



CAP Rural Development Division
Department Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Agriculture House
Kildare Street
D02 WK65

07 December 2021

Re: Draft CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 environmental submission
Your Ref: n/a

Dear Sir/Madam,

Geological Survey Ireland is the national earth science agency and is a division of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. We provide independent geological information and advice and gather various data for that purpose. Please see our [website](#) for data availability. We recommend using these various data sets, when conducting the EIAR, SEA, planning and scoping processes. Use of our data or maps should be attributed correctly to 'Geological Survey Ireland'.

With reference to your letter received on the 10 November 2021, concerning the Draft CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 environmental submission, Geological Survey Ireland would like to make the following comments.

We are pleased to see mention of our Geoheritage, Tellus, Groundwater, Bedrock and Landslide Susceptibility datasets and maps within the EIAR. In Section 4.7 'Soil and Geology', we welcome the inclusion of UNESCO global geoparks, and the IUCN Guidelines for geoconservation in protected and preserved areas as recommended in our previous submission 21/54.

We would also like to draw your attention to the recently published (17/11/2021) EU Soil Strategy for 2030 document, which should be considered in the scoping of this SEA report.

I hope that these comments are of assistance, [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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Geological Survey Ireland

Enc: Table - Geological Survey Ireland's Publicly Available Datasets Relevant to Planning, EIA and SEA processes.