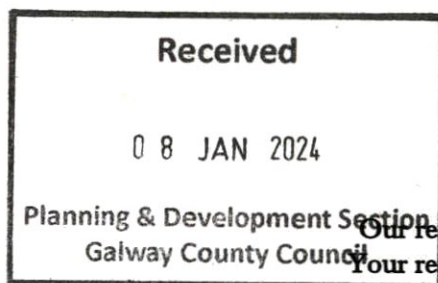




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Galway County Council  
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Date: 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Re: Response to Further Information Request for a Planning Application for a Peat Restoration Project at Derryclare and Cloonnacartan, Co. Galway.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Coillte Teoranta, following the request for Further Information from Galway County Council dated 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023, please find enclosed the relevant documentation, as listed below, for your consideration as part of this planning application for a peat restoration project, Pl. Ref. 23/60.

The development description is as follows:

*'Coillte Teoranta (the applicant) seek a ten-year planning permission for development on a site located in the townlands of Derryclare (also known as Doire an Chláir) and Cloonnacartan (also known as Cúil na Ceártan), Co. Galway.*

*The proposed development will consist of the following::*

- i. The felling/removal of some 343 hectares of conifer plantation for the purposes of peatland restoration and the establishment of native woodland.*
- ii. Measures to restore and rehabilitate approximately 281 hectares of Atlantic blanket bog and heathland that is currently planted with lodgepole pine and Sitka spruce forests and managed for commercial forestry.*
- iii. Conversion of 62 hectares of conifer forestry to native woodland.*
- iv. Main peatland restoration measures will include tree removal, drain blocking (manual and mechanical) and ground reprofiling.*
- v. The control of existing invasive species on site and continued control during the restoration works to prevent their spread.*
- vi. Drain-blocking all existing artificial drainage and artificial land drains currently existing within the peatland restoration areas in order to restore the high water table which is necessary for blanket bog growth*
- vii. Provision of silt traps at outflows to block the pathway to the Twelve Bens/Garraun Complex Special Area of Conservation.*
- viii. Deer fencing to protect 62 hectares of proposed native woodland*
- ix. Provision of a Harvest Management Phasing Plan for the proposed project.*
- x. Provision of new internal access road extending to 1.58 km*

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the additional period of 9 months from the date of the request for further information in accordance with Article 33(3) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

We hope that you find all enclosures in order. Should you require any further information relating to the above, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,



**Orla McCafferty**  
**Project Planner**

