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From: Olga Balaeva
Sent: Monday 29 March 2021 09:13
To: natureconservation
Cc: Joanne Robinson; Eoin Mason
Subject: RE: Wicklow Mountain Maps
Attachments: RE: Wicklow Mountain Maps

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From: Darragh Mowlds [mailto:Darragh.Mowlds@oireachtas.ie] **On Behalf Of** Steven Matthews
Sent: Friday 26 March 2021 13:08
To: natureconservation <natureconservation@housing.gov.ie>
Subject: RE: Wicklow Mountain Maps

Hi Tom,

Thank you very much for the quick reply and for sending that. Do you know if any more detailed maps are available? I have written to Minister Noonan's office and the OSI too so no hassle if you don't have any.

Best wishes,
Darragh

From: natureconservation <natureconservation@housing.gov.ie>
Sent: Friday 26 March 2021 09:38
To: Steven Matthews <Steven.Matthews@oireachtas.ie>
Subject: RE: Wicklow Mountain Maps

Hi Darragh,

I have attached a link below to a map of the Wicklow National Park.
You would have to get in touch with the EPA for their data

<https://www.wicklowmountainsnationalpark.ie/getting-here/map-of-the-national-park/>

Regards,

Tom McBride
Designations Unit

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Patricia Mooney

From: Wesley Atkinson <Wesley.Atkinson@housing.gov.ie>
Sent: Thursday 8 April 2021 12:40
To: Patricia Mooney
Cc: Trevor Donnelly; will.joyce@chg.gov.ie; Kellie Finnegan
Subject: RE: 4,900 acres of NPWS land
Attachments: Orwell Map.pdf; Glenasmole2005-1.pdf

Hi Patricia

The only maps I have are attached. They are from the previous owners and date back to 2005. This map I believe was the one used in NAMA transaction. You should have the paper copy as per 2005-1 above on your file.

Unfortunately we haven't even got an up to date map of WMNP at the moment that includes this acquisition and [REDACTED] at Carraigacurra last year. It's frustrating that we don't have a map of WMNP to share and publicise by way of information for an enquiry like this and to put out on our literature and the issue is replicated across the country and not unique to us.

Has there been any update in relation to mapping our NPs, pre-Covid I know PMU were taking this up with GIS, is there any update?

Regards

Wesley

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From: Patricia Mooney
Sent: Thursday 8 April 2021 12:20
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Cc: Trevor Donnelly <Trevor.Donnelly@housing.gov.ie>; will.joyce@chg.gov.ie; Kellie Finnegan <Kellie.Finnegan@chg.gov.ie>
Subject: 4,900 acres of NPWS land

Hi Wesley

Please see below query we received in relation to the land at Glenasmole. The requester is querying whether there are maps of the land purchased contained in publications or otherwise available to view.

I have send request for an update on the progress of first registration with PRAI to CSSO. The application is still coming up as pending on land direct.

Kind Regards,

Patricia Mooney
Property Management Unit
National Parks & Wildlife Service

An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 8 April 2021 12:05
To: Patricia Mooney <Patricia.Mooney@housing.gov.ie>
Subject: Re: 4,900 acres of NPWS land

Dear Ms Mooney,

Thank you very much indeed for getting back to me so quickly and for updating me on the land.

Does it currently exist on any published maps (online or otherwise) and/or is there a likely time-frame for this to happen?

Many thanks.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

On Wed, 7 Apr 2021 at 15:24, Patricia Mooney <Patricia.Mooney@housing.gov.ie> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

I can confirm that the 4,900 acres of land at Glenasmole is owned by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (NPWS). The land is currently still going through first registration with the Property Registration Authority of Ireland.

Kind Regards,

Patricia Mooney

Property Management Unit

National Parks & Wildlife Service

An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday 7 April 2021 11:47
To: natureconservation <natureconservation@housing.gov.ie>
Subject: 4,900 acres of NPWS land

Good morning,

I want to enquire about the identification and exact location of 4,900 acres of land in Bohernabreena/Glenasmole that was sold through NAMA to the State and then was to be given to the NPWS. All this occurred around August 2016.

<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/news/state-to-buy-5000-acres-of-nama-lands-in-wicklow-mountains-34935433.html>

<https://www.irishtimes.com/business/commercial-property/sale-of-4-900-acres-to-fuel-debate-about-wind-energy-in-dublin-1.2675747>

Did this land end up under the guardianship of NPWS? Is it contained on any maps or publications?

I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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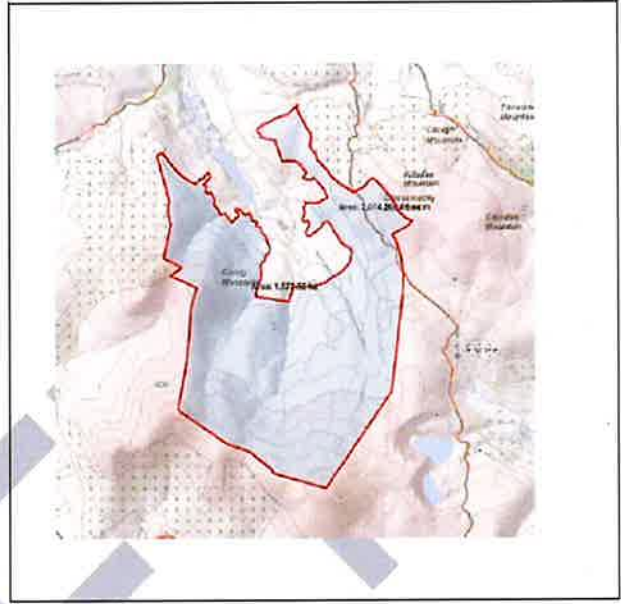
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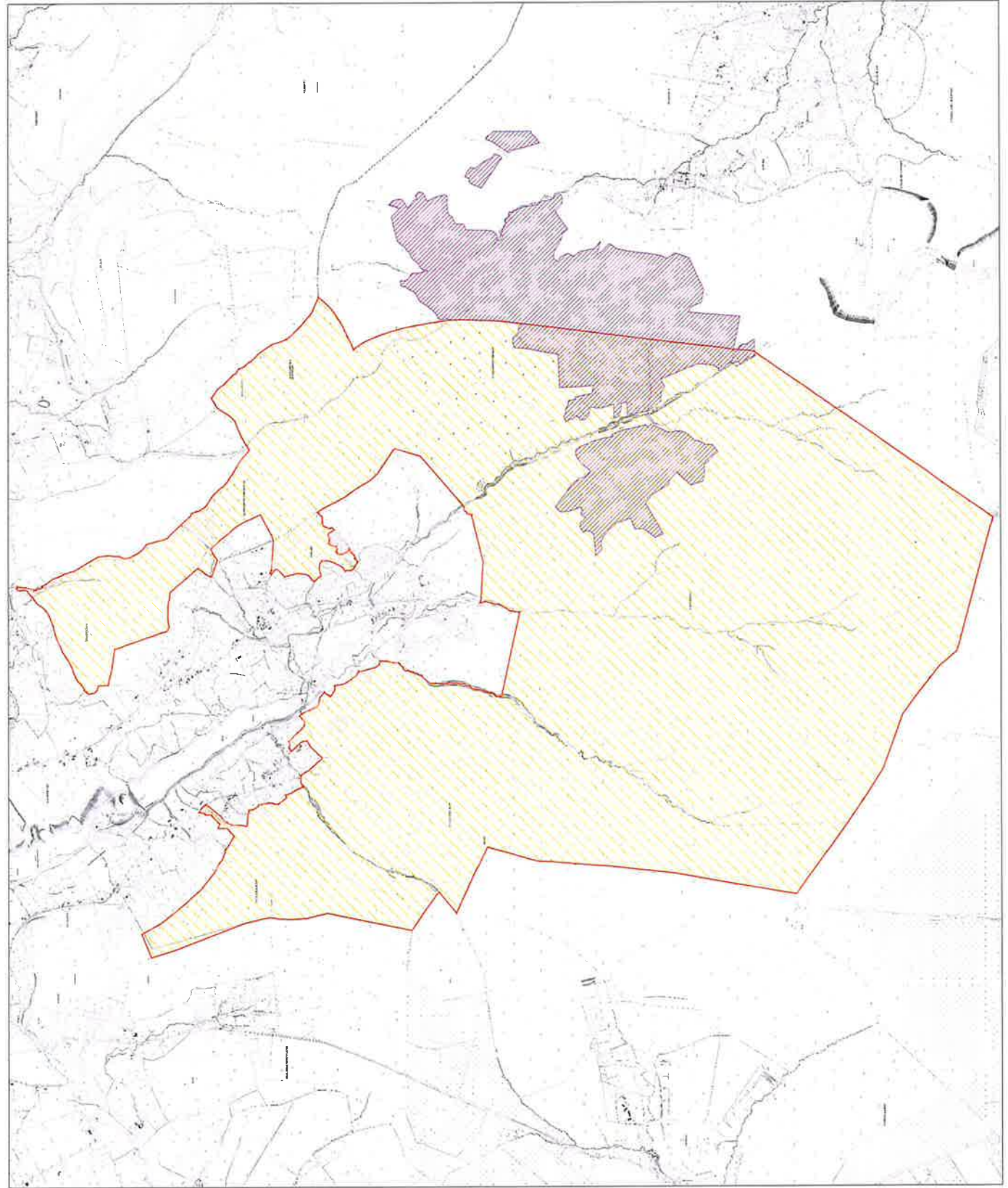
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9.

Patricia Mooney

From: Olga Balaeva
Sent: Monday 12 April 2021 12:43
To: Joanne Robinson
Subject: FW: Correspondence case HPLG-MoSN-00365-2021 has been assigned to eCorresNPWSSstrategyandRegionalOperations for Create draft reply
Attachments: RE: Wicklow Mountain Maps

Hi Joanne,

Regarding the rep below, we received an identical query through nature conservation a couple of weeks ago. Please see Damian's response attached. It might be useful for preparing a response to this rep as well.

Regarding the query attached, I passed Damian's email on to Tom McBride (nature conservation) and he said he would use it in his response. I assume that he issued a response at the time but I wasn't cc-ed on it.

Thanks,

Olga

From: eCorrespondence (Housing) [mailto:Housing-Correspondence@cloud.gov.ie]
Sent: Monday 12 April 2021 10:49
To: Brenda Delaney <Brenda.Delaney@housing.gov.ie>; Conor OMalley <Conor.OMalley@housing.gov.ie>; Patricia Mooney <Patricia.Mooney@housing.gov.ie>; Will Joyce <Will.Joyce@housing.gov.ie>; Elizabeth Keehan <Elizabeth.Keehan@housing.gov.ie>; Sarah Ui Bhroin <Sarah.UiBhroin@housing.gov.ie>; Catherine Buchanan <Catherine.Buchanan@housing.gov.ie>; Dermot Kelly <Dermot.Kelly@housing.gov.ie>; Colm ODoherty <Colm.ODoherty@housing.gov.ie>; Kellie Finnegan <Kellie.Finnegan@housing.gov.ie>; Olga Balaeva <Olga.Balaeva@housing.gov.ie>; Joanne Robinson <Joanne.Robinson@housing.gov.ie>
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Correspondence Case HPLG-MoSN-00365-2021 has been assigned to your group by Maryellen Sacco (Housing).

Please click on the link to view the case details [HPLG-MoSN-00365-2021](#).

Map request for WMNP - for draft reply

10.

Patricia Mooney

From: Damian Clarke
Sent: Friday 26 March 2021 17:47
To: Olga Balaeva; Wesley Atkinson
Cc: Eoin Mason; Joanne Robinson; natureconservation
Subject: RE: Wicklow Mountain Maps

Hi Olga,

There is no approved National Park boundary. There is an electronic indicative boundary that we have in the past supplied to the OSI for inclusion on their maps. In recent years I have been advised not to supply this as a park boundary as work is ongoing to formalise the actual legal boundary. That boundary is however clearly marked on the relevant OS map sheets covering Wickow. Sheet 56 and Sheet 62.

For habitat mapping I would direct them to the NPWS website <https://www.npws.ie/maps-and-data> and the Corine data sets which they will need to contact the EPA for. This will probably require them to have access to GIS software to view and interrogate the data however.

Regards,

Damian.

From: Olga Balaeva [mailto:Olga.Balaeva@chg.gov.ie]
Sent: Friday 26 March 2021 13:49
To: Wesley Atkinson <Wesley.Atkinson@housing.gov.ie>; Damian Clarke <Damian.Clarke@housing.gov.ie>
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Subject: FW: Wicklow Mountain Maps

Good Afternoon Wesley and Damian,

I am writing to you regarding the query below. I understand that a link to the map that appears on WMNP website has already been provided as a response. However, I would be grateful if you could let me know whether you could provide those two specific maps that the Deputy is looking for.

Many thanks,

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NPWS

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