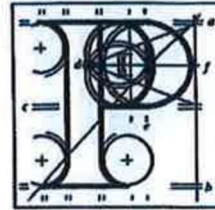


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Date: 09 August 2022

**Re: Proposed Fermoy Weir remedial works and fish bypass on the River Blackwater.
Fermoy Weir (Protected Structure), Fermoy, Co. Cork.**

Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to express my thoughts on the reconstruction of the weir in Fermoy.

This weir was originally installed to power the mill on mill island. This has not operated in years. This made the weir 100% redundant, yet it continued to flood the town on a regular basis. To this extent a huge amount of money was invested in flood defences. Since the weir was breached the river has not come near to breaking its banks like it used to. On top of this there is a European directive that all unnecessary obstructions to the path of migratory fish species should be removed if not needed.

In my opinion the weir should be left to nature, and let the river sort itself out. The town would be more attractive in the long run with a natural river running through it. The Blackwater would return to its original state. It wouldn't flood ever. If the weir is rebuilt then eventually we will get an exceptional weather circumstance that will overpower the towns defences, with obvious consequences.

To rebuild this weir is a waste of money. Please do not give planning permission for this unnecessary eyesore. People refer to the weir as "The Monument". It is no more than a pile of rubble that has outlived its original purpose. LET NATURE BE!

Yours faithfully