

***Delivering Appropriate Assessment in Ireland:  
Meeting the Challenges of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive***  
**Royal Dublin Society (RDS), Ballsbridge, Dublin 4**  
**Thursday, 10 DECEMBER 2009**

**08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION**

**09:00 – 09:10 Opening Address**

Mr. John Gormley T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, DoEHLG

*Chair: Alan Lauder, BirdWatch Ireland*

**09:10 – 09:20 Getting to Grips with Appropriate Assessment: Introduction to New DoEHLG Guidance**  
Peter Carvill, Assistant Principal Officer, NPWS

**09:20 – 09:35 The European Commission's Perspective**  
Mícheál O'Bráin, European Commission, DG Environment

**09:35 – 09:50 Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment: the Challenges**  
Tadhg O'Mahony, Senior Scientific Officer, SEA Team, EPA

**09:50 – 10:10 Landuse Control under the Habitats Directive Article 6(3) and 6(4) as Applied in Ireland**  
Oran Doyle, Barrister, Trinity College, Dublin

**10:10 – 10:25 Question and Answer Session**

**10:25 – 10:45 COFFEE BREAK**

*Chair: Anja Murray, An Taisce*

**10:45 – 11:05 Screening and Case Studies of Ireland's Eight River Basin Management Plans and the Dublin Water Supply Scheme**  
Antonia Gaughran, Environmental Consultant, RPS Ireland

**11:05 – 11:35 Assessing Impacts on Site Integrity and Windfarm Case Studies**  
Sarah Anthony, Natural England

**11:35 – 11:55 Defining Conservation Objectives for Waterbirds and their Coastal Wetland Sites**  
Lesley Lewis, NPWS/BirdWatch Ireland

**11:55 – 12:15 Compensatory Habitat as Mitigation for a Motorway Scheme**  
Tina Klemenčič and Simona Kaligarić, Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation

**12:15 – 12:45 Interpreting the Article 6(4) Tests: Experiences from the UK**  
Daniel Pullan, RSPB

**12:45 – 13:05 Question and Answer Session**

**13:05 – 14:00 LUNCH**

**Chair: Conor O'Raghallaigh, DoEHLG**

**14:00 – 14:30 A Local Authority Perspective: Case Studies from Fingal County Council**  
Gerry Clabby, Heritage Officer, Fingal County Council

**14:30 – 15:00 Northern Ireland Experience with Appropriate Assessment**  
Claire Ferry, RSPB

**15:00 – 15:15 COFFEE BREAK**

**15:15 – 15:45 NPWS Experience of Appropriate Assessment of Plans**  
Linda Patton, NPWS

**15:45 – 16:15 NGO Experiences**  
Siobhán Egan, BirdWatch Ireland and Anja Murray, An Taisce

**16:15 – 17:00 Question and Answer Session**

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