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To: TII (Christian Nea)

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Subject: Leinster Bridges Reactive Maintenance AA Screening

RM 32– Creggy Bridge (WH-N55-004.00)

Description of the works: Vehicular impact to safety barrier. Replacement of four steel posts; one post to be driven into the ground and three to be bolted back onto the existing footpath/hard strip (see photograph below).

Description of receiving environment: Creggy bridge is a single span concrete slab bridge over the Creggy River, approximately 3km southwest of Ballymahon, Westmeath. The land use in the area is primarily agricultural. The damaged safety barrier is located on the bridge deck, just over a meter from the western edge of the bridge.

Connection to Natura 2000 Sites/ pathways for impacts: There are no Natura 2000 Sites within 3km of the bridge. The Lough Ree SAC and SPA are located 3.3km and 3.9km northwest of the bridge, respectively. Both sites are hydrologically connected to the Creggy River and are approximately 4.5km downstream of the bridge.

ROD AA Screening Recommendation:

ROD recommend that these works screen out for AA on the basis that:

- The works involve replacing four steel posts that support the parapet bridge. No concrete or other materials harmful to aquatic life will be used.

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Screening for Appropriate Assessment Determination

Having performed screening for Appropriate Assessment in respect of the proposed reactive maintenance works detailed in this document, I accept the recommendations of Roughan and O'Donovan 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 sites' 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 of projects, will have a significant effect on any European site.



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