

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-
MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE
(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)**

THURSDAY 4th MARCH 2021

ITEM NO. 19

**STUDIES/WORKS UNDERTAKEN AT GUINNESS BRIDGE.
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Question: Councillor J. Walsh

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the outcome of any studies undertaken since 2016 on the Guinness Bridge and to indicate any conservation works undertaken since then and if there are any plans for future works on the Bridge?”

Reply:

A consultant team were appointed in 2019 to complete a condition report on the Guinness Bridge. The scope involved survey, condition report, study into possible reuse and outline costings. This report was jointly funded by South Dublin County Council and Fingal County Council. The outcome of this report was presented to the area committee in March 2020.

Essential conservation works were recommended in the report to protect the steel structure and the stone abutment which the Council intend to address as a single contract.

Minor works carried out in the time were related to vegetation clearance to prevent damage to structure, facilitating access for condition reporting and addressing safety concerns.

The Council intend to invite design teams shortly to tender for the design and project management of the essential conservation works. It is intended that works could commence on site late in 2021 and continue into 2022.

A provision of €1.44m has been allocated for conservation works required to the Guinness Bridge in the 2021-2023 Capital Programme of Works.