

Christian Nea

From: Vincent O'Malley
Sent: Friday 24 November 2023 13:12
To: Christian Nea
Cc: Nathan Grech; Sarah-Jane Phelan
Subject: RE: Re. Shannakeela Bridge No.3 (GC-N59-034.00) - Screening for Appropriate Assessment

Christian,
Having reviewed the content of the email and the attachments, I accept the reasoned determination as set out below.
Sincerely
Vincent

Dr Vincent O'Malley
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Vincent,

Nathan and I have reviewed the email below and the material attached. The works are very minor in nature and extent, and it is estimated that the works will take 2-3 days to complete. The works will take place primarily over land. There is no freshwater pearl mussel at the bridge location and the nearest record is just over 2km downstream.

We agree with the opinion of Atkins that the proposed reactive maintenance works 'screen out'. We 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 entitled 'Re. Shannakeela Bridge No.3 (GC-N59-034.00) - Screening for Appropriate Assessment' and dated the 14th of November 2023, 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 [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 5:04 PM

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Christian

Re. Shannakeela Bridge No.3 (GC-N59-034.00) - Screening for Appropriate Assessment

Please find an AA Screening for proposed emergency (safety) repair works at Shannakeela Bridge No.3 (GC-N59-034.00).

As part of the Year 1 2023 Screening a number of works at Shannakeela Bridge No.3 did not Screen Out. Shannakeela Bridge No.3 was therefore included in the list of Structure going forward to NIS for Northwest Bridges in 2023. The NIS was submitted to TII on the 13th November 2023.

The following assessment relates to proposed repair to a parapet wall which was recently damaged by a car impact – see attached photos. If approved these works would be completed separately to those works at Shannakeela Bridge No.3 being considered in the NIS. As such they are being considered in a standalone Screening for Appropriate Assessment.

The bridge is a single span structure on a small watercourse in the catchment of the Recess River which flows into Lough Úraid (to the west of Maam Cross). Attached are photos of the damaged parapet. For completeness I have also attached a selection of photos taken during the 2023 bridge inspection. These illustrate the bridge and its immediate environs (in GC-N59-034.00.zip).

As can be seen the damaged parapet is over land. Works include the salvage of broken stone; the damaged section will be cleaned back to it's footing and new stone work will be erected. If needed any additional stone will be of a similar type to that already used. All works will be done by a qualified mason. No concrete mixing or pouring is required. Works would take 2-3 days to complete.

Attached are: -

1. Bridge Location – Shannakeela Br_Photos of Damage.zip
2. Routine Inspection Photos (from 2023) - GC-N59-034.00.zip
3. Photos of Damage – Shannakeela Br_Photos of Damage.zip
4. AA Screening - Shannakeela Bridge (GC-N59-034.00)_AA Screening Rev 0.0.xlsx

For completeness, I have also included on the excel spreadsheet a 2nd tab, which illustrates the works which were assessed earlier in the year.

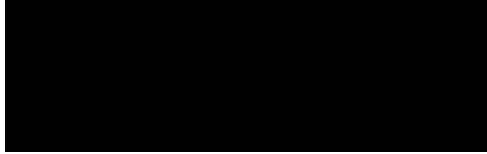
Give me a call if you have any questions.

Regards

Paul

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