

## Christian Nea

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**From:** Vincent O'Malley  
**Sent:** Friday 24 November 2023 15:13  
**To:** Christian Nea  
**Cc:** Nathan Grech; Sarah-Jane Phelan  
**Subject:** RE: Re. Cork-Limerick Rail Bridge (CC-N20-002.00) - 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

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**From:** Christian Nea [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 22, 2023 4:03 PM  
**To:** Vincent O'Malley [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Nathan Grech [REDACTED]; Sarah-Jane Phelan [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Re. Cork-Limerick Rail Bridge (CC-N20-002.00) - Screening for Appropriate Assessment

Vincent,

Nathan and I have reviewed the email below and the material attached. The works are very minor in nature and extent and will only take 2-3 days to complete. There is no hydrological connectivity to any European site. 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 'Cork-Limerick Rail Bridge (CC-N20-002.00) - Screening for Appropriate Assessment' and dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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**From:** O'Donoghue, Paul [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2023 2:04 PM  
**To:** Christian Nea [REDACTED]  
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Christian

### **Re. Cork-Limerick Rail Bridge (CC-N20-002.00) - Screening for Appropriate Assessment**

Please find an AA Screening for proposed repair works at Cork-Limerick Rail Bridge (CC-N20-002.00). The bridge is a rail bridge (dry) on the N20 to the southeast of Grenagh, Co. Cork (see map included below).

The VRS system has been damaged following a vehicle impact with 1 no. detached post, 1 no. leaning post, full height anchor moved and leaning over and a torn damaged beam. The total length of damage is 12.60m. The VRS is to be replaced on a like-for-like basis. Masonry repairs totalling 0.5m<sup>3</sup> are also required to the adjacent parapet with masonry coping and concrete capping to match the existing – see attached photos.

As noted the bridge is a rail bridge. It is not over a watercourse. It is not within or close to a Natura 2000 site, nor is it hydrologically connected to a Natura 200 site. Works will take 2-3 days to complete.

Attached are: -

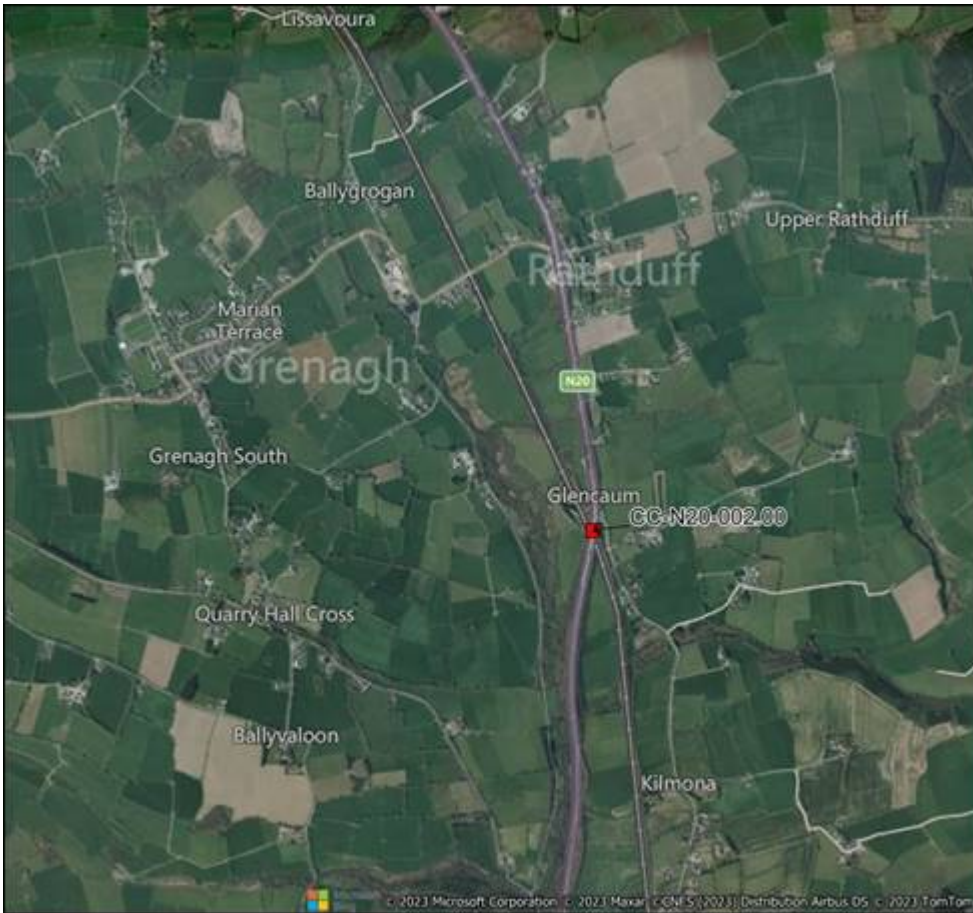
1. Bridge Location – Cork-Limerick Rail Br\_CC-N20-002.00 (GIS files).zip
2. Photos of Damage – Cork-Limerick Rail Brd.\_Photos.zip
3. AA Screening - Cork-Limerick Rail Br. (CC-N20-002.00)\_AA Screening Rev 0.0.xlsx

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

Give me a call if you have any questions.

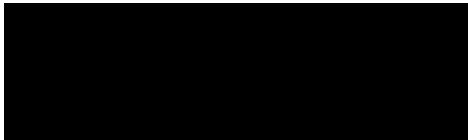
Regards

Paul



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