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<b>Part 8</b>	<b>Planning Report</b>
<b>Address</b>	Ardcahan Bridge, Co. Cork
<b>Proposal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Repair and rehabilitation works to the bridge structure;</li><li>• Installation of a temporary site compound;</li><li>• Deck works to include resurfacing, deck waterproofing and bridge parapet repair.</li></ul>

Cork County Council is proposing repair and rehabilitation works to Ardcahan Bridge which is located north east of Dunmanway Town. The works include resurfacing, deck waterproofing and bridge parapet repair works in addition to the installation of a temporary site compound to provide storage and welfare facilities for construction personnel. The site compound would be removed and the site reinstated on completion of the proposed works.

Ardcahan Bridge is a six arch structure that spans the R587 over the River Bandon. Located downstream of the Bandon River/ Caha River confluence, the bridge is located in a primarily agricultural area with sporadic housing in the surrounding rural area. The surrounding landscape is classed as 'Rolling Marginal Middleground' and is not classified as a high value landscape. Ardcahan Bridge is located in an area susceptible to flooding. Under the requirements of the 'The Planning System and Flood Risk Management – Guidelines for Planning Authorities', the existing bridge is considered to be water compatible development and the repair and rehabilitation works are not required to be subject to a Flood Risk Assessment. The bridge is not a protected structure and is not included on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage. There are no known archaeological sites within the site of the proposed development.

Ardcahan Bridge is located within the Bandon River Special Area of Conservation (site code 002171). A Habitats Directive Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination has screened in the requirement for Appropriate Assessment and a Natura Impact Statement has been prepared. The Natura Impact Statement has concluded that the proposed works would not have the potential to give rise to adverse effects on the integrity of the qualifying interests (species and habitats) of the Bandon River Special Area of Conservation. The proposal is also accompanied by an Ecological Appraisal Report, Bat Survey Report, Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report, Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and a Construction Environmental Management Plan.

Having reviewed the supporting documentation and the policies and objectives of the Cork County Development Plan 2022, there is no objection in principle to the proposed development. The works proposed are essential repair works and as such, would be compatible with the Cork County Development Plan, 2022 and would be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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