

**From:** Vincent O'Malley <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday 15 August 2022 17:08  
**To:** Nea Christian <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Watt Robbie <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Re. CC-N22-011.00 Bealhaglashin ESB Bridge {Screening for AA}

Christian,  
I accept the reasoned determination as set out below.  
Sincerely  
Vincent

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**From:** Nea Christian <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday 15 August 2022 09:57  
**To:** Vincent O'Malley <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Watt Robbie <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: Re. CC-N22-011.00 Bealhaglashin ESB Bridge {Screening for AA}

Vincent,  
Having reviewed the information contained within this email chain (including attachments) and having regard, *inter alia*, to the minor nature and extent of the works, I recommend that the following reasoned determination can be made:

*"Having performed screening for Appropriate Assessment in respect of the proposed maintenance works detailed in the email received from Paul O'Donoghue dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2022, and entitled 'Re. CC-N22-011.00 Bealhaglashin ESB Bridge {Screening for AA}', I accept the recommendations of Atkins that the proposed 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:** Watt Robbie <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday 11 August 2022 11:25  
**To:** Christian Nea <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: Re. CC-N22-011.00 Bealhaglashin ESB Bridge {Screening for AA}

Christian,

See attached email for updated screening assessment spreadsheet.

Following review of the proposed works and receiving environment I agree with the conclusion of Atkins that the works would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European site.

Regards,  
Robbie

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**From:** O'Donoghue, Paul [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday 8 August 2022 13:26  
**To:** Christian Nea [REDACTED]; Watt Robbie [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Daly, Vincent [REDACTED]; Martin Jennings [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re. CC-N22-011.00 Bealhaglashin ESB Bridge {Screening for AA}

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Christian / Robbie

**Re. CC-N22-011.00 Bealhaglashin ESB Bridge**

I've been asked to Screen proposed work at CC-N22-011.00 Bealhaglashin ESB Bridge near Macroom, Co. Cork. This structure is on the approach to the new Macroom bypass. I have attached a site location map and aerial image of the location. Bridges have asked that it be done using the Spreadsheet approach as used in the Year 4 screenings.

My understanding is that this structure was removed from the Year 4 list as it is managed by ESB, but with the opening of the Macroom Bypass not too far away TII want any maintenance works to this structure to be covered.

The original Works Orders report is also attached. Give me a call if you have any questions.

Regards

Paul

**Paul O' Donoghue** *BSc PhD CEnV MCIEEM*  
Associate Director, Ecology  
Ireland

[REDACTED]

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All Passages

Inspection List

Struct. Bealhaglashin bridge Tech. Unit 4 CC - Cork Road Ballycarthy, County Kerry - Cork			
Component	Work	Quantity Total Expected Carried Out	Date Inspected
Location	Product		Carried Out
1 Bridge surface  Sweeping and cleaning to road surface over the bridge. 0.5m wide strip at each side of the bridge.	21 Sweeping and cleaning	622 m2  87 m2 _____ m2	08 July 2022
1 Bridge surface  Cleaning of drain gullies to east side of the bridge.	30 Cleaning of drain gullies	2 no  2 no _____ no	08 July 2022
2 Expansion joints  Cleaning of expansion joints to bridge surface.	10 Cleaning of expansion joints	58 m  58 m _____ m	08 July 2022
2 Expansion joints  Joints to be resealed with hot poured bitumen on both side of each joint - 8 joints measuring 7.15m each.	99 Miscellaneous works	1 it  1 it _____ it	08 July 2022
3 Footways/median  Sweeping and cleaning of eastern footpath and western raised verge to remove all debris, silt and vegetation.	22 Maintenance of surface	172 m2  172 m2 _____ m2	08 July 2022
14 Structure in general Structure ID plate to be provided in accordance with TII standards.	81 Maintenance of structure ID	1 no  1 no _____ no	08 July 2022

## Atkins Screening Rationale:

Bridge is not located within a Natura 2000 site. While hydrologically connected, the nearest downstream Natura site is >40km downstream in Cork Harbour. The Gearagh SPA (004109) is located ca. 3.5km upstream of the bridge. This is designated for a number of wintering waterbirds (wigeon, teal, coot, mallard) as well as the wetlands they utilise. No instream works are proposed. Works are limited to the bridge surface, cleaning of gullies and works to expansion joints. No emissions to the water course are permitted. Works are sufficiently remote from the Gearagh SPA that birds using the SPA will not be disturbed by proposed works. The bridge is on a fast river channel less suited to use by these species; compared to the Gearagh or neighbouring Sullane delta. No impact on birds is predicted. The Gearagh SAC is 2.1km upstream of the bridge. While Otter (*Lutra lutra*) is a qualifying interest of the SAC, works to the bridge are of short duration, and are restricted to the bridge deck which is at a considerable height above the river at this location. No impact to otter using the river is anticipated.