

Colin Murphy

From: O'Donoghue, Paul <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday 4 September 2025 15:12
To: Colin Murphy; ROGER RYAN (NRDO); THOMAS KERR (NRDO); Schmidt, Alec; Chambers, Mark; Jennings, Martin; Woodland, Mark; Healy, Colm; Vincent O'Malley
Subject: RE: Re. Ballina Upper Bridge (MO-N59-001.70)

Colin

Many thanks.

Paul

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Paul,

Please see reasoned determination for proposed works below.

Regards,
Colin Murphy
Ecologist

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From: Vincent O'Malley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday 4 September 2025 14:28
To: Colin Murphy <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Christian Nea <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Re. Ballina Upper Bridge (MO-N59-001.70)

Hi Colin,
Having reviewed your email and attachments, I accept the reasoned determination as set out below.
Sincerely
Vincent

Dr Vincent O'Malley
Head of Environmental Policy & Compliance,
Transport Infrastructure Ireland
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From: Colin Murphy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday 1 September 2025 11:41
To: Vincent O'Malley <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Christian Nea <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: Re. Ballina Upper Bridge (MO-N59-001.70)

Hi Vincent,

We have received an AA screening report from Atkins Réalis for proposed non-routine maintenance at Ballina Upper Bridge (MO-N59-001.70), located within the town of Ballina, Co. Mayo. I would be grateful if you could review the information below and provide a reasoned determination.

As noted in the report attached, the proposed works involves repairs to the structure, including the removal of fallen stonework within the River Moy following a vehicle strike to the bridge. Part of the proposed works will require the use of machinery above the river channel. Oil absorbent booms and pads, grab ropes and silt trapping booms will be on-site as standard to ensure that there is no input of additional debris or pollutants into the river arising from the proposed works in the event of an oil leak or if silt is disturbed within the river channel. A cantilever scaffold will be erected on the bridge to carry out the masonry repair works. Scaffold platform will be lined tarpaulin/polythene to catch debris on the scaffold and prevent material from falling into the river. The proposed works are of a short duration - ten days in total from pre-works to demobilisation.

The proposed works are located along the River Moy (EPA name: Moy 34). At this section of the river, the watercourse is part of the River Moy SAC. This section also lies 313m upstream of the Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC and 2.84km upstream from the Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA, for which there is a hydrological link to both. Therefore, there is hydrological connectivity between the proposed works and three no. Natura 2000 sites.

The AA screening report concludes *‘based on the small scale of the proposed works and the brief duration of both the works themselves and any impacts arising from them, they will not give rise to likely significant effects on the River Moy SAC or any other Natura 2000 site, in combination with other plans or projects.’*

Based on the description of the proposed works and associated methodologies provided by Atkins Réalis, along with the small nature and scale and short duration and best practice methodologies that will reduce the potential for impacts on the river, I agree with the conclusion that the proposed works will not lead to likely significant effects on the River Moy SAC and the Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SAC and Killala Bay/Moy Estuary SPA or any other Natura 2000 site.

Having performed screening for Appropriate Assessment in respect of the proposed emergency repair works detailed in the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report received in an email from Paul O'Donoghue dated the 27th of August 2025, and entitled ‘Ballina Upper Bridge (MO-N59-001.70)’, I accept the recommendation of AtkinsRéalis that the proposed 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.

Regards,

Colin Murphy

Ecologist

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From: Christian Nea <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday 28 August 2025 11:12
To: Colin Murphy <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: Re. Ballina Upper Bridge (MO-N59-001.70)

Hi Colin,
Would you please check that the tracking spreadsheet is kept up-to-date? The update of this spreadsheet was an issue raised in an Internal Audit, so it's important that we keep it up-to-date.

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Kind regards,

Christian

From: O'Donoghue, Paul <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday 27 August 2025 17:38
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Christian

Re. Ballina Upper Bridge (MO-N59-001.70)

Afternoon. Please find attached an AA Screening Note for proposed non routine maintenance at Ballina Upper Bridge (MO-N59-001.70) following a vehicle collision with the stone a parapet. I've also attached a larger version of the mobilization figure provided by the Contractor which is included in the report.

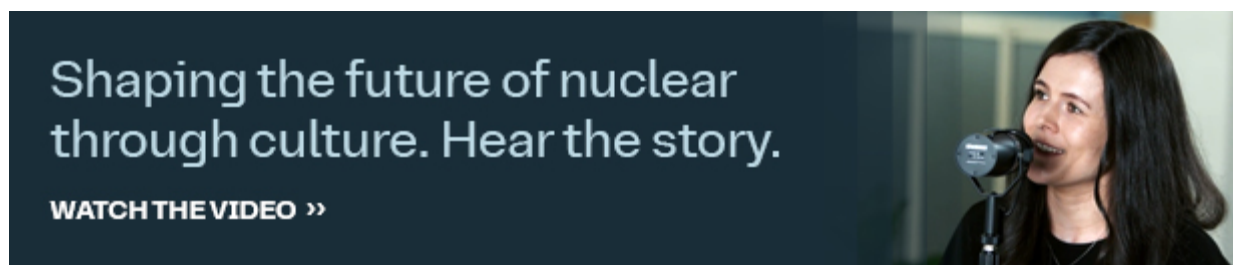
Give me a call if you have any questions.

Paul

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