



22nd November 2024

Louise Leighton
Department of Infrastructure
Regional Planning Policy and Casework Team
James House
2-4 Cromac Street
Belfast
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Re: Transboundary Consultation in relation to the proposed Dalradian Mining operation.

Dear Madam,

I refer to the recent referrals on the Department of Infrastructure in relation to the above and wish to advise that Donegal County Council will be engage in the Transboundary Consultation as the planning authority considers there is a clear hydrological link between the proposed development site the River Finn SAC. The planning authority has concerns on the potential risks that the proposal mining development will have on the Owenkillew and Owenreagh River which converge and flow to Newtownstewart where they join the Strule Rive which subsequently join the River Finn SAC at Lifford/Strabane.

The planning authority will be making Public Notice in the local press next week notifying the public of its intentions to engage in consultation and seeking submissions relating to the potential transboundary impacts of the proposed development. The Environmental and Ecological Statement will also be referred to the relevant Statutory Bodies in the State seeking commentary.

I trust this is to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Sweeney
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