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**RE: Application for Approval made under Section 177(AE) of the Planning & Development Act 2000
(as amended)**
**Repair and replacement of the stone pitched flooring of the western arch of the Inch Bridge on L7950
across the Stradbally River, outside Stradbally, Co Laois.**

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Laois County Council wish to apply for approval under Section 177 (AE) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for Repair and Replacement of the stone pitched flooring of the Western Arch of the Inch Bridge.

The Base of the Western Arch and cutwater will also be repointed. The Bridge spans over the Stradbally River which is a tributary of the River Barrow

Inch Bridge is a 3 arch masonry bridge with all three arch's wetted. The bridge is generally in good condition and repointed.

The proposed development consists of repairing the floor of the Western Arch at Inch Bridge which has been washed out causing the adjacent pier and cutaway to scour.

It is proposed to reconstruct the stone pitched floor of the Western Arch. The works include the repair of the scoured pier, abutment, wingwall and repairs to the masonry elements of the structure.

A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared as part of the application for the approval in respect of the proposed development

I hereby enclose herewith the following documentation in accordance with article 249 of the Planning and Development regulations as amended in support of this application.

- (a) 3 hard copies of the plans and particulars (contained within the NIS)
- (b) 3 hard copies of the Natura Impact Statement for the proposed works
- (c) A copy of the newspaper notice published in the Leinster Express on 1st June 2021 in accordance with 177 AE (4)a
- (d) A copy of the site notice- Erected 1st June 2021 (picture included)
- (e) A copy of the list of prescribed bodies to which the notice was sent under section 177AE (4) (b) and a copy of each.

The following prescribed bodies have been notified

- An Taisce
- Arts Council
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- National Parks and Wildlife Services
- The Office of Public Works
- The Heritage Council
- Fáilte Ireland
- Environmental Protection Agency

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- Waterways Ireland
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Environment



Regards

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