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Right to Know CLG

By email: requests@righttoknow.ie

Date: 19th May 2023

Re: AIE request 25/23

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the request you made under the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018 (S.I. No. 133 of 2007, S.I. No. 662 of 2011, S.I. 615 of 2014) (hereafter referred to as the AIE Regulations) for access to information held by Meath County Council, relating to the following:

Your request sought:

“Under the AIE Regs to request any ecologist reports or other environmental assessments that consider the impact of chainmesh/security/other fencing on wildlife and biodiversity in relation to greenway/blueway developments in Meath

In particular to include:

- length of fencing in km in each greenway/blueway development***
- mesh size in fencing***
- any mitigation measures such as wildlife passes, and the spec for these measures, eg spacing, size of wildlife passes, no wire mesh etc***

For the purposes of this AIE please consider the years 2020 to date

Summary of Decision

The Boyne Valley to Lakelands County Greenway (BVLCG) is the only Greenway which is being delivered within the period of this request, 2020 to date. In relation to the first part of the request I am refusing same as the records are already in the public domain and can be accessed at

- At the planning office (Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 Y291)
- <https://www.eplanning.ie/MeathCC/searchtypes>

Quoting the following references P8/13007 and P8/13009

In relation to the second part of the request I attach herewith details of standard construction details for fencing:

- ☐ CC-SCD-00301-03 (Post and Rail)
- ☐ CC-SCD-00304-03 (Stock Proof)

The fencing details allow for wildlife to push under the fence, while deterring pedestrians and pets using the greenway from entering private property. Wildlife crossing points are not used on greenways because there is no risk of road collisions.

The extent to which fencing has been applied to the greenway is as follows:

- ☐ Navan to Tara Mines
 - o Total Distance of Boundary 4.8Km
 - o Stock Proof Fencing 350m
 - o Post and rail Fencing 850m
 - o Security Fencing 252m

- ☐ Tara Mines to Wilkinstown
 - o Total Distance of Boundary 10.8Km
 - o Stock Proof Fencing 1400m
 - o Post and rail Fencing 495m

- ☐ Wilkinstown to Castletown (Under Construction)
 - o Total Distance of Boundary 9.1 Km
 - o Stock Proof Fencing 8318m
 - o Post and rail Fencing 830m

- ☐ Castletown to Nobber
 - o Total Distance of Boundary 12.4Km
 - o Stock Proof Fencing 300m
 - o Post and rail Fencing 1680m

- ☐ Nobber to Kingscourt (Under Construction)
 - o Total Distance of Boundary 22Km
 - o Stock Proof Fencing 11730m
 - o Post and rail Fencing 2880m

Right of review

Under Article 11 of the AIE Regulations you have a right to request an internal review of this decision. An internal review involves a complete reconsideration of the matter by a member of staff unconnected with the original decision, of the same or higher rank than the original decision-maker, who may affirm, vary or annul the original decision.

If you wish to request an internal review, you can do so by writing to Ms. Elaine Daly, Appeals Officer, referring to this decision, quoting the AIE reference number. This request must be made within one month of the date of receipt of this decision. The decision of an internal review will be communicated to you within one month of receipt of your request for an internal review.

Please contact me at 046/9097000 or bmurphy@meathcoco.ie if I can assist you in any matter relating to your request.

Yours sincerely,



Brian Murphy
Administrative Officer