



An Bord Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1,  
D01 V902.

12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Ref: CCC\_RLRDO\_177AE\_01\_24

**Re: Application for Approval made under Section 177(AE) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for repair and rehabilitation works of an existing structure to address corrosion within the bridge structure and deck works at Ardcahan Bridge (R587), Ardcahan, Co. Cork.**

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Cork County Council wish to apply for approval under Section 177(AE) (4)(b) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for permission to carry out repair and rehabilitation works on the existing structure at Ardcahan Bridge, Ardcahan, County Cork. The proposed repair and rehabilitation works include a temporary site compound, corrosion repairs and deck works.

To inform An Bord Pleanála, an Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been completed for the proposed repair and rehabilitation works at Ardcahan Bridge to assess whether the proposed works, individually or in-combination with other plans or projects, and in view of best scientific knowledge, is likely to have a significant effect on any European site(s), specifically, the Bandon River SAC (002171) which contains the Ardcahan Bridge.

In addition, a Planning Statement, Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), Ecological Appraisal Report, Bat Report and an Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAr) have been submitted with this planning application.

The potential impacts of the proposed works have been considered in the context of the European sites potentially affected, such as the Bandon River SAC (002171), and their qualifying interests or special conservation interests, and their conservation objectives. This assessment concluded that the proposed repair and rehabilitation works, either alone or in combination with other plans and/or projects, do not have the potential to significantly affect any European Site, in light of their conservation objectives.

In accordance with article 249 of the Planning and Development regulations (as amended), the following documentation is included to inform An Bord Pleanála:

- a) A copy of the Site Notice – Erected 12th April 2024 (3 no. pictures included in Appendix 1, below);
- b) A copy of the newspaper notice published in Irish Examiner on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in accordance with 177 AE (4)(b);
- c) 2 hard copies of the Schedule of Drawings and Plans and Particulars of the proposed development;
- d) 2 hard copies of the Planning Statement for the proposed works;
- e) 2 Hard copies of the AA Screening Determination Report
- f) 2 hard copies of the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for the proposed works;
- g) 2 Hard copies of the EIAr Screening Determination Report
- h) 2 hard copies of the report to inform Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) for the proposed works;
- i) 2 hard copies of the Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) for the proposed works;
- j) 2 hard copies of the Ecological Appraisal Report for the proposed works;
- k) 2 hard copies of Aquatic Baseline survey report (Appendix 2 of Ecological Appraisal Report) for the proposed works;
- l) 2 hard copies of the Bat Report for the proposed works;
- m) 2 hard copies of the Environmental Impact Assessment screening report (EIAr) for the proposed works;
- n) 1 Memory Stick of all documentation;
- o) A copy of the list of prescribed bodies to which the notice was sent under section 177AE(4)(b) and a dated copy of each notice issued to the following:

- Cork County Council;
- Minister for Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage;
- Heritage Council;
- Office of Public Works;
- National Parks and Wildlife Service;
- An Taisce;
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon;
- Fáilte Ireland;
- Inland Fisheries Ireland;
- Waterways Ireland.
- Uisce Éireann

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact:

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Senior Engineer,  
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# APPENDIX 1

Site Notice – Erected 12th April 2024









Comhairle Contae Chorcaí  
Cork County Council

**Notice of Application to An Bord Pleanála for Approval – Site Notice**

**Rehabilitation of Ardcahan Bridge (R587), Ardcahan, Co. Cork.**

Pursuant to Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Cork County Council proposes to make an application for approval to an Bord Pleanála for the following development:

**Rehabilitation works of an existing structure at Ardcahan Bridge to allow corrosion repairs and minor parapet repairs within the bridge structure, deck works to repair the road surfacing and temporary site compound at Ardcahan Bridge, Ardcahan, Co. Cork.**

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

The Board may, in relation to an application for approval under section 177AE, of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

The NIS, together with Plans and Particulars of the proposed development, will be available for inspection free of charge or may be purchased on payment of a small fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) for a period of 6 weeks during normal office hours **09.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday** (excluding bank holidays), during the period from **19th April 2024 to 30th May 2024** inclusive at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, Monday – Friday during working hours. Note: Due to COVID-19, it is recommended that persons contact the Office to arrange viewing of the application in advance (Phone: (01) 858 8100 or Lo-call 1890 275 173).
- Cork County Council, County Hall Foyer, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2N6 - between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm, (except May 6<sup>th</sup> 2024).
- Cork County Council Municipal District Offices – Swimming Pool Complex, Bantry Road, Donnanway, Co. Cork, P47 EV67 - between the hours of 9.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00 pm to 5.00pm.
- Online at: <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/residents/planning-and-development/public-consultations/active-part-sab-development-consultation/active-part-sab-development-consultation>

Submissions or observations regarding the proposed development may be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála in relation to:

- i. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development;
- ii. the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed development; and
- iii. the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out.

Submissions or observations should be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902, not later than 5.00pm on **30<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.

Dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Liam Adams,  
Senior Engineer,  
Regional & Local Roads Design Office.



