



OPW

**Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination Statement
Bridge Rehabilitation Programme 2024: South West Region**

Feale Arterial Drainage Scheme – AA Screening, 1 No. Bridges

Bridge Rehabilitation Programme 2024					
Description of Works	Rehabilitation or replacement of 1 No. bridges within the Feale Arterial Drainage Scheme.				
	Drainage district	Channel number	Bridge Reference No.	Chainage	Distance from and hydrological link to European site (S-P-R)
	Feale	D7	B1	3780	120m upstream of Lower River Shannon SAC. 10m by land to Lower River Shannon SAC
Works on the bridge proposed in the AA Screening Report is programmed to be completed in 2024. The works include rehabilitation works to the existing bridge, culvert or pipe culvert and replacement of parapets, designed in accordance with the OPW Standard Design.					
European Site within the zone of influence of the proposed works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower River Shannon SAC (002165) 				

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the Office of Public Works (OPW) has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the European Sites, if the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s).

As required under Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, OPW has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required. The project is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the sites as European sites and as it can be concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant effect on the European sites listed above.

This determination is based on information supplied by OPW Environmental Section and South Western Region Arterial Drainage Section along with information contained within the *Appropriate Assessment Screening Report, Bridge Rehabilitation Works on the Feale Arterial Drainage Scheme 2024*.

From this screening exercise it has been determined that no significant likely effects may arise on any European sites as a result of the Bridge Rehabilitation Works in combination with other plans and projects, through surface water, land and air, and groundwater pathways. This assessment was undertaken in the absence of mitigation measures. The project was screened out for Appropriate Assessment based on the location of the works, the nature and the scale of the works.

Prepared by: *Muireann Cotter*, OPW, Environment Section

Reviewed by: *John Baggott*, OPW, Environment Section

Approved by: *Cian Ó Dónaill*, OPW, Head of Division - South-West Drainage Maintenance & Construction and Capital Projects

Date: 22/01/2024