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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 February 2020 14:14  
**To:** DfI Rivers Omagh  
**Subject:** River Foyle Adjacent to proposed A5 route

Dear Sir,

Following your call to me re flooding today I will forward photographs in another email.

I own an island in the Foyle which is being impacted by erosion and increased flood events. This is a fluvial part of the estuary and deposits in the river cause the flow to change both in direction and capacity. Your Department has commented publicly on the maintenance work that I have carried out for a considerable number of years therefore I now request that your department carries out the necessary work to prevent the River Foyle changing course and remove the deposits reducing flood capacity. This work is essential as the proposed A5 is in the adjacent floodplain and as my photographs show flood capacity is already compromised.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 February 2020 14:21  
**To:** DfI Rivers Omagh  
**Subject:** Fwd: Islandmore bridge

Please find attached two photographs of the area of the river at Islandmore Bridge and your valves on the NI embankments.

I will forward a video of the change of direction of the river flow which is trying to cut the island in half and would create a lagoon north of the bridge therefore changing the dynamics of the estuary.

Yours sincerely,

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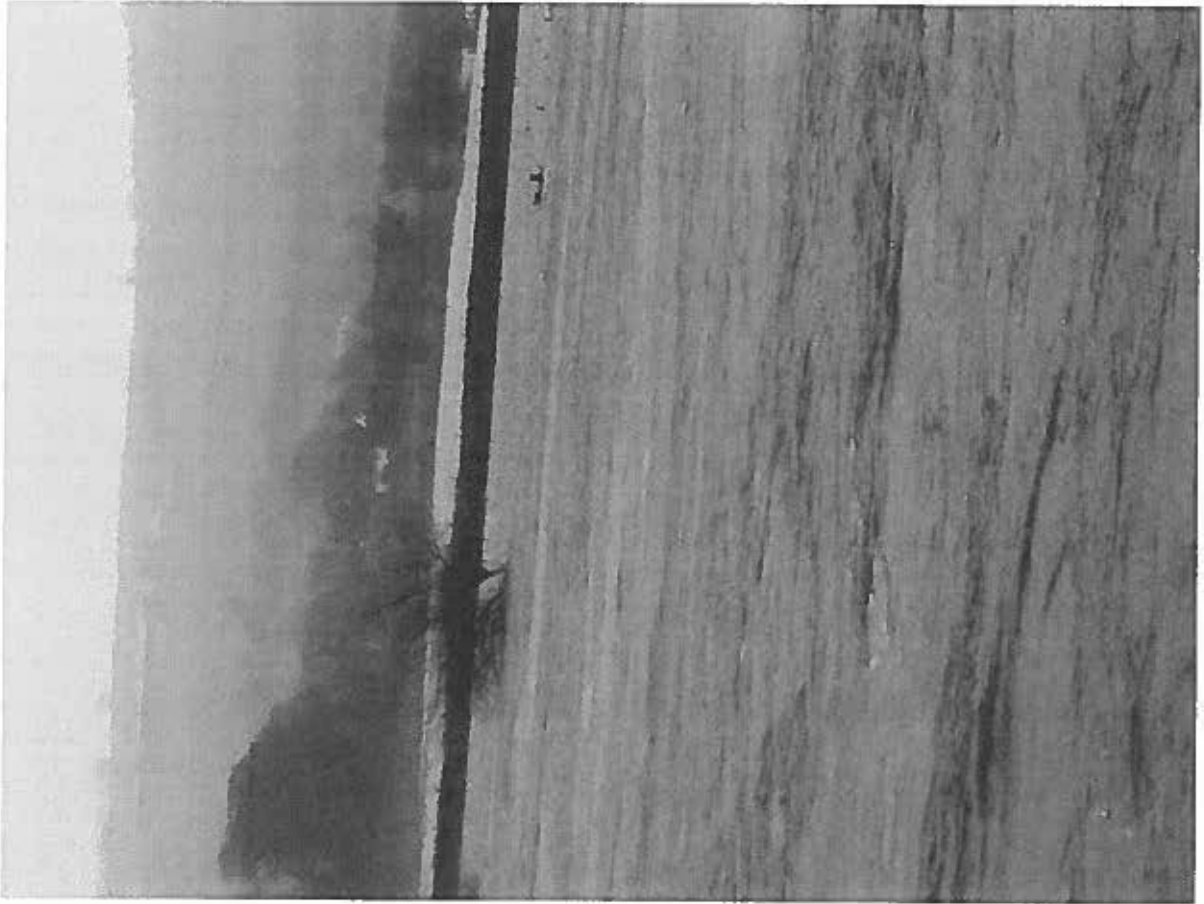
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24 February 2020

**Re: Request for Department to carry out maintenance works to River Foyle, Londonderry**

Thank you for the emails on 10 February 2020 which outline your concerns of potential future bank erosion to your island within the River Foyle and a request for the Department to carry out maintenance of this watercourse.

The River Foyle, Londonderry is designated by the Drainage Council for Northern Ireland. Under the terms of the Drainage (Northern Ireland) Order 1973, the Department has discretionary powers to carry out such maintenance or works as it considers necessary to protect the drainage function of this designated watercourse.

However, it is not the responsibility of the Department to carry out works at public expense to prevent a watercourse from changing course or to prevent bank erosion on the island to which you refer, particular as it is located within the Republic of Ireland.

Your comments in relation to the flood risk to the proposed A5 road are noted. However, there is currently no evidence that the condition of the watercourse channel is causing a drainage impediment or increased risk of flooding to property or infrastructure in the area.



Going forward, should the Department determine that maintenance of this watercourse is necessary from a drainage perspective, it shall consult with the Northern Ireland Environment Agency and obtain all consents necessary before commencing works in this Special Area of Conservation.

Yours Sincerely



Regional Engineer