

## Colin Murphy

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**From:** Vincent O'Malley  
**Sent:** Tuesday 27 January 2026 16:32  
**To:** Colin Murphy  
**Subject:** RE: LBTMC 4 - NRM 08 - AA Screening

Hi Colin,  
Having review the content of your email and associated attachment, I accept the reasoned determination set out below.  
Sincerely  
Vincent

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*Dr Vincent O'Malley*  
*Head of Environmental Policy & Compliance,*  
*Transport Infrastructure Ireland*  
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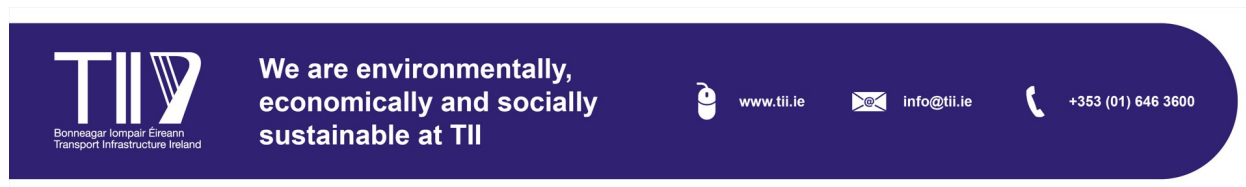
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**From:** Colin Murphy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday 27 January 2026 16:13  
**To:** Vincent O'Malley [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: LBTMC 4 - NRM 08 - AA Screening

As discussed.

Regards,  
Colin Murphy  
Ecologist  
Transport Infrastructure Ireland  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Colin Murphy  
**Sent:** Friday 29 August 2025 11:52  
**To:** Vincent O'Malley [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Christian Nea [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: LBTMC 4 - NRM 08 - AA Screening

Hi Vincent,

We have received an AA screening report from Roughan & O'Donovan for Non-Routine Maintenance works at the Royal Canal underbridge located on the Royal Canal southeast of Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. I would be grateful if you could review the information below and provide a reasoned determination.

As noted in the report attached, a vehicle restraint system (VRS) steel connection at the northwestern end of the western parapet is broken and requires replacement. This will be removed and taken to a workshop to be used as a template for the new piece. Varioguard will be installed while connection piece is removed for fabrication. The Varioguard will be removed when the new VRS is prepared, the new VRS and bracket will then be installed. The structure is located on the N52 roadway and passes over the over the Royal Canal in Co. Westmeath, approximately 1.8km southeast of Mullingar. The works will be entirely carried out from the bridge deck and are projected to take a total of two days to complete.

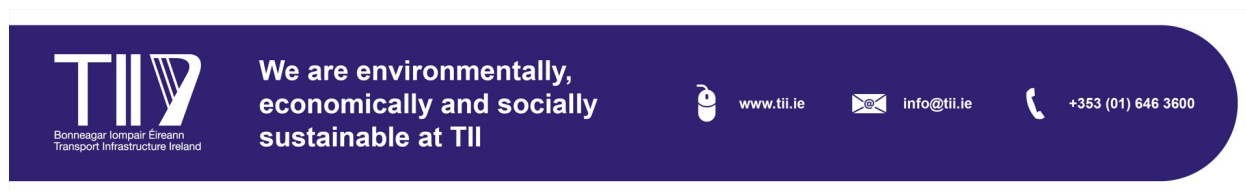
The report states that *'The proposed works will be undertaken entirely on the bridge deck, and do not create a risk for negative water quality impacts. Given this, the scale of the proposed works, and the distance between the proposed works and the nearest European sites, there will be no impacts to any European sites as a result of the proposed works.'*

Based on the description of the proposed works and associated methodologies provided by Roughan & O'Donovan, along with the small nature and scale and short duration and significant hydrological distance to the nearest Natura 2000 site, I agree with the conclusion that the proposed works will not lead to likely significant effects any Natura 2000 site.

Having performed screening for Appropriate Assessment in respect of the proposed emergency repair works detailed in the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report received in an email from Moreno Stellini dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2025, and entitled 'LBTMC 4 - NRM 08 - AA Screening', I accept the recommendation of Roughan & O'Donovan that the proposed works, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on any European site in view of the best scientific knowledge and the site's conservation objectives. I determine that an Appropriate Assessment of these proposed works is not required, as it can be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information following the screening done that the proposed works, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European site.

Regards,  
Colin Murphy  
Ecologist  
Transport Infrastructure Ireland

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**From:** Christian Nea [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday 22 August 2025 14:21

**To:** Colin Murphy [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: LBTMC 4 - NRM 08 - AA Screening

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**From:** Moreno Stellini [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 August 2025 13:23  
**To:** Christian Nea [REDACTED]; Sarah-Jane Phelan [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Peter King [REDACTED]; Evin Murphy [REDACTED]; Patrick O'Shea [REDACTED]; Jane Stafford [REDACTED]; Aidan Farrell [REDACTED]; Michael Costelloe [REDACTED]; Conor McGroarty [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** LBTMC 4 - NRM 08 - AA Screening

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Hi Christian / Sarah-Jane,

Hope you're well.

Please find attached AA Screening for Non Routine Maintenance No.8 – Royal Canal Underbridge.

Let me know if you have any comments.

Thank you

**Best regards**

**Moreno Stellini**

**Roughan & O'Donovan** | *consulting engineers*

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