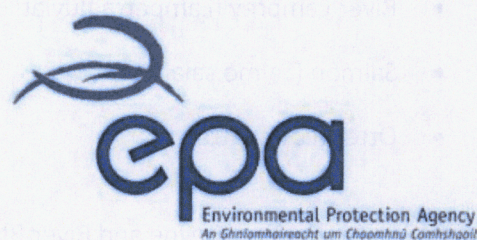


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Ack. Sub #2

From: Licensing Staff
Sent: 24 July 2018 12:38
To: 'fem.dau@chg.gov.ie'
Subject: RE: Licence P0975-02

Mr. Connor Rooney
Clerical Officer
Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
Development Applications Unit
Newtown Road
Wexford



Dear Mr. Rooney

I acknowledge receipt of your letter on 23 July 2018 in relation to a licence review application in respect of Clondrisse Pig Farm Limited, Joristown Upper, Killucan, County Westmeath, N91 HK27 (Reg. No. P0975-02).

I am to advise you that your letter will be treated as a formal submission and will be considered as part of the examination and processing of the review. Your comments will be taken into account when determining same.

Please note that all documentation and associated correspondence, **including your submission**, are available to view on the Agency's website www.epa.ie. You can also make further submissions via the Agency's website. You may subscribe to updates on this licence application through RSS Feeds to receive notifications regarding this application directly to your email account.

The details of the proposed determination by the Agency will be automatically notified to you in accordance with the requirements of the EPA Act 1992 as amended.

Yours sincerely

*Environmental Licensing Programme
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From: Foreshore EPA Marine [<mailto:fem.dau@chg.gov.ie>]
Sent: 23 July 2018 10:40
To: Wexford Receptionist <REC_WEX@epa.ie>
Subject: Licence P0975-02

RE: Licence P0975-02 by Clondrisse Pig Farm Limited for The rearing of pigs in an installation where the capacity exceeds - (b) 2,000 places for production pigs which are over 30kg at Joristown Upper, Killucan, Westmeath, N91 HK27.

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Please find the nature conservation recommendations of the Department of Culture, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht for the above mentioned licence application.

The proposed development site is located close to the River Deel which is within the River Boyne and River Blackwater Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (site code: 002299). Please see the site synopsis at www.npws.ie for a description of the site.

In relation to the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC, the following conservation objective applies:

To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitats and the Annex II species for which the SAC has been selected:

- Alkaline fens
- Alluvial forests with *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior* (*Alno-Padion*, *Alnion incanae*, *Salicion albae*)* * denotes a priority habitat
- River Lamprey (*Lampetra fluviatilis*)
- Salmon (*Salmo salar*)
- Otter (*Lutra lutra*)

In relation to the River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA, the following conservation objective applies:

To maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the bird species listed as Special Conservation Interest for this SPA:

Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)

The Department is of the view that the proposed development:

- Has a potential to cause an adverse effect on a significant area of the habitats and species populations of lamprey, salmon and otter which are listed under the Annexes of the EU Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora).
- Has a potential to cause an adverse effect on a significant area of the habitats and species populations of kingfisher which are listed under Annex I of the EU Birds Directive (Council Directive 79/409/EEC).

This affect would be caused by:

- Siltation resulting from surface water runoff from the proposed site during construction works
- Deterioration of water quality resulting from pollution/eutrophication caused by inadequate land spreading of pig manure.
- Enrichment/ eutrophication of SAC and SPA watercourse due to atmospheric ammonia discharges

In order to mitigate these potential adverse effects, we recommend that the EPA consider the above issues while assessing this application, in particular that:

1. Best practice measures which are proposed during construction are adequate to prevent silt/ suspended solids from entering adjacent watercourses.
2. Best practice regarding nutrient management planning are adequate and copperfastened with EPA licensing requirements as necessary.
3. The cumulative impacts on water quality arising from land spreading of waste and emissions of atmospheric ammonia on nearby Natura 2000 sites is considered by the EPA. The Department notes that this issue has not been addressed in the Natura Impact Statement.