

Notice of proposed project pursuant to Regulation 42(13) of the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011)¹

I. The location, including the townland and county, to which the application relates

The project is proposed in the townlands of Waterville and Ballybrack in County Kerry.

II. The nature and extent of the proposed project

The proposed works on Waterville Bridge comprise:

- Embankments/revetments: All vegetation within 1m of structure to be cut back (c. 20m²).
- Bridge surface: Removal of vegetation from road edges and all debris, silt and vegetation to be removed from bridge drainage gullies (4 no.).
- Southern abutment: Masonry repairs followed by concrete repairs to the scour protection below the water line and repointing to masonry.
- Southern pier: Masonry repairs and repointing above and below water line on all faces.
- Northern pier: Removal of cracked sections from the concrete scour protection, primarily on the western (downstream) elevation, not to be repaired/replaced; masonry repairs and repointing above and below water line.
- Northern abutment: No works.
- Riverbed: Installation of 'rip-rap' below the riverbed adjoining abutments and piers (except the northern abutment).
- Arch barrels and wing/spandrel/retaining walls: Removal of light vegetation (manually) and repointing, where necessary.
- Parapets: Localised masonry reconstruction and coping repairs (c. 1m length); removal of light vegetation (manually) and repointing, where necessary.

Further details on the nature and extent of the proposed reactive maintenance works are contained within *TO 334 Munster Bridges Term Maintenance Contract No.4 – Waterville Bridge – Natura Impact Statement* (Rev. 1, WS Atkins Ireland Limited, 4th of March 2023).

III. The possible decisions

Transport Infrastructure Ireland will determine pursuant to Regulation 42(11) of the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011) and Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive as to whether or not the proposed reactive bridge maintenance works would adversely affect the integrity of a European site.

IV. Where and when the documents may be viewed

The Natura Impact Statement and a map of the proposed project may be viewed online on Transport Infrastructure Ireland's website (<https://www.tii.ie/>).

The Natura Impact Statement and a map of the proposed project may be viewed free of charge by appointment at the offices of Transport Infrastructure Ireland at the following address:

Parkgate Business Centre,
Parkgate Street,

¹ Regulation 42(13) of the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477 of 2011), as substituted by Regulation 6(b) of the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 293 of 2021).

Dublin 8,
D08 DK10,
Ireland.

Appointments for viewing can be arranged by writing to the above postal address or emailing: EnvironmentalPolicyCompliance@tii.ie

The Natura Impact Statement and a map of the proposed project may also be purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of such making available. Requests to purchase hard copies may be made to the above email and postal addresses.

V. A person may make submissions or observations to the public authority within 30 days from the date of the notice

The public may make submissions or observations in writing concerning the proposed project (within 30 days from the date of this notice) to Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Submissions or observations may be sent by email to the following email address: EnvironmentalPolicyCompliance@tii.ie

Alternatively, submissions or observations may be sent by mail to:

Environmental Policy and Compliance Section,
Transport Infrastructure Ireland,
Parkgate Business Centre,
Parkgate Street,
Dublin 8,
D08 DK10,
Ireland.

VI. Any other details on public participation

Transport Infrastructure Ireland shall have regard to any submissions or observations received from the public.

Personal data contained in submissions or observations will be processed in accordance with TII's Data Protection Notice which is available on www.tii.ie.

Submissions or observations may be passed to our third-party service providers, including Atkins, for their analysis, consideration and response. Such analysis, consideration and response may be documented.

VII. Any other information the public authority considers relevant

Some information contained within the Natura Impact Statement could, if made publicly available, pose a risk to the conservation of protected species or habitats. For this reason, this information has been redacted. Personal data has also been redacted pursuant to the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation.

Date: 11th of March 2024.