

Dear Stella,

Your request for information held by Rivers Agency for Creggan Upper and Creggan Lower reservoirs refers.

Ownership / Reservoir Manager

There is a degree of ambiguity in relation to the ownership of the Creggan Reservoirs. In the response to the Community Asset Survey, Creggan Country Park advised Rivers Agency that the reservoirs are "Leased for 99 years by Creggan Country Park from Derry City Council". The website for Creggan Country Park, however, advises that the "100 acre site is now in the ownership of Creggan Country Park Enterprises Limited."

Creggan Country Park responded to the public consultation on the Reservoir Safety Policies during March to June 2012 and contributed to the Community Asset survey in April 2013.

The information on Creggan Upper and Creggan Lower reservoirs contained within the Reservoirs Information Booklet, is attached at Annex A.

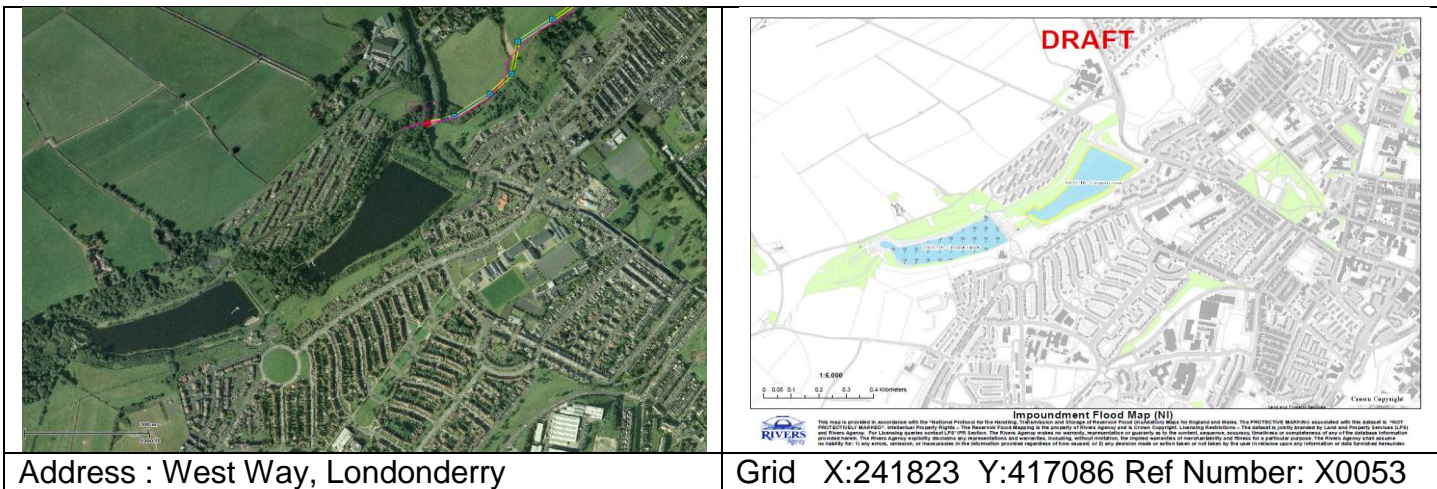
Creggan Country Park has been included in the Rivers Agency database of potential reservoir managers. This status will only be confirmed when the Bill is enacted and the registration process completed.

Risk Designation

Rivers Agency believes that Creggan Upper has an estimated capacity of 344,324 cubic metres and Creggan Lower an estimated capacity of 354,285 cubic metres. The provisional risk designation is High by virtue of the 463 properties in the flood inundation area. A copy of the inundation map is attached at Annex B. It should be noted that whilst both of the reservoirs are each capable of holding far more than the 10,000 cubic metre threshold, they also form a combination, in that water in the upper reservoir will flow into the lower in the event of a dam breach.

Rivers Agency is aware of a third reservoir on this site which was breached in the early 1970's but was never repaired. Rivers Agency has not been advised as to the detail of this breach, whether it was intentional or accidental, the mode of failure, other contributing factors or the consequences of this breach. The Agency, therefore, does not know if it is capable of holding 10,000 cubic metres or more of water and is presently not in a position to determine if it will be a controlled reservoir.

Ceggan Lower



Ownership

These reservoirs are owned by Derry City Council.
They are on long term lease to Creggan Country Park.

Construction and purpose

- The Creggan reservoir system was constructed in stages during the period 1849 to 1880.
- They were constructed by Derry Corporation for the supply of water to the growing city.
- No longer used for water supply, they are managed as the main feature of Creggan Country park.

Environmental Considerations

- There are no designated environmental features within the confines of the Creggan Country park.
- The roundabout at the site entrance is a marked antiquity site, (a rath).
- There are no other marked monuments / antiquities within the immediate vicinity of the reservoirs.

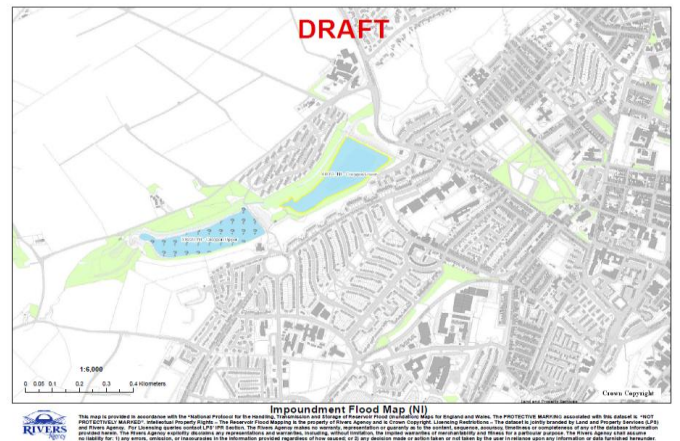
Access

- The main access to the reservoir is at the Creggan Country Park Visitor Centre at West Way.
- There is a mixture of surfaced and un-surfaced paths around the perimeter of the reservoirs.

Recreation & Leisure

- The Creggan Country park promotes numerous activities within the park boundaries.
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Ceggan Upper



Address : West Way, Londonderry

Grid X:241823 Y:417086 Ref Number: X0220

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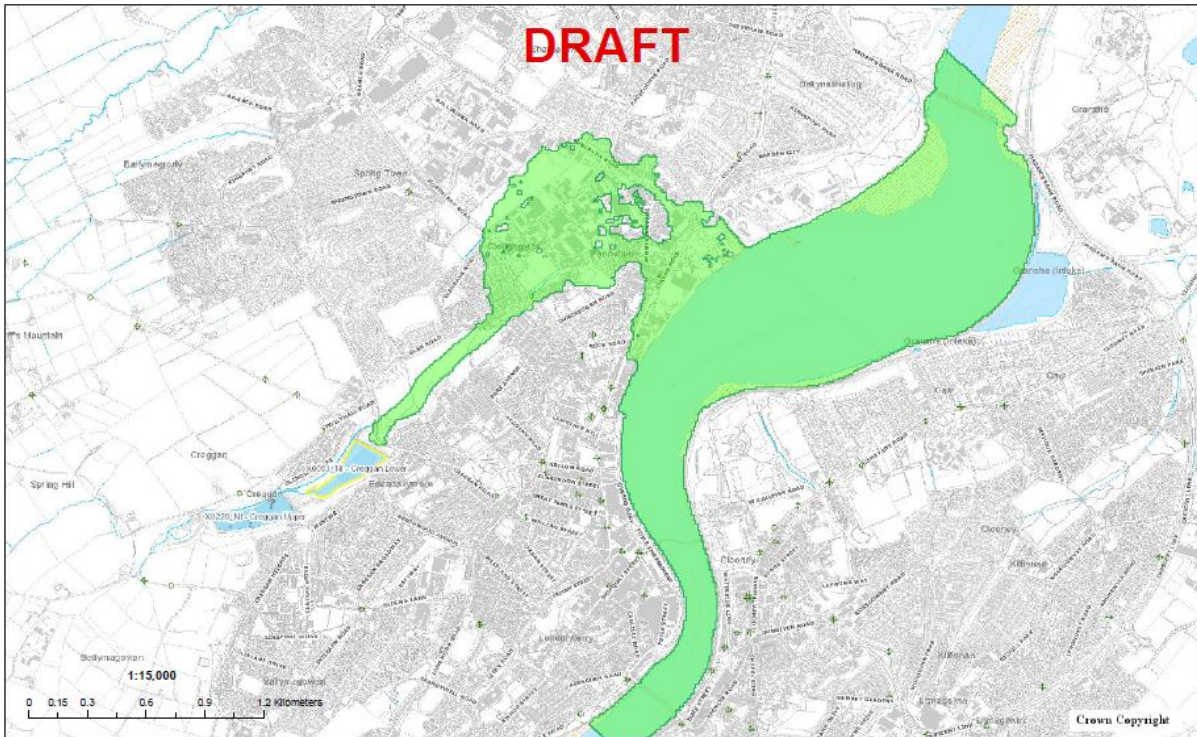
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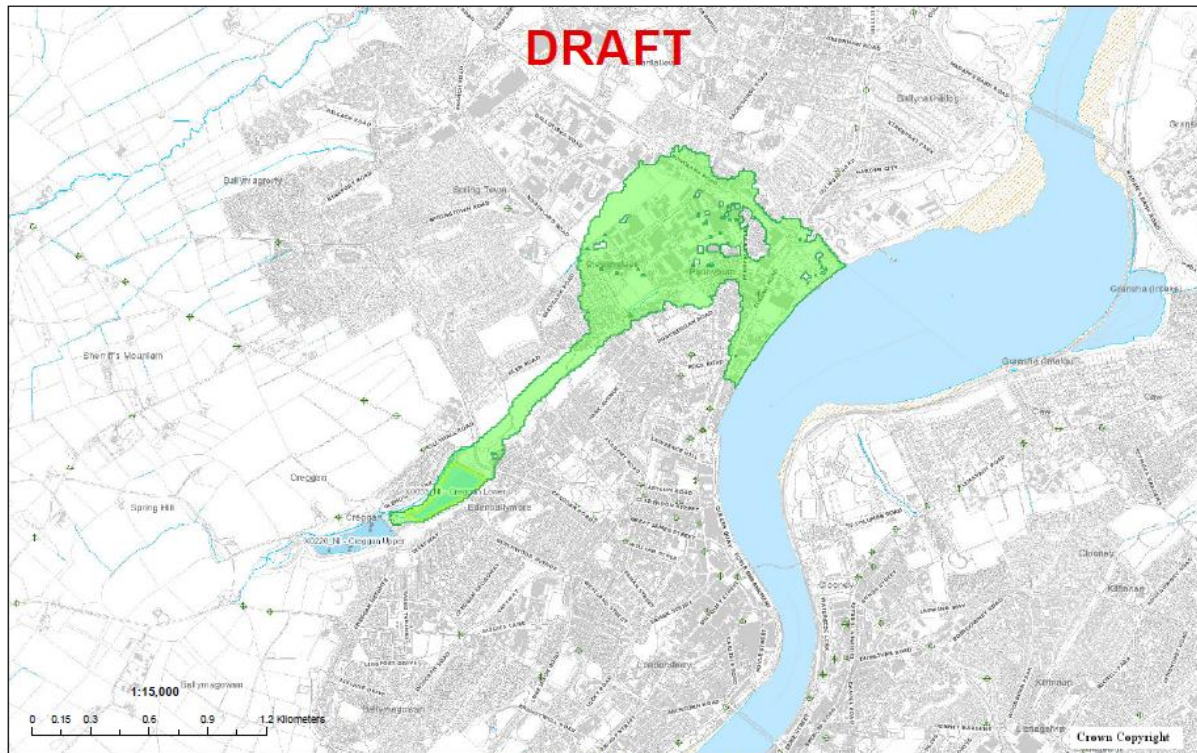
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