

To:- Ciarán Foley

From:- Jimi Conroy

Date:- 29th May, 2020

Re:- Abstraction and Irrigation at River Nore [REDACTED] Kilkenny

Ciarán,

Following complaints from a member of the public regarding the above abstraction, I visited the site and can confirm that water is currently being abstracted from the River Nore SAC (2162) and SPA (4233) at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Kilkenny.

Abstraction is for watering a crop of 17 acres of potatoes adjacent to the river. The land is rented by [REDACTED] and the water is being abstracted by him.

Abstraction from the SAC is an Activity Requiring Consent (ARC No 27) and would require the consent of the Minister. [REDACTED] confirms that he did not seek the permission of the Minister.

[REDACTED] also confirms that the activity has not been screened under Appropriate Assessment.