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Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Johnstown Castle Estate
Co. Wexford

By Registered Post

2nd March 2020

NPWS Ref: GF00234

(Please quote the above reference in all relevant correspondences)

Re: Drainage work carried out within Lower River Shannon SAC (Site Code: 002165) by

Dear Sirs,

We have received a report of drainage works along the Annagh River, part of the Lower River Shannon, Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (Site Code: 002165).

National Parks and Wildlife Services carried out two site visits to investigate this claim on 8th & 16th October 2019. The drain along the North and East field boundaries and also the perimeter were cleared, these feed directly into the SAC and may have a potential effect on the water quality of the SAC. A potential otter holt was identified in the drain on the East field boundary which was cleared, exposing and causing damage to the holt. The otter is a qualifying Interest (QI 91E0) for the SAC.

This work was conducted without the consent of the Minister of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

We are referring this case to you for potential breaches under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), 2011 Agricultural Regulations.

If you have any queries, or need further information about this matter, please contact the undersigned on (053) 9117323, or email Assumpta.Carthy@chg.gov.ie.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "a carthy".

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