



Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture  
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**Development within 9m of a watercourse**

As part of the planning application process you have indicated that the proposed development is within 9m of a watercourse. You are asked to complete the following form to provide the Department with additional information regarding the proposal. Please note that where significant disturbance is anticipated a formal Method Statement and/ or site visit may also be required.

**1. Location:** Please provide details of the proposed development.

**Planning application No.:**

**Address:**

Name of watercourse (where known):

**2. Alteration of the watercourse:**

*Please give details of any proposed alterations to the watercourse or the bankside.*

**3. Disturbance to the watercourse:**

*Please give details of any possible disturbance to the watercourse. If entry to the watercourse (by personnel or machinery) is required as part of the development, please give details.*

**4. Timing:**

*Certain activities have greater impact on a watercourse at different times of year (e.g. at times of high water temperature or low flow conditions). Please give details of the timing of phases of the development which are likely to affect the watercourse. Note in-channel works are not normally permitted between the months of October to June inclusive.*

**5. Building Materials (Concrete, mortar and cement):**

*These substances are highly damaging to the aquatic environment. Please give details relating to the use of these materials and how you intend to prevent their introduction into the watercourse.*

**6. Other toxic materials:**

*Many common building materials such as paint, solvents, fuels, lubricants etc. may also be hazardous. Please give details relating to their potential use and how you intend to prevent the introduction of these materials into the watercourse.*

**7. Washings from equipment and works:**

*Although they may be diluted, the washings from cleaning equipment and other works may also contain substances harmful to the aquatic environment. Washings often go unnoticed as the activity may be carried out some distance from the watercourse, however they can flow or percolate into the watercourse causing harm. Please give details as to how such washings are to be managed.*

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**8. Sedimentation:**

*Soil, clay or other similar material may form suspended solids once introduced to the aquatic environment these may have a physical effect on the organisms themselves such as suffocation and may also damage the habitat e.g. the destruction of spawning sites. Please give details as to how the introduction of such material is to be prevented.*

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**9. Contingency & Education:**

*It is always wise to have contingency measures in place and be aware of what to do and who to contact in the event of an incident. Often simply seeking advice prior to any activity where an element of uncertainty exists can prevent such incidents. Please give details of what measures will be taken to ensure that the workforce is sufficiently aware of the potential hazards to the watercourse posed by the proximity of the works and what to do in the event of an incident arising.*

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**10. Responsibility:**

*Please give contact details of the person responsible for ensuring that the above measures are carried out and that the watercourse is protected.*

Name: .....  
Contact details .....

**11. Other information (continue on a separate sheet where necessary):**

*Please provide any additional information which you feel may be helpful or appropriate.*

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**Personal Information**

The Department of Environment, Food & Agriculture is a controller under the Data Protection Act 2018 and will hold your personal information to comply with its legal obligations under the Fisheries Act 2012. Your personal information will be held by DEFA for the purposes of processing this form.

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Sign and date: ..... Print name: .....

**Please return your completed form to: Fisheries Directorate, Thie Slieau Whallian, Foxdale Road, St Johns, IM4 3AS. Or by email to [fisheries@gov.im](mailto:fisheries@gov.im)**

Please include a site location plan clearly showing the location of the proposed development in relation to any watercourses, including any relevant distances or dimensions.

If you have any questions regarding this form please contact the Department on 685857 or at [fisheries@gov.im](mailto:fisheries@gov.im).  
To report a suspected pollution incident please contact the Department on 685885