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Transport Infrastructure Ireland



16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

By email to: 

**Re. Submission of Natura Impact Statement pursuant to the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media pursuant to the requirements of Regulation 49(9)(c) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended)**

*Killaha Culvert, Co. Kerry (KY-N22-024.00)*

Further to the submission of a Natura Impact Statement relating to works proposed to be undertaken at Killaha Culvert (KY-N22-024.00), Co. Kerry correspondence was received from Gerry Clabby, Head of Ecological Assessment, National Parks and Wildlife Service dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

This correspondence acknowledged Transport Infrastructure Ireland's (TII) email dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 in respect of the project referred to above and confirmed that they had reviewed the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) referred to the Minister in this regard.

Furthermore, they noted that *"The Department considers the assessment carried out in the NIS to be satisfactory and notes the mitigation measures proposed to ensure that the proposed project will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of any European site alone or in combination with other plans or projects. The Department advises that these measures be fully incorporated into the project at implementation phase, and that they must be carried out in full as part of project implementation."*

No additional information was requested by the Department.

It is further our understanding that the Contract to be put in place by TII will include both engineering and ecological oversight necessary to ensure that mitigation measures proposed in the NIS will be *"carried out in full as part of project implementation"* as required by the Department in correspondence dealing with similar work on culverts. This will include the requirement that the appointed Contractor has an ecologist on their team; as well as the appointment by TII of a Resident Engineer and Ecological Clerk of Works.

Yours sincerely,



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