6	1182
1424	Triogue	Kyle Br	N437 038	31	875
1432	Oweness	Mountmellick	N452 082	91	1104
1453	Dowenass	Restfield Lock	\$717 707	2060	840
1434	Barrow	Destileta LOCK	0111 171	2000	010

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Station No. River		Name of Station	Grid Ref.	Area km <sup>2</sup>	Rainfall mm/yr.
		1	0542 442	442	001
1501	Kings	Annamult House	5543 443	443	991
1502	Nore	Johns Br.	5506 561	1005	979
1503	Dinan	Dinan Br.	54/9 628	298	1024
1'504	Nore	McMahons Br.	S418 797	491	1018
1506	Nore	Brownsbarn Br.	S617 391	2388	978
1507	Nore	Kilbricken	S362 899	343	1063
1509	Kings	Callan	S415 438	201	1034
1510	Goul	Ballyboodin Mills	S368 774	159	934
1511	Nore	Mount Juliet	\$550 422	2201	9/4
1521	Delour	Annagh Br.	5441 /1/	12	1315
1602	Suir	Beakestown	S092 552	512	970
1603	Clodiagh	Rathkennan	S051 530	246	1177
1605	Multeen	Aughnagross	R991 413	87	1197
1606	Multeen	Ballinaclogh	R985 408	75	1180
1607	Aherlow	Killardry	S017 294	273	1360
1608	Suir	New Br	S001 341	1120	1030
1609	Suir	Cahir Park	S052 228	1602	1075
1610	Anner	Anner Br.	S253 256	422	984
1612	Tar	Tar Br	S107 134	228	1332
1612	Nier	Fourmilewater	S166 135	91	1394
1615	Glangalla	Knockhalliniry	\$076 117	12.5	1580
1618	Clodiagh	Portlaw	S449 154	124	1345
1701	Mahan	Kilmacthomas	\$395.065	62	1360
1701	Tay	Fox's Castle	S340 004	33	1437
1902	Plackwater	Ballyduff of a for a	W965 991	2338	1159
1002	Diackwater	Ballynamon	P656 076	- 324	1064
1804	Awbeg	Danyhanitaa	R030 070	363	1100
1805	Blackwater	Mallow	W525 973	1058	1303
		-SPC OWL	1	12	1010
1909	Butlerstown	Brookhill	W/30 /03	43	1210
1914	Lee	Dromcarra	W296 6/5	184	1964
1915	Shournagh	Healys Br.	W606 730	210	1219
1918	Shournagh	Tower Br.	W590 746	160	1234
1920	Owencurra Onser	Ballyedmond	W859 766	75	1224
2009	Stick	Belgooly	W663 540	37	1150
2102	Coomhola	Coomhola	V998 548	65	2168
2103	Owvane	Ballylickey	W010 536	77	1861
2104	Mealagh	Inchiclough	W027 511	46	1809
2105	Adrigole	Adrigole	V813 505	27.6	2128
2203	Brown Flesk	Dicksgrove	Q976 145	272	1354
2204	Owgarriff	Owgarriff Weir	W000 856	7	2800
2205	Torc	Torc Weir	V967 838	8	2504
2206	Flesk	Flesk	V970 892	325	1747
2301	Galey	Inch Br.	Q957 363	196	1120
2302	Feale	Listowel	Q996 333	646	1336
2306	Feale	Neodata	R115 269	300	1425
2402	Camoge	Grays Br.	R580 404	231	978
2403	Loobagh	Garoose	R549 274	129	1051
2404	Maigue	Bruree	R550 304	246	1002
2405	Morningstar	Athlacca	R557 343	140	1002
2406	Maigue	Creggane	R533 273	88	950
2506	Brosna	Ferbane	N115 244	1207	931
2513	Brosna	Newells Br.	N383 423	221	975
2513	Silver	Millbrook	N135 188	165	992

Station No. River		Name of Station	Grid Ref.	Catchment Area km <sup>2</sup>	Rainfall mm/yr.
2519	Cannagh	Conicar	M752 071	125	1151
2520	Killimor	Killeen	M796 111	197	999
2520	Little Drocne	Croghan	N053 056	493	958
2521	Little Biosna	Supposed	N080 046	160	1042
2522	Camcor	Bulleheid	De62 050	160	010
2525	Ballynnboy	Banynooney	R002 939	110	1077
2527	Ollatrim	Gourdeen	K880 /9/	110	1077
2529	Nenagh	Clarianna	R860 822	301	1117
2530	Graney	Scarriff	R640 843	2/9	1280
2544	Kilmastulla	Coole Br.	R712 693	95	1157
2605	Suck	Derrycahill	M824 426	1050	1057
2606	Suck	Willsbrook	M692 756	182	1080
2612	Boyle	Tinnecarra	G770 019	520	1135
2614	Lung	Banada Br.	M634 943	222	1116
2610	Camlin	Mullagh	N116 759	260	981
2620	Camlin	Argar	N181 793	126	997
2020	Camin	Aigai			
2701	Claureen	Inch Br.	R301 755	48	
2007	Clara	Ballygaddy	M420 539	458	1148
3007	Clare	Wolf Tone Br	M294 249	3111	1338
3001	Como	Wolf Tolic DI.	11274 247	5111	1550
3204	Owenglin	Clifden	L670 504	32	1846
3301	Glenamoy	Glenamoy	F895 337	73	1459
3304	Owenmore	Kilsallagh	F956 207	166	1591
3306	Owenduff	Srahnamanragh	F8120154	121	1752
3401	Moy	Rahans	\$ \$243 180	1911	1280
3403	Moy	Foxford	G267 039	1750	1270
3410	Mov	Cloonacannana 00.00	G388 024	471	1298
3424	Pollagh	Kiltimagh Pulleduit	M332 893	128	1175
	0	Pellypeoprove chothet	G630 210	200	1163
3501	Owenhore	Dillo Pr	G638 257	00	1428
3502	Owenbeg	Dilla Di. In oli	G6 07 257	212	1181
3503	Unshin	Ballygranda	C660 200	650	1206
3505	Ballisodare	Bainsodare	C205 200	204	1200
3511	Bonet	Dromanaire	G805 309	294	1394
3610	Annalee	Butters Br.	H408 104	774	1020
3615	Finn	Anlore	H537 256	155	1058
2616	Annalaa	Rathkenny	H540 114	522	1030
2(10	Annaice	Ashfield Br	H575 140	233	1020
3018	Diomore	Killumillon	H203 146	05	1325
3620	Blackwater	Rillywinan	LI203 140	224	1272
3627	woodford	Ballynendy	1230 130	62	1009
3631	Cavan	Lisdarn	11414 009	02	1008
3678	Derrygooney L.	Derrygooney	H693 108	11	1000
3679	L. Bawn	Corlea	H716 116	67	1000
3801	Ownea	Clonconwall	G765 927	109	1684
3805	Owengarva	Glenties	G870 935	7	1900
3901	Swilly	Newmills	C117 092	49	1569
3903	Crana	Tullyarvan	C349 330	99	, 1429

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County	Regions	Designation	Stations Used	
Carlow	2	CAR-O CAR-M	1213, 1216, 1424 1418, 1423, 1434	
Cavan	3	CAV-E CAV-N CAV-S	3610, 3616, 3618 3620, 3627 0711, 0717, 3631	
Clare	2	CLA-SH CLA-F	2530 2701	
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		COR-E COR-LW	1802, 1804, 1805, 1806 1914	
Donegal	4	DON-W DON-EE DON-IO DON-L	3801 0141, 0142, 3901 3903 3805	
Dublin	5	DUB-C DUB-N DUB-B DUB-S DUB-L	0805, 0806, 0902 0802 0803, 0804 0965, 1017 20999, 0906	
Galway	5	GAL-NE MY and GAL-We of for GAL-E for GALS GUILE GAL-M	2605, 2606, 2612, 2614 3204 2519, 2520 3061 3007	
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		KID-RY KID-H KID-BA KID-BO	0901 1213 1405, 1406, 1419 0703, 0714	
Kilkenny	2	KIK-O KIK-M	1501, 1503, 1509 1502, 1504, 1506, 1511	
Laois	2	LAO-L	1405, 1406, 1419, 1433, 1434 1510, 1504	, 1507,
Leitrim	1	LAO-H LEITM	1432, 1521 2629, 3511, 3620, 3627	
Limerick	4	LIM-E LIM-CW LIM-C LIM-W	2402, 2405 2302, 2404 2403, 2404, 2406 2306	
Longford	1 .	LONFD	2619, 2620	
Louth	4	LOU-C LOU-F LOU-S LOU-N	0613, 0614, 0621, 0623, 0625 0611 0633 0630, 0631	, 0626

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County	Regions	Designation	Stations Used
Мауо	4	MAYO-M MAYO-H MAYO-S MAYO-W	3401, 3403, 3410, 3424 3204 3007, 3424 3301, 3304, 3306
Meath	4	MEA-S MEA-D MEA-N MEA-B	0701, 0703, 0705, 0709, 0723 0625, 0626 0706, 0710, 0711, 0712, 0802 0807, 0901
Monaghan	5	MON-A MON-G MON-D MON-F MON-N	3678, 3679 0626 3616, 3618 0611 0351, 3615
Offaly	2	OFF-B OFF-E	2506, 2514, 2521, 2522 1404, 1405
Roscommon	1	ROS	2605, 2606, 2612, 2614
Sligo	1	SLIGO	3501, 3501, 3503, 3505, 3511
Tipperary	5	TIP-S1 TIP-S2 TIP-SM TIP-NA TIP-NB	1602, 1603, 1610 1605, 1606, 1607, 1612 1608, 1609 2525, 2527 2544, 2529
Waterford	1	WAPhorany	1612, 1613, 1618, 1620, 1701, 1702
Westmeath	3	NOT OF WES-B WES-E	2506, 2514, 2521, 2522 2513 0703, 0705, 0714, 0723, 1404
Wexford	3 FOLING	WEX-B WEX-R WEX-C	1301, 1302, 1303 1101 1201, 1214, 1215, 1216
Wicklow	Content	WIC-S1 WIC-S2 WIC-CR WIC-R WIC-C WIC-M	1213 1201, 1214 1214 1002 1017, 1101 0999, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1017

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#### THEORY, DESIGN, SPECIFICATION AND CONSTRUCTION

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VARIATIONS IN VALUE OF n AVERAGE ACCORDING TO ALBERT WOLLHEIM. A.M.I.C.E.

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Glazed stoneware pipe			0.010	110.0	0.013	0.015
Brickwork, ordinary		÷.	0.012	0.013	0.015	0.017
Brickwork, glazed		-	0.011	0.015	: 0.013	0.014
Rendering, cement mortar		- 2	110.0	0.015	0.013	0.012
Rendering, neat coment .			0.010	0.011	0.013	0.013
Ashlar dressed			0.013	0.014	0.015	0.012
Iron (cast) uncoated			0.015	0.013	0.014	0.012
Iron (wrought) and steel	•		0.011	0'012	0.013	0.014

TABLE II

VALUES OF " ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR LEA, D.Sc.

				11	
Very smooth cement and planed boards	4			0.000 to 0.01	
Smooth boards, bricks, concrete .	•			0.013 to 0.013	
Smooth, covered with slime or tuberculated	1			0.012	
Rough ashlar or rubble masonry		•	•	0.012 to 0.013	
Very firm gravel or pitched with stones				0.03	
Earth, in ordinary condition free from stones	and	weeds		0.025	
Earth, not free from stones and weeds			•	0.030	
Gravel in bad condition		1.		0.035 to 0.040	
Torrential streams with rough stony beds			÷.	0.02	
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#### TABLE III

VALUES OF n IN THE FORMULA OF GANGUILLET AND KUTTER, DETERMINED FROM RECENT EXPERIMENTS, ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR LEA, D.Sc.

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TROM REDUCT Des des de						n 601 198
Rectangular wooden flume, very smooth						0.0008
Wood pipe 6 ft. diameter						0.0132
Brick, washed with cement, basket-shap	ed	sewer,	6 ft.	× 6	ft.	ant
8 in., nearly new						0.0130 1901
Brick, washed with cement, basket-shap	bed	sewer,	6 ft.	× 6	ft.	Co-
8 in., one year old			:	•		0.0148
Brick, washed with cement, basket-shap	bed	sewer,	6 ft.	× 6	ft.	
8 in., four years old				•	.*	0.0122
Brick, washed with cement, circular sew	er,	9 ft. di	ameter	, ne	arly	
new		•		•		0.0110
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Old Croton aqueduct, lined with brick	1					0.012
New Croton aqueduct						0.013
Sudbury aqueduct						0.01
Glasgow aqueduct, lined with cement						0.0124
Steel pine wetted, clean, 1807 (mean)						0.0144
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Although the Kutter formula is cumbersome to manipulate, given a reliable value for n, the results obtained can be used with confidence.

It has been found that the variation of i produced only a small variation in the value of the coefficient C, and that if a slope of I in 1000 be taken as standard (i = 0.001) then the difference will not be appreciable.

This enables the coefficient C to be written as :

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and as my for any known pipe has a definite value, and if the value of n is also known, we can reduce the rather unwieldy form to a constant and thus arrive at the fundamental Chezy form  $v = C\sqrt{mi}$ . These constants for a comprehensive series of pipe sizes will be found in Table V (n = 0.013).

#### Example

Find the coefficient C in the Kutter and Ganguillet formula if the slope of the pipe which is running full is I in 1000, the diameter is 2 feet, and the material of the sewer is glazed stoneware in perfect condition (for then n = 0.010. See TABLE I). Then find the velocity in feet per second and the discharge in cubic feet per second.

Hydraulic mean depth  $m = \frac{A}{P} = D/4 = 2/4 = 0.5$ 

Hydraulic gradient

 $=i=\frac{1}{1000}$ 

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Then 
$$C = \left[\frac{41.6 + \frac{1.811}{n} + \frac{0.00281}{i}}{1 + (41.6 + \frac{0.00281}{i})\frac{n}{\sqrt{m}}}\right]$$

The formula put forward by Manning took the form :

$$v = C\sqrt[N]{m^2}\sqrt{i}$$

$$=\frac{1.400}{m^2}\cdot\sqrt[3]{m^2}\sqrt{1}$$

where n is the coefficient of rugosity according to Kutter.

#### CRIMP AND BRUGES.

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This is the formula in most general use among engineers in this country and is as follows:

$$= 124 \sqrt[3]{m^2} \sqrt{i}$$

Observations carried out from time to time have justified its use. The convenient form allows the engineer to convert it into:

$$v = K^1 \sqrt{i}$$
 and  $Q = K \sqrt{i}$ 

By using the constants given in Table VIII and inserting values for  $\sqrt{i}$ , velocities and discharges for pipes from 6 inches to 60 inches diameter may be found.

If we consider in connection with the Manning formula, that C is equal to 1.486/n, then there emerges the following comparison with the constant of the Crimp and Bruges formula :

$$124 = \frac{1 \cdot 486}{n}$$
$$n = \frac{1 \cdot 486}{n}$$

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Therefore

so that the Crimp and Bruges formula is practically the same as the Kutter formula with a value of n = 0.012. Similarly, if we wish to use the formula with a value of n = 0.013 it is simple to arrive at the appropriate value of C by the above method; in this case it would be C = 1.486/0.013 = 114.3.

Diagrams for the easy use of the Crimp and Bruges formula are given farther on in this chapter.

#### Example

By using the Crimp and Bruges formula find the velocity and discharge per second of a 15-inch diameter pipe laid at a gradient of 1 in 100.

$$V = 124 \sqrt[3]{m^2} \sqrt{i}.$$

#### CIRCULAR PIPES Crimp and Bruges Formula

Values of A, m,  $\sqrt[4]{m^2}$ , and K<sup>1</sup> (constant for Velocity) and K (constant for Discharge)

v =	124	Vm2	Vi feet	per	second	
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	Diam. in Inches.	Area in Square Feet.	<i>m</i> in Feet.	∛ <u>m</u> 1	For Velocity in Feet per min. $K^1$ in $v = K^1 \sqrt{i}$	For Discharge in Cubic Feet per min. K in $Q = K \sqrt{-1}$	Diam. in Inches.
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The hydraulic mean depth  $m = \frac{A}{P} = \pi/4D^2 \div \pi D = D/4$ 

 $\sqrt[3]{m^2} = 2/3 \log \text{ of } 0.3125$ = 0.666 × - 0.50516 = - 0.33677 Antilog - 0.33677 =  $\overline{1.66323}$ = 0.4605

= 0.3125

Then  $V = 124 \sqrt[3]{m^2} \sqrt{i}$ 

$$= 124 \times 0.4605 \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{100}}$$

=  $124 \times 0.04605 = 5.72$  feet per second.

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Test	Results
Temperature	Ambient
рН	6.54
BOD	<2
COD	<1
Suspended Solids	2.1
Total Ammonia -N	0.14
Conductivity	294_يو.
Molybdate	0,05
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Oils Fats Grease	~1 <1
Sulphates as(N) 💸	25
Chlorides as(Gl)	28.4
Phenols	<0.002
Detergents( as	0.156
Lauryl Sulphate)	
Arsenic	0.000656
Chromium	0.0105
Copper	0.00295
Cyanide	<0.05
Fluoride	<0.5
Lead	0.000079
Nickel	0.0012
Zinc	0.00245

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Test	Results
Temperature	Ambient
pН	6.56
BOD	2.6
COD	33
Suspended Solids	12.3
Total Ammonia -N	0.57
Conductivity	مي.364
Molybdate	0,27
Reactive	29. 02 OL
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Nitrate as N	4.3
Total Phosphate-P	519 1 tel 0.30
Oils Fats Grease	owne <1
Sulphates as 🔊 🔊	34
Chlorides as(Gl)	28.4
Phenols	<0.002
Detergents( as	0.235
Lauryl Sulphate)	
Arsenic	0.00112
Chromium	0.0125
Copper	0.00522
Cyanide	<0.05
Fluoride	<0.5
Lead	0.000046
Nickel	0.00104
Zinc	0.00223

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Test	Results
Temperature	Ambient
pН	6.33
BOD	<2
COD	<1
Suspended Solids	1.6
Total Ammonia -N	0.09
Conductivity	251 <u>~</u>
Molybdate	0,08
Reactive	23.02
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Total Phosphate-P	$n^{2} t^{eq} 0.09$
Oils Fats Grease	~1 <1
Sulphates as(N) 💸	13
Chlorides as(Gl)	28.4
Phenols	<0.002
Detergents( as	0.013
Lauryl Sulphate)	
Arsenic	0.000835
Chromium	0.00696
Copper	0.0169
Cyanide	< 0.05
Fluoride	<0.5
Lead	0.000059
Nickel	0.000746
Zinc	0.0293

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Test	Results
Temperature	Ambient
рН	6.65
BOD	<2
COD	<1
Suspended Solids	1.3
Total Ammonia -N	0.13
Conductivity	305 <sub>ي</sub> ي.
Molybdate	0.02
Reactive	23.02
Phosphorus MRP	25 OT OT ST
Nitrate as N	Mostified 2.6
Total Phosphate-P	M 2 12 12 0.04
Oils Fats Grease	~1 <1
Sulphates as 🔊 🔊	14
Chlorides as(Gl)	42.8
Phenols	<0.002
Detergents( as	0.031
Lauryl Sulphate)	
Arsenic	0.00116
Chromium	0.0126
Copper	0.0249
Cyanide	<0.05
Fluoride	<0.5
Lead	0.000452
Nickel	0.000932
Zinc	0.0272

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SAMPLE LOCATIONS

#### **Existing Environment**

#### Odour

There was no distinctive odour from the site. The background is of normal agricultural activity with a busy roadway running alongside it.

#### Noise

The noticeable noise in the vicinity is from traffic on the adjacent roadway and trains on the railway on the west side. There was little noise associated with agricultural activity in the area.

#### D<u>ust</u>

During dry weather, particularly summertime, moving vehicles on the site and working vehicles For inspection purposes only any raise dust.

#### **Characteristics Affecting**

#### Noise

There is increased noise in the area due to trucks coming to site, depositing, and leaving site. There is also noise from the buildozing and from the crushing taking place on-site. The nearest dwelling houses are approx. 400m away from this activity. The noise is limited to 55dBa (15 min Leq) on the site boundaries. This is equivalent to normal face to face conversation. This noise is limited to working hours.

#### Dust

The planning permission limits the dust deposition to 250mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d at the site boundary and it also prohibits any dust from entering the rivers. In order to achieve this, the contractor is obliged to dampen down the access ways on particularly dry summer days.

#### **Residual Impacts**

On completion the contractor will leave the access road in place to facilitate the landowner access. The access road is away from the rivers. Consequently dust rising will not impact them.

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#### **Attachments:**

- Access Road Photograph



Access Board Photograph

#### **CLIMATE**

#### **Existing Environment**

The existing impact was that of normal agricultural activity with a very small amount of stagnant gasses from the marshy area.

#### **Characteristics Affecting**

The machinery activity give rise to waste exhaust fumes during construction.

The raising of the land will blind off the marshy areas and eliminate the small amount of stagnant gasses.

Additional cattle herd on the area will give rise to small additional flatulence methane to the atmosphere. The herd number is not significant in general terms as it is limited by the area of Folipspection pt grassland available.

#### **Residual Affects**

The elimination of stagnant gasses from the marshy area and additional flatulence methane from animals will remain. As it is very localized and refer to a small area the impact is not significant.

#### LANDSCAPE

#### **Existing Environment**

The existing landscape was characterized by largely wet overgrown land in the immediate vicinity of a busy motorway on one side and a railway track on the other. Extending in southward direction the land married into a grassland river valley. Extending in the northward direction the land is dominated by railway, heavily treed river and dense bushes. Roadway and the railway line dominate.

It is in a lightly populated agricultural area with few residential or agricultural holdings.

The views in the area are attached.

The Landscape Type is Fissured Fertile Middle ground (10). Landscape Character is Mourneabbey – Rolling Patchwork Upper – Middle Kalley. This landscape is not adversely impacted by the provision of grassland in the argan

There are no locations or sites of heritage or scenic amenity in the area. The closest Heritage Site is at Mourneabbey which is 3km due north. The closest Scenic Route is north of Bottlehill which is 3km due east. The closest Nature Conservation Area is the Blackwater Valley which is 9km due north.

#### **Characteristics Affecting**

The view of the area from the N20 Cork/Mallow Road and from the few residences due south and southwest will see a green field in agricultural use where there was a small area of marshy ground.

The access road will be left in place.

#### **Residual Impact**

The land will be a continuation of that immediately south of it – agriculturally used. With an access road running to the gateway southwards along the railway boundary.

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#### Attachments:

- Work Schedule Outline
- -Completed Part Photograph
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#### **MATERIAL ASSETS**

#### **Existing Environment**

The area is devoid of local or nearby features of Archaeological Heritage, Architecture or Monuments. This is evidenced from the Cork County Development Plan.

There are no renewable resources in the marshy soil in the area.

The assimilative capacity the two rivers – Peastinagh and Martin – is a non renewable resource.

#### **Characteristics Affecting**

The marshy soil will be largely buried and will be lost. Grass growing topsoil will be placed on FOT any the raised ground.

Steps, e.g. careful practice and physical interceptors, are used to ensure the rivers are not affected from spillage or dust during construction.

#### **Residual Impact**

Consent of copyright The marsh area will be replaced with grass growing soil at a higher level.

#### **Attachments:**

- Physical Interceptors (ex Sundry details)





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## INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ABOVE FACTORS

#### The Changing Environment

This project commenced in 2007 and was due to complete in 3 years. The project has extended well beyond that initial timeline and is likely it will continue to do so. This has been caused by the downturn in the construction industry which commenced at the end of the last decade and is likely to continue for some time yet. This has resulted in this activity continuing in this location for a long time.

# **Characteristics Affecting**

150. There is an ongoing earth handling activity in the area over an extended period. The contractor has tried to minimize this impact by completing and grassing annually the area finished. This area has then been used for agriculture with no presence of machinery on it. This will continue to completion after which there will be no longer any machinery presence on site. Consent of copyright

## Significant Environments

The environment in which this work is being carried out is agricultural without any particular sensitivity or significance apart from the rising River Peastinagh and River Martin. These rivers are safeguarded during and following site activity. The site itself and its environs are not characterized by any areas under particular National or European protection. Neither is there any area of particular professional, hobby, or leisure interest e.g. mountains, forest areas, or wetlands preservation.

#### **MITIGATION MEASURES**

The impacts are summarized on the attached chart.

There are no significant impacts. There are a number of lesser impacts that are negative in character. These impacts are minimized from the outset as follows:

- Traffic is restricted to normal working hours.
- Plant Noise is limited to normal working hours.
- Rising Dust when is arises is sprayed down.
- Exhaust Fumes are restricted to operating hours.
- Prolonged Activity on-site is brought about by the lack of building activity. Completion and grassing of stages limits the area affected by this.

## Attachments:

- Impact Summary Chart

	DESCRIPTION					EVALUATION	
Торіс	Impact	Character	Magnitude	Duration	Consequence	Significance	Certainty
Human Beings	Economic	Positive	Local	Long Term	Increased agricultural output	Slight	High
	Traffic	Negative	Local	Short Term	Safety Concern	Slight	High
	Disposal Facility for Civil Works	Positive	North Cork City & Environs	Short Term	General Construction Assisted	Slight	Medium
	Recycling	Positive	Local Agriculture	Short Term	Local supply of hard- standing	Slight	High
Flora/ Habitat	Loss of Habitat (very small areas loss of scrub, hedge & wet grassland & drainage ditch re- directed)	Negative	Local	Long Term ano <sup>se only</sup> at energied for a	Local (very small areas oss of scrub, hedge & wet grassland & drainage ditch re- directed)	Slight	High
	Fragmentation of Habitat	Negative	Local Cop	Long Term	Local (a very small area of hedgerow is disrupted)	Slight	High
Fauna/Birds	Loss of Habitat (very small areas of loss of scrub, hedge & wet grassland)	Negative	Local	Long Term	Local (a small amount of habitat for nesting and foraging lost)	Slight	High
Fauna/ Mammals	Loss of Habitat (very small areas loss of scrub and hedge)	Negative	Local	Long Term	Local (a small amount of habitat for cover and foraging lost)	Slight	High

	DESCRIPTION					EVALUATION		
Торіс	Impact	Character	Magnitude	Duration	Consequence	Significance	Certainty	
Soils	More Agricultural Land	Positive	Local	Long Term	Increased Agricultural Output	Imperceptible	High	
Water	Noticeable solids in southern drain	Negative	Upper reach of R. Martin	Short Term	River Water Quality	Slight	High	
Air	Plant noise	Negative	Local	Short Term	Local Annoyance	Slight	High	
	Rising Dust	Negative	Local	Short Term	Air Quality Impacted	Imperceptible	Medium	
Climate	Exhaust Fumes	Negative	Local	Short Termity an	Air quality impacted	Imperceptible	High	
	Animal 'belch gas'	Negative	Local	vLong Term	Air Quality Impacted	Imperceptible	High	
	Stagnant Gasses	Neutral	Local tornsteelow	Long Term	Change in Local Smell	Imperceptible	High	
Landscape	More Greenfield	Positive	Locak o	Long term	Improved appearance	Moderate	High	
Landscape	Access Roadway	Neutral	Local	Long Term	Road in Field	Slight	High	
Material Assets	Wetland Soil Replaced by Grass	Positive	Local	Long Term	Land Available for Agriculture	Slight	High	
Inter relationship	Prolonged Activity on-site	Negative	Local	Short Term	Prolonged Construction Impact	Moderate	High	