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16 December 2013

Dean Blackwood
on behalf of the River Faughan Anglers Ltd.
[Address redacted on request]

Dear Mr. Blackwood,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with provisions of the Convention on public participation in connection with the River Faughan (ACCC/C/2013/90)

On 4 June 2013, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received from you the above communication addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by the United Kingdom with the provisions of the Convention in connection with providing requested environmental information and opportunities for the public to participate in decision-making concerning the River Faughan, as well as providing adequate and effective and not prohibitively expensive access to justice. The communication was submitted in accordance with the provisions of chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2013/90, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter. A datasheet on the communication is attached and the main documentation relating to the communication will be shortly available on the Committee's web site at: <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/pubcom.htm>.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its forty-second meeting (24-27 September 2013), has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. **Please note, however, that the Committee has decided that the communication should be suspended pending the outcome of the communicant's ongoing court proceedings.** At that stage, the Committee will decide whether to continue or close the case. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F Marshall', written over a horizontal line.

Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Ms. Ceri Morgan, Head of EU Environment Policy Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs - EU and Coordination, United Kingdom
Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Encs. Preliminary determination on admissibility,
Datasheet on the communication