Chamberlain Greg

From: O'Malley Vincent

Sent: Thursday 23 September 2021 12:39

To: Nea Christian
Cc: Chamberlain Greg

Subject: RE: Re. Reactive Maintenance - Moy River Bridge [CL-N67-019.00]

Christian,

Having reviewed the content of the email from Atkins for the Reactive Maintenance on the Moy River Bridge, I accept the reasoned determination as set out below.

Sincerely Vincent

From: Nea Christian

Sent: Wednesday 22 September 2021 11:14

To: O'Malley Vincent **Cc:** Chamberlain Greg

Subject: FW: Re. Reactive Maintenance - Moy River Bridge [CL-N67-019.00]

Vincent,

Having reviewed Paul's email below and having regard to the nature and extent of the works and lack of proximate connectivity, I recommend that the following reasoned determination can be made:

Having performed screening for Appropriate Assessment in respect of the proposed reactive maintenance works detailed in the email received from Paul O'Donoghue dated the 17^{th} of September, 2021, and entitled Re. Reactive Maintenance - Moy River Bridge [CL-N67-019.00] I accept the recommendations of Atkins that the proposed reactive maintenance works, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European site in view of the best scientific knowledge and the site's conservation objectives. I determine that an Appropriate Assessment of these proposed works is not required, as it can be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information following the screening done that the proposed works, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European site.

Kind regards,

Christian.

From: O'Donoghue, Paul

Sent: Friday 17 September 2021 18:48

To: Chamberlain Greg

Cc: Daly, Vincent; Nea Christian

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Greg

Re. Reactive Maintenance - Moy River Bridge [CL-N67-019.00]

The Moy River Bridge is located where the N67 crosses the Moy River south of Lahinch, Co. Clare (Figure 1). Damage to the bridge parapet is shown on Plates 1 & 2.



Figure 1. Location of Moy River Bridge (red circle) (Source: NBDC webviewer).



Plates 1 & 2 Photos of parapet damage at Moy River Bridge.

Works

In accordance with the Munster Bridge Term Maintenance Contract No. 3, the Contractor has been asked to undertake repairs to the parapet at Moy River Bridge (CL-N67-019.00).

As you can see in the attached photographs, following a vehicle impact, the east parapet is collapsed with further displacement of the coping evident at the south approach. The impact damage is over a length of $6.35 \,\mathrm{m} \times 1.04 \,\mathrm{m}$ high $\times 0.44 \,\mathrm{m}$ deep. A like for like masonry repair is required here with the capping the same as that on the parapet to the north of the impact (left hand side of the photos). The concrete capping is displaced at the south; however the proposed repair here is to remove the concrete capping over its full length and reconstruct to match the repaired parapet. The capping to be reconstructed measures $4.6 \,\mathrm{m} \times 0.215 \,\mathrm{m}$ high $\times 0.44 \,\mathrm{m}$ deep.

The area of parapet damage is located over land; the watercourse is further north and no instream access will be required. A new bridge ID plate will also be required as part of the works. While the length of capping to be replaced does extend further and is in part over the river, its removal will be done by hand. Furthermore, the new capping finish will be hand applied, with shuttering used as appropriate to contain material until set.

Ecological Context

The Moy River Bridge is located where the N67 crosses the Moy River south of Lahinch, Co. Clare. The Moy River is a short river which flows in a north-westerly direction flowing under the N67 and discharging to Liscannor Bay south of Lahinch. The river is not within a European site, nor does it discharge to a European site. To the north, the Inagh River Estuary SAC (000036) includes parts of the shoreline around the mouth of the River Inny. At its nearest this is just over 1.5km north of the mouth of the Moy River. The nearest SPA is located ca. 8.25km to the west at (Cliffs of Moher SPA, 004005) at the outer side of Liscannon Bay; with Mid-Clare Coast SPA (004182) located ca. 9.2km (straight line distance) to the south.

The bridge is not within a proposed Natural Heritage Area.

There are historic records of Otter (*Lutra lutra*) from within Liscannor Bay, but no records from the Moy River. The Moy River is not within a Margaritifera sensitive area. However, as noted no instream works are required. There are no records of Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*), Indian balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*), Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) or Giant-rhubarb (*Gunnera* sp.) at the works location (Source: NBDC).

Atkins Findings -

This Screening for Appropriate Assessment is based on the best available scientific information. It is concluded that the proposed project poses no likely significant effects on Natura 2000 sites, either alone or in combination with other projects. Thus, it is recommended that it is not necessary for the proposed project to proceed to Appropriate Assessment.

Findings of TII Appropriate Assessment -

Can you please provide a Reasoned Determination?

Paul

Paul O' Donoghue BSc PhD CENV MCIEEM Associate Director, Ecology Ireland

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