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Dear Ms Phillips

CRAIGAVON BRIDGE, DERRY

Thank you for your letter of 20 July 2021 requesting an update on issues relating maintenance to Craigavon Bridge.

Craigavon Bridge underwent major strengthening and refurbishment works including painting of the entire structure in 2002. In addition, repainting of structural cross member bracing was also undertaken in 2012.

The Department is currently procuring underwater and principal inspections for this bridge, which are needed to inform a future repair/refurbishment plan. Once complete, the Department will engage with the Council on the findings and future plans.

Officials are also acutely aware of the problem of bird droppings on the lower deck of Craigavon Bridge and are actively seeking to identify ways of addressing this ongoing problem, indeed anti-roosting measures were previously installed in April 2016.

In the interim, officials will work in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council to arrange for the areas of concern to be cleaned as soon as practicable. It is also hoped that further anti-bird roosting measures can be installed later this financial year.

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