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Reconstitution and underplanting at Toormore, Kilcummin, Co. Kerry CN 88005

I refer to the above; the plot identified is situated between two watercourses, that are tributaries of the Deenagh River, an important Salmonid river, flowing into the catchment of Killarney National Park, Macgillycuddy's Reeks and Caragh River catchment SAC. The site encompasses eroding streams which need protection from interference, nutrient input and drainage.

Currently there is an issue at the site, TFL 00477520, Where the forestry and water quality guidelines were not adhered to. The access road is deeply rutted and exposing soil that can cause run off issues into the said watercourses. Mitigation is required to ensure there is no siltation and/or fine sediment coming off the land into said watercourses prior to ANY further works being carried at this site. A smaller watercourse that run adjacent to the road, also requires protection to include buffer zones.

IFI would be concerned if the mitigation measures are not implemented.

If granted:

- There should be no interference or encroachment on any flowing waters.
- There should be no interference with any existing site drainage systems.
- Fertilisation should not be permitted.
- The removal of any trees or brash along waters should be strictly curtailed to the extent that there is no threat to bank stability as a result of removal.

In addition, the following issues of water quality and fisheries protection should also be addressed-

The Forestry and Water Quality guidelines should be followed

- Machine tracking along riverbanks should be strictly prohibited
- Rutting or tracking channels, which can lead to water runoff should be prevented with remediation measures introduced if channelling does occur.
- Stream crossings, if required, should be identified, should span the watercourse and not cause bankside destabilisation or pollution.
- Invasive tree removal or management should be away from waters and measures taken to insure brash, branches and trees do not enter or fall across any waters.
- Machinery Movement on waterlogged ground should not be undertaken.
- In other areas with potential for silt runoff, adequate measures should be taken to contain and filter silt containing waters within the site.

Regards

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