

## Assent Application Form (Public Bodies)

Notice is given in accordance with Article 39 or 40 of The Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 of an operation which is likely to damage the scientific interest of an Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI).

**NAME OF ASSI/SAC/SPA:** Portballintrae ASSI and Skerries & Causeway SAC

**NAME OF PUBLIC BODY:** Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

### DETAILS OF PROPOSED OPERATION

(i) Who will carry it out;	Appropriately qualified and experienced contractor yet to be appointed.
(ii) Location of operation - attached map / grid reference/ field ID	West side of Portballintrae Harbour Please see attached map.
(iii) nature of operation & method summary	Timber repairs are required to the timber bank protection structure at Portballintrae Beach (see attached map showing location of the works). The works are required as the result of a landslip along a section of the bank to the head of Portballintrae Beach. As there are gaps in the protection structure waves are able to pass the protection structure and are washing away the existing bank.
(iv) How is it intended to minimise the impact of the operation on the scientific interest of the ASSI? & How is it intended to restore the ASSI to its former condition if any damage occurs? <b>* continuation sheet overleaf</b>	The proposed works will take place at the existing timber bank protection structure. Access to the site for the works will be along the foreshore. There will be no intrusion to the bank which contains the qualifying feature of the ASSI.
(v) Timing and likely duration of operation: Start Date: Completion Date: If urgent please state reason for urgency:	4 – 6 weeks Mid August to September
(vi) Name and Address of Landowner: (if known)	Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council Cloonavin 66 Portstewart Road Coleraine BT52 1ED

- We propose to permit the above activity and hereby give notice to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA)
- Details of the Responsible Contact Person within Public Body (not the agent):

Name: Richard Gillen

Address: Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

Email / Ph No: [REDACTED]@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Agent (If applicable)

Agent contact info:

### Continuation sheet

Council will;

1. Brief the appointed contractor in advance of any works to inform of the designation.
2. Monitor the works regularly to ensure no damage occurs.
3. Continue to liaise with NIEA as works progress.

\*If the ASSI is within or forms part of a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) or a Special Protection Area (SPA) has a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) been carried out, as defined in the Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc) Regulations (NI) 1995 (as amended).? \***Yes** (delete as required)

If yes please provide details of HRA summary and conclusions.

Effect considered non-significant.

It will have no significant impact on the conservation objects which are:

To avoid deterioration of the qualifying habitats and species thus ensuring that the integrity of the site is maintained and the site makes an appropriate contribution to achieving favourable conservation status for the qualifying interest.

To ensure for the qualifying habitats that the following are maintained in the long term, subject to natural change:

- Extent of the habitats within the site
- Distribution of the habitats within the site
- Structure and function of the habitats

- Processes supporting the habitats
- Distribution of the typical species of the habitats
- Viability of typical species as components of the habitat
- No disturbance of typical species of the habitat

You are not obliged to but you may attach a copy of your HRA to this application.

The duties of Public bodies in relation to operations or to authorising operations are given in Articles 38 to 40 of The Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002. If you require assistance in completing this form please phone (028) 9056 9547 or go to

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/duties-public-bodies-concerning-assis>

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

**NORTHERN IRELAND ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (NIEA), CDP, KLONDYKE BUILDING,  
CROMAC AVENUE, GASWORKS BUSINESS PARK, LOWER ORMEAU ROAD, BELFAST, BT7  
2JA . You can also send via email to [CDP@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:CDP@daera-ni.gov.uk)**