

18th May 2021

Mr. Vincent O'Malley, Transport Infrastructure Ireland,

via email to:

Re: Submission of Natura Impact Statement to the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media pursuant to the requirements of Regulation 42(9)(c) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended).

Northwest Bridges Term Maintenance Contract No. 3 Culvert Inverts – Group '4' (Glen Bridges) – Natura Impact Statement

Dear Mr. O'Malley,

The Department is in receipt of your email dated 6th April 2021 in respect of the project referred to above and has reviewed the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) referred to the Minister in this regard.

The Department considers the assessment carried out in the NIS to be satisfactory and notes the mitigation measures proposed to ensure that the proposed project will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of any European site alone or in combination with other plans or projects. The Department advises that these measures be fully incorporated into the project at implementation phase, and that they must be carried out in full as part of project implementation.

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Clabby

Head of Ecological Assessment

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