From: O'Malley Vincent Sent: Wednesday 5 December 2018 10:07 To: Nea Christian Subject: RE: Leinster Bridge Reactive Maintenance Works 28.11.2018

Christian,

I agree with the observations related to the reactive maintenance works to Rathsillagh Farm pass and accept the determination related to appropriate assessment screening. Sincerely Vincent

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From: Nea Christian Sent: Monday 3 December 2018 16:48 To: O'Malley Vincent Subject: RE: Leinster Bridge Reactive Maintenance Works 28.11.2018

Vincent,

In respect of proposed reactive maintenance works to Rathsillagh Farm pass, Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers state the following:

"Rathsillagh Farm pass (WX-N25-021.00)

The works are as follows:

• Vehicular impact to safety barrier, replace 12 no. guardrails (each 3.5 m long) on south side, replace 1 no. post on south side, replace bolts and nuts as per photo attached

The farm pass is not connected to a watercourse. The farm pass is 6km north of the Bannow Bay SAC/SPA and >10km west of the Slaney River Valley SAC.

There are no nationally designated sites within 5km.

The works will take place entirely on the bridge deck/N25 verge and therefore there will be no impacts on any Natura 2000 Site."

Whilst there did not appear to be any photo attached, I believe that significant effects on European sites can be excluded based on the information provided above. I suggest that the following would be an appropriate determination in the context of screening for Appropriate Assessment:

"Having performed screening for Appropriate Assessment in respect of the proposed reactive maintenance works detailed in the email from Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers dated the 28th of November, 2018, and relating to Rathsillagh Farm pass, County Wexford, I accept the recommendations of Roughan & O'Donovan Consulting Engineers 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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