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Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta

Department of
Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO CARRY OUT AN ACTIVITY REQUIRING CONSENT IN A
SITE TO WHICH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (BIRDS AND NATURAL HABITATS)
REGULATIONS 2011 (NO. 477 OF 2011) APPLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 30
OF THOSE REGULATIONS

For Completion by Applicant

1. Applicant's Name:

2. Applicant's Address:

3. Nature of the operation/activity for which the permission is sought (give as full details as possible): *Please note – you must attach a map highlighting the...

proposed works - MAP + PHOTOS ATTACHED received

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AREA 1 (BLUE ON ATTACHED MAP)

ARC 05 - CUTTING + REMOVING PLANTS

ARC 06 - REINTRODUCTION OF TILLAGE

ARC 10 - REALIGNMENT OF HEDGEROW TO INCORPORATE AREA INTO
ADJOINING ARABLE TILLAGE FIELDS

ARC 12 - APPLYING INORGANIC FERTILISER TO PROPOSED AREA FOR CROPS

AREA 2 (GREEN ON ATTACHED MAP)

ARC 11 - PLOUGHING EXISTING ROUGH GRAZING AREA

ARC 12 - APPLYING INORGANIC FERTILISER

ARC 23 - MOWING OF GRASS CROPS IF NEW PASTURE CAN BE
FORMED

For Completion by NPWS Regional Staff

4. SAC Site Code: 000704

5. Describe the habitats that would be affected by the above proposal:

6. Recommendation (Allow/Disallow): _____

7. Reasons for Recommendation:

Signed: _____



Position: _____


Agree/Disagree:

Signed: _____

Position: _____

(Should be signed by RM or DRM)

1) EXTENSION OF FIELD OF BUSHES / BRIDGES HATCHED 
THIS WILL CREATE A LEVEL ARABLE PERIMETRE OUT TO LINE MARKED 

2) PLOWING AND RESEEDING IN FRESH CLASH AREA HATCHED 
THIS GREEN AREA HAS BEEN GRAZED BY BOWINGS FOR 5 YEARS
AND IS NOTED UNDER PARCEL WITH DEP. OF AGRICULTURE
(PHOTOS OF THIS AREA ATTACHED WITH DOWNLOADED)

The National Parks & Wildlife Service,
South Eastern Region,
90 King Street North,
Dublin 7.

11th May, 2020.

Re: Application for Permission to Carry Out an Activity Requiring Consent

Dear Sirs,

I am the registered owner of lands that are designated at Our Lady's Island Lake SAC with Site Code 000704. I attach herewith completed application for consent to carry out works on my lands that are within the SAC, SPA & NHA.

The following are the attachments with this application;

1. Application Form
2. Copy of ArcGIS Map of the Relevant Areas
3. Photo Profile of the Relevant Areas

The lands where I propose to undertake the works have been in my ownership for almost ten years now and in this time I have used the areas for rough grazing of my bovines over the summer grazing months. The photos I attach illustrate that the areas for the proposed works and I trust you will note the primary flora in this area is grass and old pasture. My ambition is to reseed with grass to both improve the grass quality and to form a level seedbed which will facilitate mowing with a conventional mower. I currently participate in the GLAS agri-environment scheme and have a LPIS Parcel dedicated to wild bird cover nearby. This I hope illustrates that I am conscious of the importance of the area to the native bird species occupying Our Lady's Island Lake.

The area hatched in green on the attached map and set out in detail in the attached photos does not in my opinion provide any specific ecological benefit to the birds occupying SAC 000704. Moreover there is no nesting evident in the area where I propose to undertake the works. The re-establishment of a new pasture will not I believe damage the integrity of the lake or the habitat for the birds.

The area hatched in blue on the attached map mainly comprises of heavy foliage, briars and bushes. Again I do not believe that this area provides a habitat for the birds occupying the lake and works that I propose to undertake will have little impact in the vicinity. You will note from the map that I have marked in red the current arable perimeter of my lands and the clearing of the area in blue will simply make the arable line consistent and parallel with the other arable fields. I propose to retail a hedgerow to the eastern side as this boundary hedgerow offers shelter from the prevalent winds from the lake.

The works that I propose will not in my opinion have an undue negative impact on SAC 000704 and I hope that you will understand the benefit that these works would have for my farming enterprise. As referenced above I believe I contribute to the eco-system by participating in schemes such as GLAS. On my farm holding I have also participated in other schemes such as the AEOS and REPS with measures such as planting new hedgerows, preservation and protection of watercourses from bovines and the establishment of bird and bat boxes.

I trust you will consider my application with reference to the fact that the works I propose are a safe and reasonable distance from the high water mark of the lake and will not threaten the various plant species as outlined in the site synopsis as published by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for Our Lady's Island Lake SAC.

Yours sincerely,

Approved ARC List

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| ARC-01 | Reclamation, including infilling. |
| ARC-02 | Stocking or re-stocking with fish. |
| ARC-03 | Blasting, drilling, dredging or otherwise removing or disturbing fossils, rock, minerals, mud, sand, gravel or other sediment. |
| ARC-04 | All activities relating to turf cutting and/or peat extraction. |
| ARC-05 | All activities relating to turf cutting and/or peat extraction. [Consent is not required for harvesting of cultivated crops, or for grazing or mowing.] |
| ARC-06 | Introduction, or re-introduction, of plants or animals not found in the area. [Consent is not required for the planting of crops on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land.] |
| ARC-07 | All activities relating to turf cutting and/or peat extraction. [Consent is not required to continue domestic turf cutting from existing turf banks.] |
| ARC-08 | Undertaking scientific research involving the collection and removal of biological material. |
| ARC-09 | Construction or alteration of tracks, paths, roads, bridges, culverts or access routes. |
| ARC-10 | Construction, removal or alteration of fences, stone walls, hedgerows, banks or any field boundary other than temporary electric fencing. [Consent is not required for normal maintenance.] |
| ARC-11 | Digging, ploughing, harrowing or otherwise disturbing soil or substrate. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 50m from a river, stream, floodplain, wetland, lake, turfough or pond.] |
| ARC-12 | Applying inorganic or organic fertilizer, including slurry and farmyard manure. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain, or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turfough or pond.] |
| ARC-13 | Applying lime. [Consent is not required for this activity on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain, or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turfough or pond.] |
| ARC-14 | Storage, burial, disposal or recovery of any materials. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain, or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turfough or pond.] |
| ARC-15 | Burning, topping, clearing scrub or rough vegetation or reseeded. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain, or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turfough or pond.] |
| ARC-16 | Modification of eaves and/or their entrances. |
| ARC-17 | Agricultural improvement of heath or bog. |
| ARC-18 | Application of pesticides, including herbicides. [Consent is not required for these activities on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain, or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turfough or pond.] |
| ARC-19 | Supplementary feeding of livestock. [Consent is not required for this activity on established reseeded grassland or cultivated land provided it is greater than 20m from a river, stream or floodplain, or greater than 50m from a wetland, lake, turfough or pond.] |
| ARC-20 | Significant changes in livestock density (including introduction of grazing), changes in livestock type or grazing season, other than an established reseeded grassland. [Consent is not required for changes of less than 20% in livestock density unless notice has been given that a lower percentage is applicable to a particular site.] |
| ARC-21 | Grazing of livestock between 1st April and 31st October on traditional winterages. |
| ARC-22 | Changing of agricultural use from hay meadow to any other use. |
| ARC-23 | Mowing of grass crops. [Consent is not required unless notice has been given that mowing on specified lands is likely to interfere with the breeding and reproduction of mammals during the period specified in the said notice.] |
| ARC-24 | Works on, or alterations to, the banks, bed or flow of a drain, watercourse or waterbody. |
| ARC-25 | Drainage works including digging, deepening, widening or blocking a drain, watercourse or waterbody. |
| ARC-26 | Entry of livestock or machinery into stretches of river containing, or upstream from, freshwater pearl mussels. |
| ARC-27 | Water abstraction, sinking of boreholes and wells. |
| ARC-28 | Felling of trees or removing timber, including dead wood. |
| ARC-29 | Planting of trees or multi-annual biomass crops. |
| ARC-30 | Any activity intended to disturb birds, including by mechanical, air, gas, wind powered or audible means. |
| ARC-31 | Developing or consenting to the development or operation of commercial recreational/visitor facilities or organised recreational activities. |
| ARC-32 | Recreational use of an off-road vehicle. |
| ARC-33 | Using or permitting the use of land for car parking where it may damage the vegetation, soil or substrate. |
| ARC-34 | Alteration, renovation or removal of buildings, ruins or other structures. |
| ARC-35 | Undertaking active acoustic surveys in the marine environment. |
| ARC-36 | Harvesting marine invertebrate species in intertidal areas. |
| ARC-37 | Driving mechanically propelled vehicles in intertidal areas, except over prescribed access routes. |
| ARC-38 | Lighting up caves, buildings or other places used by bats for roosts. |



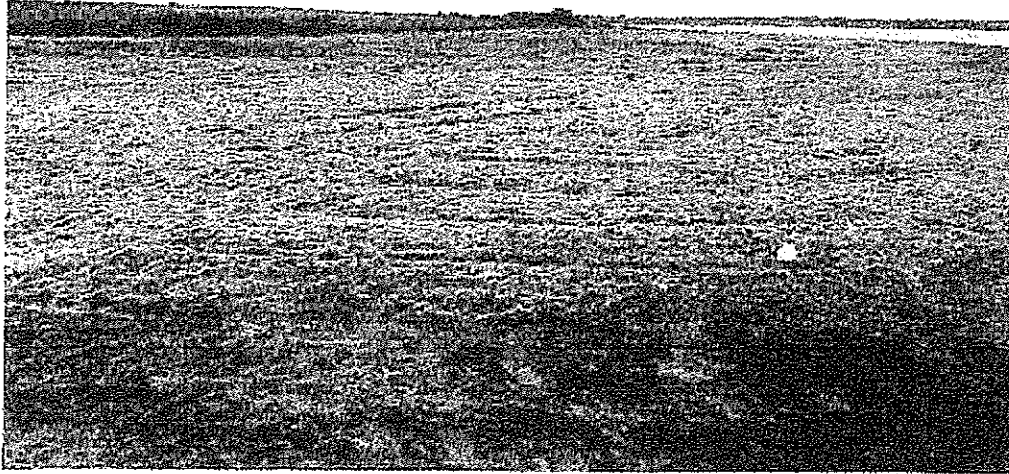
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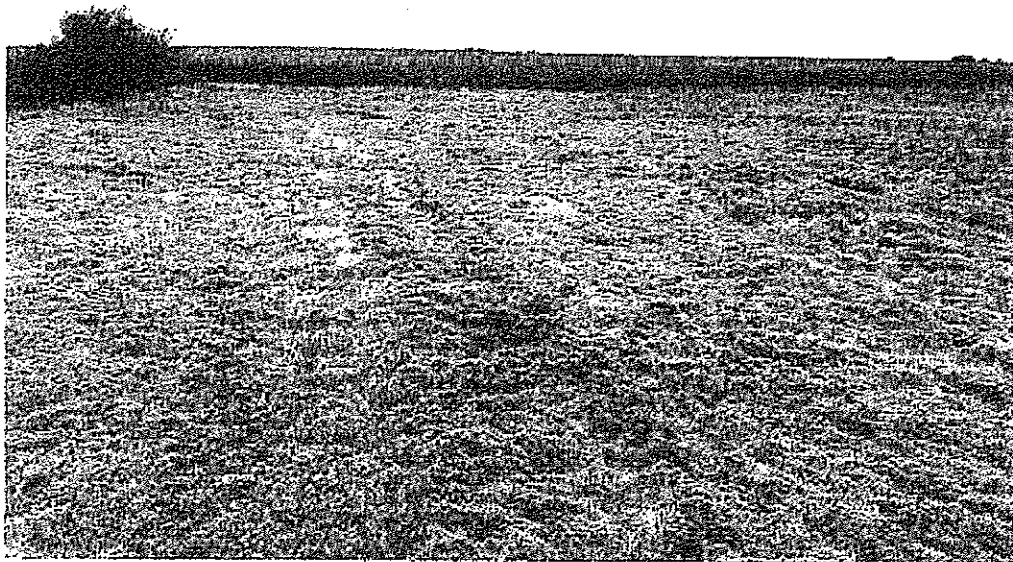
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Old Grass Sward on Green Hatched Area



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