

Public Notice

**Consultation on the
 DRAFT ULSTER CANAL RESTORATION PLAN
 UPPER LOUGH ERNE TO CLONES,**

Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment.

Waterways Ireland, the competent authority for management of the inland navigable waterways in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, invites written submissions or observations from interested parties concerning the draft Restoration Plan, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment relating to the proposed Plan to restore navigation on the Ulster Canal between Upper Lough Erne and Clones, in Counties Cavan, Fermanagh and Monaghan.

In compliance with Article 5 (2) (3) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 (S.R. 280/2004) and Article 9 (1) of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I 435 of 2004) a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Draft Ulster Canal Restoration Plan – Upper Lough Erne to Clones is being carried out on behalf of the competent authority. An Environmental Report has been prepared which assesses, at a strategic level, the likely significant environmental impacts of implementing the draft Ulster Canal Restoration Plan – Upper Lough Erne to Clones.

Copies of the draft Ulster Canal Restoration Plan – Upper Lough Erne to Clones, the associated Environmental Report and the Appropriate Assessment may be accessed in person at the following locations from the 18th of August until the 30th of September.

Waterways Ireland Headquarters 2 Sligo Road Enniskillen Co Fermanagh BT74 7JY Northern Ireland Opening Hours: 9.15am – 5.30pm	Clones Library 98 Avenue Clones County Monaghan Republic of Ireland Opening Hours: 9.15am – 5.15pm
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Or these documents can be downloaded from the Waterways Ireland website:

<http://www.waterwaysireland.org/index.cfm/section/article/page/UlsterCanalSEA>

Written comments should be submitted, preferably in electronic format to:

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or by post to:

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These submissions / observations will be taken into consideration before the finalisation of the Plan.

The closing date for receipt of written submissions is **Friday 30th September.**