

Chapter 7

The Natural Environment

7.1 General

The issues that are addressed in this chapter of the Environmental Impact Statement are as follows:

- 7.2 Terrestrial Ecology (Flora and Fauna)
- 7.3 Aquatic Ecology and Water Quality
- 7.4 Noise and Vibration Assessment
- 7.5 Air Quality Impact Assessment
- 7.6 Soils and Geology
- 7.7 Climate

These environmental topics have been assessed by relevant specialists appointed and are discussed in the following sections of this EIS.

Note

Throughout this chapter reference is made to Dúchas, The Heritage Service however with regard to ecology, since the preparation of this chapter, Dúchas has since been renamed The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPW).