

## 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)<sup>1</sup>

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

The project is proposed in the townland of Knockbrack East in County Kerry.

### **II. The nature and extent of the proposed project**

The works to Knockbrack Culvert comprise the removal and reconstruction of the concrete apron and training walls between the culvert and the old disused bridge. Voids and cracks in the box culvert/downstream apron are to be repaired by means of cementitious grout and suitable repair concrete. The proposed works include:

- Existing riverbed apron (upstream of culvert) and training walls to be broken out and disposed of offsite. New cast in situ reinforced concrete apron to be constructed. At the request of Inland Fisheries Ireland, the apron will be constructed with a dish/deeper channel to the centre of the stream. This is to aid fish passage through the structure.
- Embankment behind existing training walls to be excavated and filled to allow for installation of new training walls.
- Once the upstream hardstand has been excavated the inlet to the box culvert is to be pumped with cementitious grout fill 3 no. pump locations located 1m from the first box section and 1m between each pumping location.
- New apron to be cast in 3 separate sections each 5m in length. End sections to be poured first followed by the middle section.
- The base of each box unit shall be drilled through and injected with cementitious grout fill.
- Voids and cracking (downstream of culvert) to existing concrete apron to be repaired with suitable repair mortar.

Further details on the nature and extent of the proposed reactive maintenance works are contained within *TO 334 Munster Bridges Term Maintenance – Knockbrack Culvert – Natura Impact Statement* (Rev. 1, WS Atkins Ireland Limited, 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2024).

### **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,  
Dublin 8,

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

D08 DK10,  
Ireland.

Appointments for viewing can be arranged by writing to the above postal address or emailing: [EnvironmentalPolicyCompliance@tii.ie](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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: 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.