

Chamberlain Greg

From: O'Malley Vincent
Sent: Wednesday 7 April 2021 18:03
To: Chamberlain Greg
Cc: Nea Christian
Subject: RE: Re. SO-N04-001.30 / Caltragh Bridge

Hi Greg,
Having reviewed the content of the email and the attachment from Atkins, I accept the reasoned determination as set out below.
Sincerely
Vincent

From: Chamberlain Greg [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday 7 April 2021 14:08
To: O'Malley Vincent [REDACTED]
Cc: Nea Christian [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Re. SO-N04-001.30 / Caltragh Bridge
Vincent

Having reviewed Paul's email below and having regard to the nature of the works, 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 6th April, 2021, and entitled Re. SO-N04-001.30 / Caltragh Bridge, 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
Greg

From: O'Donoghue, Paul [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 6 April 2021 14:14
To: Chamberlain Greg <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Nea Christian <[REDACTED]>; Gregan, John <[REDACTED]>; Jennings, Martin [REDACTED]
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Greg
Re. SO-N04-001.30 / Caltragh Bridge [Reactive Maintenance]
Caltragh Bridge is over the N4 Regional road on the southern side of Sligo town; as shown below.



There is a gap in the safety barrier on the Caltragh Bridge overbridge on the N4. The proposal is to close the gap to protect pedestrian access and a fall from height and a drop to the ground below at the 4 No. corners of the bridge. The agreed detail, to close the unprotected gap is attached along with a couple of typical photographs showing the typical status quo at each of the 4 No. corners of the bridge. Caltragh Bridge is a two span structure that carries a local road over the N4 dual carriageway. The bridge is not over water. It is not within an SAC or an SPA. Cummeen Strand/Drumcliff Bay (Sligo Bay) SAC (000627) is 1.75km to the north; as is Cummeen Strand SPA (004035). Ballysadare Bay SAC (000622) is located 4.5km to the south; as is Ballysadare Bay SPA (004129). Proposed works will not impact these European sites either directly or indirectly.

As can be seen from the photos all work would be undertaken on the bridge deck in area which does not support semi-natural habitats or species of ecological value. The works areas are adjoined by amenity grassland and some shrubs – part of the motorway landscaping at the interchange. No invasive species have been recorded from this location. The works area is not suitable for supporting roosting bats.

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

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