

**From:** Ciara O'Mahony  
**Sent:** Friday 5 June 2020 12:30  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Padraig Comerford <Padraig.Comerford@chg.gov.ie>; Wesley Atkinson <Wesley.Atkinson@environ.ie>; Ciaran Foley <Ciaran.Foley@environ.ie>; Jimi Conroy <Jimi.Conroy@chg.gov.ie>  
**Subject:** RE: Continued Abstraction from Nore SAC ó

Dear [REDACTED],

I acknowledge receipt of your email below and also note your email of 3/6/20 reporting further water abstraction, which I have already acknowledged. Your reporting of this matter is appreciated.

I have confirmed that the matter is under investigation by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and beyond that, I will not be in a position to engage in correspondence with you on matters relating to a private individual. You are, of course, fully entitled to submit a request for access to information on the environment.

Best wishes,  
Ciara O Mahony

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday 2 June 2020 16:59  
**To:** Ciara O'Mahony <Ciara.O'Mahony@chg.gov.ie>  
**Cc:** Padraig Comerford <[Padraig.Comerford@chg.gov.ie](mailto:Padraig.Comerford@chg.gov.ie)>; Wesley Atkinson <[Wesley.Atkinson@environ.ie](mailto:Wesley.Atkinson@environ.ie)>; Ciaran Foley <[Ciaran.Foley@environ.ie](mailto:Ciaran.Foley@environ.ie)>; Jimi Conroy <[Jimi.Conroy@chg.gov.ie](mailto:Jimi.Conroy@chg.gov.ie)>  
**Subject:** Re: Continued Abstraction from Nore SAC ó

Dear Ciara,

As you are aware via AIE, there is a Right that the public may ask and receive information about the environment and environmental enforcement matters. I am not at all interested in any correspondence between the NPWS and the Individual responsible for abstracting vast amounts of water from the River Nore SAC- save for information relevant to this enforcement.

If that is how the NPWS wishes to proceed, that is fine of course; I am only attempting to help with conservation efforts on my local SAC.

You might however, as a courtesy to me indicate how this matter will Proceed, as I have registered a separate complaint; can you confirm that you are as an agency engaging with this; - namely the continued abstraction subsequent to the initial complaint?

Kind regards as always,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Jun 2020, at 16:30, Ciara O'Mahony <Ciara.O'Mahony@chg.gov.ie> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope you will understand that it would not be appropriate for us to enter into correspondence with you to discuss our dealings with a private individual.

Best wishes,  
Ciara O Mahony

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday 2 June 2020 14:03  
**To:** Ciara O'Mahony <Ciara.O'Mahony@chg.gov.ie>  
**Cc:** Padraig Comerford <[Padraig.Comerford@chg.gov.ie](mailto:Padraig.Comerford@chg.gov.ie)>; Wesley Atkinson <[Wesley.Atkinson@environ.ie](mailto:Wesley.Atkinson@environ.ie)>; Ciaran Foley <[Ciaran.Foley@environ.ie](mailto:Ciaran.Foley@environ.ie)>; Jimi Conroy <[Jimi.Conroy@chg.gov.ie](mailto:Jimi.Conroy@chg.gov.ie)>  
**Subject:** Re: Continued Abstraction from Nore SAC ó

Dear Ciara,

Reading between the lines I can only reasonably conclude that the farmer ignored your original intervention; is that accurate? Or did the NPWS upon learning of this illegal activity agree to to allow the farmer continue abstracting for a couple of extra days, thereby providing a consent to this activity?

In short, are further enforcement actions imminent?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Jun 2020, at 13:05, Ciara O'Mahony <Ciara.O'Mahony@chg.gov.ie> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your report in relation to the matter below: I acknowledge receipt of your email of 31/5/20, and note your earlier email of 28/5/20, which has already been acknowledged.

I can confirm that all water extraction at the location reported had ceased by Sunday morning 31/5/20.

In answer to your questions in email of 28/5/20, in this case, "extracting water for irrigation or other purposes" is an Activity Requiring Consent under the EU (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations (2011). For further details, see;

<https://www.npws.ie/farmers-and-landowners/activities-requiring-consent>

To date, no consent has issued for water extraction at this location. Should an application for consent be received, the Minister will carry out a screening for Appropriate Assessment.

Best wishes,  
Ciara O Mahony

**From:** .....  
**Sent:** Sunday 31 May 2020 15:44  
**To:** Pdraig Comerford <[Padraig.Comerford@chg.gov.ie](mailto:Padraig.Comerford@chg.gov.ie)>; Ciara O'Mahony  
<Ciara.O'Mahony@chg.gov.ie>  
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To whom it concerns,

As a follow up to the my initial confidential complaint and query; I can confirm that yesterday I observed this same practice at this same location as previously indicated.

Can you confirm whether the NPWS has agreed to allow this practice continue or is the farmer in question now in breach of your instructions? For that matter, what were the instructions issued initially, if any?

Kind regards,

