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Leitrim PO,
Co. Leitrim

April 21st 2008

To whom it concerns:

This request is made under SI 133 of 2007 (Access to Information on the Environment).

In relation to recent works carried out by Waterways Ireland along the canal joining Battlebridge and Acres Lake in Co. Leitrim, specifically the removal of hedgerows, scrub and young trees, and the dredging of ditches, I would appreciate if you could inform me:

1.

If, prior to the commencement of works, an audit was carried out as to the effect on habitats of the following listed species under the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and the Wildlife Act 2000:

The otter

The pine martin

The kingfisher

The lesser horseshoe bat

The common frog

2.

If such an audit took place, what recommendations that audit made in relation to the protection of habitats.

Yours faithfully,

Garreth McDaid