

Title of Report: Item 11 – Proposed Listing of 19th Century Bridge – Glenmornan / Artigarvan	Officer Presenting: Senior Planning Officer
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members that Council has been consulted in relation to the proposed listing of a bridge on the Gorticrum Road, Artigarvan, Strabane by DfC Historic Environment Division (HED). The consultation was received on 11th June 2019. The listing is being considered under section 80 (1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011.

2 Background

2.1 As Members may recall with previous similar consultations, HED has supplied the Historic Buildings Council (HBC) Report which details the history and current state of the bridge and the reasoning behind its proposed Listing. This HBC Report is attached at Appendix 25.

3 Key Issues

Update on LDP Progress

3.1 The proposed listing is a 19th Century single-arch concrete road bridge over the Glenmoran River, 3 km ESE of Artigarvan. The report states that the bridge is constructed of mass concrete throughout. The use of structural concrete was still in its infancy in Ireland at this time and this particular example is innovative as an attested early example of its use. Historically, the bridge is also of interest in retaining all its original fabric.

3.2 Officers have reviewed the planning history for the bridge and immediate surrounding lands and are satisfied that there is no current planning permission which would impact on the proposed listing of the bridge. Accordingly, officers consider that Council should respond acknowledging the consultation and agreeing to the proposed Listing as detailed. A draft response for agreement is supplied at Appendix 26.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications

4.1 There are no financial, equality, legal, HR or other implications for Council.

5 Recommendations

5.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this Paper and agree to Planning officers responding to DfC HED supporting the proposed listing of the bridge as set out in Appendix 26.

Background Papers

Appendix 25 – Historic Buildings Council (HBC) Report HB/10/11/021

Appendix 26 – Proposed response to DfC HED