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A Chara,

I refer to your correspondence to Limerick City and County Council dated 26th March 2026 in relation to case number ABP-322242-5 (copy attached). Your correspondence outlined a request for additional information relating to the inclusion of a new railing along each parapet of the Bridge at Bruree, Co. Limerick. Attached find a copy of our response which we hope fulfils the requirements of this request. Should you require any additional information, please contact myself by email or telecon on 08798491476.

Regards,

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Re: Case Number: ABP-322242-25

Request for Further Information for Proposed Works at Bruree Bridge, Co. Limerick

Provision of supplemental information addressing the below point. [PUNCH response in blue.](#)

Item 1 – Proposed Railings

1. Detailed justification for the inclusion of the proposed railings, and their height and design, having regard to the visual and architectural impact on the protected structure and the provisions of the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities published by the Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

The existing parapet walls are 500-620mm high and offer insufficient containment for pedestrians accessing the bridge and stainless-steel railings are proposed to address this concern. The railing containment shall be a minimum of 1100mm to Part K of the Building Regulations & BS 6180; with reference to 7.15 of the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines, there is a requirement to secure the health & safety of people as defined in the Building Regulations.

The Principles of Conservation outlined in the Guidelines and in BS 7913 (2013) defines conservation as,

“Action to secure the survival or preservation of structures of acknowledged value for the future”

Conservation Principles:

- Minimum effect on authenticity (fabric) - A contemporary stainless-steel barrier is proposed to make a clear distinction between the original bridge structure.
- Minimum Intervention - The railing will not impinge on the original structure as it will be readily defined by the difference between the original masonry and new steel material and not adversely interfere with the existing structure.
- Reversibility - The new stainless railing can be removed, allowing the bridge to return to its original state if required.
- Honesty of Intervention - The new railing is required as an additional safety measure to the bridge but does not try to imitate the original structure, keeping a clear distinction between old & new.