

From: Coggins, Karl
Sent: Tuesday 1 November 2022 15:20
To: OFahy, Emmet; Boyce, Catherine
Subject: RE: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans - 20220243 (LM09-FL0048)
Attachments: LM09-FL0048 Licence.pdf

Emmet

It is reasonable to assume from Coillte's email dated the 6/9/2022 that the 'transport scheme and traffic management plan' was not provided to Leitrim CoCo in the format specified. Therefore it is up to DAFM to decide on the appropriate response. Our records show that the site was harvested earlier this year so suspension of the licence is not going to be an effective response. I would recommend a formal letter to Coillte outlining the importance of this condition and reminding Coillte to comply with the conditions of the licence.

For future enforcement of this licence provision we have agreed the following;

- a. Wexford Felling Inspectorate capture licence condition requiring the applicant to contact the CoCo.
- b. Coillte have been requested to CC emails to CoCo to Felling.forests@agriculture.gov.ie
- c. Felling Admin enter the date of receipt of this email to the CTS Status form
- d. Wexford Felling Inspectorate check the active felling list for instances where licences are due to be felled which also have a condition to contact the CoCo. If there is a match and the date field at c) is null a desk audit report is issued instructing the applicant not to proceed with operations until CoCo has been contacted and DAFM have been copied with this correspondence.

Karl

From: OFahy, Emmet
Sent: Friday 28 October 2022 17:24
To: Boyce, Catherine ; Coggins, Karl
Subject: RE: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans - 20220243 (LM09-FL0048)

Karl,

Given there is a traffic management plan that we referred to, can the inspector follow up?

Best regards
Emmet O'Fahy

Assistant Principal Officer
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Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine

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From: Boyce, Catherine <Catherine.Boyce@agriculture.gov.ie>
Sent: Friday 28 October 2022 17:01
To: Coggins, Karl <Karl.Coggins@agriculture.gov.ie>; OFahy, Emmet <Emmet.OFahy@agriculture.gov.ie>
Subject: RE: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans - 20220243 (LM09-FL0048)

Just to follow up on this one again?

Many thanks

Catherine

From: Boyce, Catherine
Sent: Wednesday 19 October 2022 16:55
To: Coggins, Karl <Karl.Coggins@agriculture.gov.ie>; OFahy, Emmet <Emmet.OFahy@agriculture.gov.ie>
Subject: RE: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans - 20220243 (LM09-FL0048)

Hi Karl/Emmet,

Just to follow up on the original complaint in relation to the breach of licence LM09-FL0048.

I know that we have decided not to actively check where Transport Scheme and Traffic Management Plans have been sent to the County Council, but in this incident where a breach seems to have been identified, is there anything further we need to do?

Thanks
Catherine

From: Coggins, Karl <Karl.Coggins@agriculture.gov.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 14 September 2022 13:35
To: OFahy, Emmet <Emmet.OFahy@agriculture.gov.ie>
Cc: Boyce, Catherine <Catherine.Boyce@agriculture.gov.ie>
Subject: RE: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans - 20220243 (LM09-FL0048)

Emmet

The licence condition defines the information that constitutes the 'Transport scheme and traffic management plan'. If the information was not provided then there is a breach of the licence.

Like the 'Tree removal plan' we need to carry out a compliancy check for these documents. In this regard we should request that Coillte CC these documents to Felling.ForestService@agriculture.gov.ie and that the date of receipt is captured and the contents checked. Wexford Felling can run the compliancy check each week against the active site list. Wexford Felling can prepare an inspection report if the 'Transport scheme and traffic management plan' was not sent.

We probably need a meeting to discuss this and other issues, I'll propose an agenda.

Karl

From: OFahy, Emmet <Emmet.OFahy@agriculture.gov.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 13 September 2022 09:45
To: Coggins, Karl <Karl.Coggins@agriculture.gov.ie>
Cc: Boyce, Catherine <Catherine.Boyce@agriculture.gov.ie>
Subject: FW: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans - 20220243 (LM09-FL0048)

Hi Karl,

In relation to the claims below made by Mr. Foulkes. Coillte are stating that the documents referred to below amount to a traffic plan as per the licence conditions. Can you confirm that you are happy that this is the case?

Best regards
Emmet O'Fahy

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From: Boyce, Catherine <Catherine.Boyce@agriculture.gov.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 13 September 2022 09:38
To: OFahy, Emmet <Emmet.OFahy@agriculture.gov.ie>; Coggins, Karl <Karl.Coggins@agriculture.gov.ie>
Subject: FW: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans - 20220243 (LM09-FL0048)

From: NF <neilfoulkes62@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday 6 September 2022 17:58
To: 'Sharon Byrne' <Sharon.Byrne@coillte.ie>
Cc: 'Nicholas Egan' <Nicholas.Egan@coillte.ie>; Felling Forest Service <Felling.ForestService@agriculture.gov.ie>; 'Roads' <roads@leitrimcoco.ie>
Subject: RE: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans - 20220243 (LM09-FL0048)

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Hello Sharon,

Thank you for your prompt follow up and the effective acknowledgement that Coillte has failed to comply with a licence condition for LM09-FL0048.

Mere consultation, discussion and agreement does not satisfy the condition of the licence. The licence condition requires the submission of specific documentary evidence and non has been submitted. In the absence of documentary evidence there is not compliance with the licence condition.

If the licence condition had been satisfied Coillte would have been in a position to provide the documentary evidence in response to my AIE request.

I have brought this matter to the attention of the licencing authority as it is technically a breach of the law.

As a matter of courtesy I have also copied in the roads section of Leitrim County Council.

Neil Foulkes

From: Sharon Byrne [<mailto:Sharon.Byrne@coillte.ie>]
Sent: 06 September 2022 16:26
To: NF
Cc: Nicholas Egan
Subject: RE: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans - 20220243

Hi Neil,

Please note that in relation to your query about LM09-FL0048 a copy of proposed transport schemes and traffic management plans submitted does not exist. To clarify, consultation did take place between Coillte and Leitrim Co Council. Please find attached document that confirms this and also note that an on-site meeting was held in February 2022 to discuss and agree requirements as per licence conditions. In relation to the information that has been provided, each of the five documents was considered by us to represent a 'proposal of a transport scheme' and therefore released on that basis. When reviewing each of the five documents provided, if the information as set out at points a, b, c, d, e, f and g below is not contained in these documents then it does not exist.

- a. date of submission
- b. location of the activity
- c. volume of produce to be transported
- d. details of vehicles to be used
- e. routes to be used
- f. signage erected
- g. timing of operations including proposed date of duration of works in respect of any forestry licence issued by DAFM

Kind Regards
Sharon.

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From: NF <neilfoulkes62@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday 5 September 2022 12:44

To: Sharon Byrne <Sharon.Byrne@coillte.ie>

Cc: Nicholas Egan <Nicholas.Egan@coillte.ie>

Subject: RE: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans - 20220243

Thank you Sharon, I trust that you recognise that the constraints of the AIE timeframes are involved.
Regards, Neil

From: Sharon Byrne [<mailto:Sharon.Byrne@coillte.ie>]

Sent: 05 September 2022 10:06

To: NF

Cc: Nicholas Egan

Subject: RE: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans - 20220243

Hello Neil,

I will contact relevant staff in relation to this and get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

Sharon.

Sharon Byrne

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From: NF <neilfoulkes62@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday 5 September 2022 08:11

To: Sharon Byrne <Sharon.Byrne@coillte.ie>

Cc: Nicholas Egan <Nicholas.Egan@coillte.ie>

Subject: RE: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans - 20220243

Hello Sharon,

My request had a number of bullet points but the decision has not addressed each of the bullet points.

Also, the information does not directly respond to my request which related to cases where there was a condition in a licence from DAFM.

To give you just one example LM09-FL0048 (issued 4-6-21) includes a condition

Prior to commencement of tree felling and transportation of felled timber the landowner and/or transport operator shall be required to submit a proposed transport scheme and traffic management plan to Leitrim County Council, showing details of location of the activity, volume of produce to be transported, details of vehicles to be used, routes to be used, signage erected and timing of operations.

Reason: So that Leitrim County Council can carry out their statutory functions.

This licence has been executed. Now as I see it either the AIE response has failed to provide the requested information or Coillte is in breach of the licence condition.

Which is it?

Regards,

Neil Foulkes

From: Sharon Byrne [<mailto:Sharon.Byrne@coillte.ie>]

Sent: 02 September 2022 16:11

To: NF

Subject: RE: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans - 20220243

Hello Neil,

Please find attached correspondence for your attention.

Kind Regards

Sharon.

Sharon Byrne

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From: NF <neilfoulkes62@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday 3 August 2022 08:45

To: Sharon Byrne <Sharon.Byrne@coillte.ie>

Cc: Nicholas Egan <Nicholas.Egan@coillte.ie>

Subject: RE: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans

Apologies, now attached.

From: Sharon Byrne [<mailto:Sharon.Byrne@coillte.ie>]
Sent: 03 August 2022 08:05
To: NF
Cc: Nicholas Egan
Subject: RE: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans

Hello Neil,

Please note you did not provide the AIE referred to in your correspondence below as an attachment. Can you please send this to me so your AIE can be acknowledged and assigned to relevant staff.

Thank you

Sharon.

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From: NF <neilfoulkes62@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday 2 August 2022 08:20
To: PR <info@coillte.ie>
Subject: AIE Request: Coillte Transport schemes and Traffic management plans

Hello,

Please find attached a request made under the Access to Information on the Environment Regulations.

Could you please provide an acknowledgement of this request and contact details for the party assigned to deal with it.

Can you please include my reference in the Subject Bar of any correspondence on this request.

Kind regards,

Neil Foulkes