

## Summary of decision-making

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR THE DECISION MADE ON REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT UNDER REGULATIONS 2007- 2011 (S.I. No. 133 of 2007 & S.I. No. 662 of 2011 & S.I. No. 615 of 2014)

**AIE REQUEST NUMBER: AIE request AIE-030-2022**

**REQUESTER NAME:**

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

All records held by NPWS in relation to

1. Correspondence, minutes and emails between Roy Thompson and Andrew Butler from the Eastern Region of NPWS and Donal Kinsella in relation to the to the protection and management of Boyne Estuary and Coast 001957 Special Area of Conservation between 01/01/2020-01/03/2022.
2. Correspondence, minutes and emails between Roy Thompson and Andrew Butler from the Eastern Region of NPWS and the following staff in Meath County Council, Christy Clarke, Bernadine Carry and Larry Whelan in relation to the protection and management of Boyne Estuary and Coast 001957 Special Area of Conservation between 01/01/2020-01/03/2022.
3. Correspondence and minutes in relation to the site meeting of NPWS and Meath County Council that took place in the Boyne Coast and Estuary SAC on the 28/02/2022.

**SUMMARY OF DECISION:**

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| NUMBER OF RECORDS COVERED BY THE REQUEST                                   | 7 |
| NUMBER OF RECORDS WHICH WILL BE RELEASED IN FULL (R)                       | 7 |
| NUMBER OF RECORDS FOR WHICH RELEASE IS BEING DEFERRED (DR)                 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF RECORDS WHICH WILL BE RELEASED WITH IN PART/WITH DELETIONS (RWD) | 0 |
| NUMBER OF RECORDS WHICH WILL NOT BE RELEASED (NR)                          | 0 |

Details of the records covered by this request are set out in the attached schedule. Opposite each record the letters R, DR, RWD or NR appear, depending on whether they are being released in full, release is being deferred, released in part or not released (see summary above).

Full access has not been given to all the records requested as the Department considers it appropriate to apply some of the exemption provisions of regulations governing AIE. The schedule attached indicates the relevant provision of the AIE regulations (S.I. 133 of 2007) which covers this exemption. The schedule gives brief reasons why the exemption is being applied and copies of the relevant regulations are attached for your information.

Further information on the main factors taken into account in reaching this decision is outlined in the summary of the findings. If you have any further queries on this matter please contact the undersigned:

**Name of decision maker:** Padraig Comerford

**Date of Decision:** 27/04/2022 Email

## Summary of Findings

### 1. Findings on material issues taken into account in reaching this decision

Regarding your request for information on this matter I have released all the records in full.

### 2. Public Interest factors taken into account in this decision.

I considered the public interest in this case is best served by releasing all the records in full.

### 3. Right of Appeal

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 the staff of this Department, of the same or higher rank than the original decision-maker, who may affirm, vary or annul the original decision.

In the event that you wish to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Information Officer, Strategic and Business Support Unit, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Wexford, Y35 AP90, referring to this decision, quoting your AIE reference number **AIE-030-2022**. You must make your appeal within one month of the date of this notification, (the making of a late appeal may be permitted in certain circumstances). The decision of a review will be communicated to you within one month.