

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RIVERS AGENCY

Works Programme

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF WATERCOURSES 2011/2012

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for Northern Ireland hereby gives Notice, in pursuance of regulation 6 (1) of the Drainage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 of proposed routine maintenance works on the accompanying lists of main, minor and urban watercourses.

In addition to the foregoing, additional minor works of structural repair/refurbishment to ancillary structures and installations are also listed.

The Work may include the following:

1. Necessary removal of channel silt and/or aquatic weed growth;
2. Removal of obstructions from the channel which restrict the free flow of water;
3. General maintenance (which may include upgrade or replacement if necessary) of grilles, culverts, manholes, flap-valves;
4. Construction, repair or protection of flood defences, revetments and watercourse structures;
5. Measures for the protection or rehabilitation of fishery, conservation or other interests.

The Department will carry out the work using environmentally sensitive river engineering techniques.

The Department reserves the right to alter the maintenance programme if required.

The Department may also carry out necessary maintenance work on certain quays on Lough Neagh to provide navigable access; these will be carried out in response to requests.

Having determined that the proposed works are not, by reason amongst other things of their nature, size or location, likely to have significant environmental effects it is the Department's intention not to prepare an Environmental Statement.

In accordance with Regulation 6 (1) of the Regulations representations may be made in writing to the Department at the address given below, with regard to its intention not to prepare an Environmental Statement. The closing date for receipt of representations is **31 March 2011**.

The Department will consult with Conservation and Fisheries organisations on the works programme.

Any representations should be sent to -

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