

Colin Murphy

From: O'Donoghue, Paul [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 30 June 2026 10:22
To: Colin Murphy
Cc: Christian Nea; Vincent O'Malley; Daly, Vincent
Subject: RE: TS-N24-021.00. Cappa New Bridge

Colin

Many thanks.

Paul

Paul O'Donoghue BSc MSc PhD MCIEEM CEnV
Associate Director (Ecologist)

[REDACTED]
Unit 2B, 2200 Cork Airport Business Park
Cork, T12 R279, Ireland

AtkinsRéalis

AtkinsRéalis - Baseline / Référence

From: Colin Murphy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 9:44 AM
To: O'Donoghue, Paul [REDACTED]
Cc: Christian Nea [REDACTED]; Vincent O'Malley [REDACTED]; Daly, Vincent
<[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: TS-N24-021.00. Cappa New Bridge

Paul,

Please see reasoned determination below for the proposed works at Cappa Bridge.

Regards,
Colin Murphy
Ecologist
Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Address: [Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Place, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8, Ireland, D08 DK10](#)



We are environmentally,
economically and socially
sustainable at TII



www.tii.ie



info@tii.ie



+353 (01) 646 3600

In accordance with TII's Right to Disconnect policy, if you are receiving this email outside of normal working hours, I do not expect a response or action outside of your own working hours unless it is clearly noted as requiring urgent attention.

De réir pholasaí BIÉ An Ceart gan a bheith Ceangailte, má tá an ríomhphost seo á fháil agat lasmuigh de na gnáthuaireanta oibre, nílím ag súil le freagra ná le gníomh uait lasmuigh de do ghnáthuaireanta oibre féin mura bhfuil sé ráite go soiléir go bhfuil gá gníomhú go práinneach.

TII processes personal data provided to it in accordance with its Data Protection Notice available at <https://www.tii.ie/about/about-tii/Data-Protection/>

Próiseálann BIÉ sonraí pearsanta a sholáthraítear dó i gcomhréir lena Fhógra ar Chosaint Sonraí atá ar fáil ag <https://www.tii.ie/about/about-tii/Data-Protection/?set-lang=ga>

TII E-mail system: This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. If you have received this email in error then please notify postmaster@tii.ie and delete the original including attachments.

Córas r-phoist BIE: Tá an ríomhphost seo agus aon chomhaid a tharchuirtear leis faoi rún agus beartaithe lena n-úsáid ag an duine aonair nó ag an eintiteas a bhfuil siad dírithe chuige/chuici amháin. Más rud é go bhfuair tú an ríomhphost seo trí bhotún, cuir sin in iúil do postmaster@tii.ie, le do thoil, agus scríos an ríomhphost bunaidh agus aon cheangaltáin.

From: Vincent O'Malley [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 29 June 2026 15:10
To: Colin Murphy [REDACTED]
Cc: Christian Nea [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: TS-N24-021.00. Cappa New Bridge

Hi Colin,
Based on the information provided in this email and the email of the 16/06/2026, I accept the reasoned determination set out below.
Sincerely
Vincent

Dr Vincent O'Malley
Head of Environmental Policy & Compliance,
Transport Infrastructure Ireland
www.tii.ie

From: Colin Murphy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday 29 June 2026 14:56
To: Vincent O'Malley <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Christian Nea <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: TS-N24-021.00. Cappa New Bridge

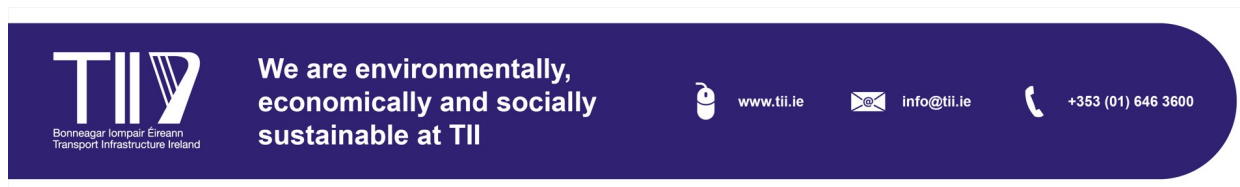
Hi Vincent,

We had received supplementary information relating to the Cappa Bridge Freshwater Pearl Mussel Survey from AtkinsRéalis. In the email attached there is a survey report which details the extent area for which the pearl mussel survey was carried out in 2026. The report clarifies that surveys were carried out at the bridge location and 100m up and downstream. No live surveys were recorded during the survey. The excel spreadsheet incorrectly states that no dead shells were found, however the survey report states that a small number of dead shells and shell fragments were recorded.

Based on the additional information provided in the survey report, I agree with the opinion provided by AtkinsRéalis to screen out the proposed works.

Regards,
Colin Murphy
Ecologist
Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Address: [Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Place, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8, Ireland, D08 DK10](#)



In accordance with TII's Right to Disconnect policy, if you are receiving this email outside of normal working hours, I do not expect a response or action outside of your own working hours unless it is clearly noted as requiring urgent attention.

De réir pholasaí BIÉ An Ceart gan a bheith Ceangailte, má tá an ríomhphost seo á fháil agat lasmuigh de na gnáthuaireanta oibre, nílim ag súil le freagra ná le gníomh uait lasmuigh de do ghnáthuaireanta oibre féin mura bhfuil sé ráite go soiléir go bhfuil gá gníomhú go práinneach.

TII processes personal data provided to it in accordance with its Data Protection Notice available at <https://www.tii.ie/about/about-tii/Data-Protection/>

Próiseálann BIÉ sonraí pearsanta a sholáthraítear dó i gcomhréir lena Fhógra ar Chosaint Sonraí atá ar fáil ag <https://www.tii.ie/about/about-tii/Data-Protection/?set-lang=ga>

TII E-mail system: This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. If you have received this email in error then please notify postmaster@tii.ie and delete the original including attachments.

Córas r-phoist BIE: Tá an ríomhphost seo agus aon chomhaid a tharchuirtear leis faoi rún agus beartaithe lena n-úsáid ag an duine aonair nó ag an eintiteas a bhfuil siad dírithe chuige/chuici amháin. Más rud é go bhfuair tú an ríomhphost seo trí bhotún, cuir sin in iúil do postmaster@tii.ie, le do thoil, agus scríos an ríomhphost bunaidh agus aon cheangaltáin.

From: Colin Murphy
Sent: Tuesday 16 June 2026 14:21
To: Vincent O'Malley [REDACTED]
Cc: Christian Nea [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: TS-N24-021.00. Cappa New Bridge

Hi Vincent,

We have received an updated survey information that was carried out at the Cappa South Bridge in South Tipperary, which was excluded from assessment pending Freshwater pearl mussel surveys. I would be grateful if you could review and provide a recommendation.

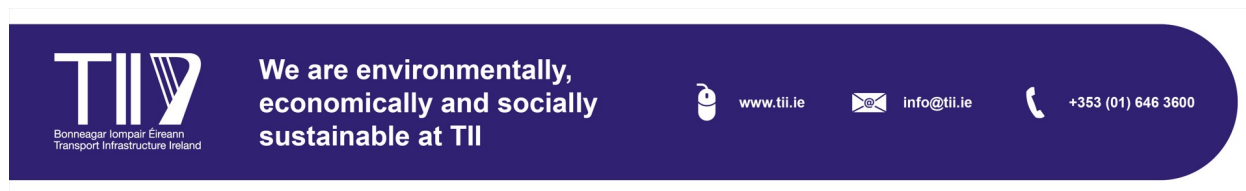
The works include the removal of trees and debris from within the river channel. The vegetation will be removed from the road above. Other works include drainage cleaning and small concrete repairs, where the mortar will be applied by hand.

The works will occur over the River Aherlow which forms part of the Lower River Suir SAC. The Lower River Suir SAC is designated for several terrestrial and freshwater species and habitats, one of which is Freshwater pearl mussel. Surveys carried out in 2026 found no live mussels or dead shells at the bridge location. See excel document attached.

Therefore, based on the limited extent of works within the river (removal of trees) and the 2026 Freshwater pearl mussel survey results, I agree with the opinion provided by AtkinsRéalis to screen out the proposed works.

Regards,
Colin Murphy
Ecologist
Transport Infrastructure Ireland
[REDACTED]

Address: [Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Place, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8, Ireland, D08 DK10](#)



In accordance with TII's Right to Disconnect policy, if you are receiving this email outside of normal working hours, I do not expect a response or action outside of your own working hours unless it is clearly noted as requiring urgent attention.

De réir pholasaí BIÉ An Ceart gan a bheith Ceangailte, má tá an ríomhphost seo á fháil agat lasmuigh de na gnáthuaireanta oibre, nílím ag súil le freagra ná le gníomh uait lasmuigh de do ghnáthuaireanta oibre féin mura bhfuil sé ráite go soiléir go bhfuil gá gníomhú go práinneach.

TII processes personal data provided to it in accordance with its Data Protection Notice available at <https://www.tii.ie/about/about-tii/Data-Protection/>

Próiseálann BIÉ sonraí pearsanta a sholáthraítear dó i gcomhréir lena Fhógra ar Chosaint Sonraí atá ar fáil ag <https://www.tii.ie/about/about-tii/Data-Protection/?set-lang=ga>

TII E-mail system: This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. If you have received this email in error then please notify postmaster@tii.ie and delete the original including attachments.

Córas r-phoist BIE: Tá an ríomhphost seo agus aon chomhaid a tharchuirtear leis faoi rún agus beartaithe lena n-úsáid ag an duine aonair nó ag an eintiteas a bhfuil siad dírithe chuige/chuici amháin. Más rud é go bhfuair tú an ríomhphost seo trí bhotún, cuir sin in iúil do postmaster@tii.ie, le do thoil, agus scríos an ríomhphost bunaidh agus aon cheangaltáin.

From: O'Donoghue, Paul [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 9 June 2026 18:38
To: Colin Murphy [REDACTED]
Cc: Christian Nea [REDACTED]; Daly, Vincent [REDACTED]; McSweeney, Rian [REDACTED]; Downey, Caroline [REDACTED]
Subject: TS-N24-021.00. Cappa New Bridge

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of TII. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and are sure that the content is safe.

Colin

Re. Tipperary South

TS-N24-021.00. Cappa New Bridge

Hi. In Tipperary South we had one structure where a Freshwater Pearl Mussel survey was required before we could arrive at a Screening Decision and issue for a Determination.

A Freshwater Pearl Mussel survey was completed by EcoFact in May 2026. The surveyor has indicated – “*Surveyed on the 25th of May 2026 by Ecofact, no live mussels were present, no dead shells were found*”.

I have therefore completed a Screening. Please find attached. When you have a moment could you review and issue a Determination.

Many thanks

Paul

Paul O'Donoghue BSc MSc PhD MCIEEM CEnV
Associate Director (Ecologist)

[REDACTED]
Unit 2B, 2200 Cork Airport Business Park
Cork, T12 R279, Ireland

AtkinsRéalis



[Podcasts](#)

[Beyond Engineering](#)

[Careers](#)



At AtkinsRéalis, we work flexible hours around the world. Although I have sent this email at a time convenient for me, I don't expect you to respond until it works for you.



NOTICE – This email message and any attachments may contain information or material that is confidential, privileged, and/or subject to copyright or other rights. Any unauthorized viewing, disclosure, retransmission, dissemination, or other use of or reliance on this message or anything contained therein is strictly prohibited and may be unlawful. If you believe you may have received this message in error, kindly inform the sender by return email and delete this message from your system. Thank you.

AtkinsRéalis - Baseline / Référence

In accordance with TII's Right to Disconnect policy, if you are receiving this email outside of normal working hours, I do not expect a response or action outside of your own working hours unless it is clearly noted as requiring urgent attention.

De réir pholasaí BIÉ An Ceart gan a bheith Ceangailte, má tá an ríomhphost seo á fháil agat lasmuigh de na gnáthuaireanta oibre, nílím ag súil le freagra ná le gníomh uait lasmuigh de do ghnáthuaireanta oibre féin mura bhfuil sé ráite go soiléir go bhfuil gá gníomhú go práinneach.

TII processes personal data provided to it in accordance with its Data Protection Notice available at <https://www.tii.ie/en/compliance/data-protection-notice/>

Próiseálann BIÉ sonraí pearsanta a sholáthraítear dó i gcomhréir lena Fhógra ar Chosaint Sonraí atá ar fáil ag <https://www.tii.ie/ga/compliance/data-protection-notice/>

TII E-mail system: This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. If you have received this email in error then please notify postmaster@tii.ie and delete the original including attachments.

Córas r-phoist BIE: Tá an ríomhphost seo agus aon chomhaid a tharchuirtear leis faoi rún agus beartaithe lena n-úsáid ag an duine aonair nó ag an eintiteas a bhfuil siad dírithe chuige/chuici amháin. Más rud é go bhfuair tú an ríomhphost seo trí bhotún, cuir sin in iúil do postmaster@tii.ie, le do thoil, agus scrios an ríomhphost bunaidh agus aon cheangaltáin.

In accordance with TII's Right to Disconnect policy, if you are receiving this email outside of normal

working hours, I do not expect a response or action outside of your own working hours unless it is clearly noted as requiring urgent attention.

De réir pholasaí BIÉ An Ceart gan a bheith Ceangailte, má tá an ríomhphost seo á fháil agat lasmuigh de na gnáthuaireanta oibre, nílim ag súil le freagra ná le gníomh uait lasmuigh de do ghnáthuaireanta oibre féin mura bhfuil sé ráite go soiléir go bhfuil gá gníomhú go práinneach.

TII processes personal data provided to it in accordance with its Data Protection Notice available at <https://www.tii.ie/en/compliance/data-protection-notice/>

Próiseálann BIÉ sonraí pearsanta a sholáthraítear dó i gcomhréir lena Fhógra ar Chosaint Sonraí atá ar fáil ag <https://www.tii.ie/ga/compliance/data-protection-notice/>

TII E-mail system: This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. If you have received this email in error then please notify postmaster@tii.ie and delete the original including attachments.

Córas r-phoist BIE: Tá an ríomhphost seo agus aon chomhaid a tharchuirtear leis faoi rún agus beartaithe lena n-úsáid ag an duine aonair nó ag an eintiteas a bhfuil siad dírithe chuige/chuici amháin. Más rud é go bhfuair tú an ríomhphost seo trí bhotún, cuir sin in iúil do postmaster@tii.ie, le do thoil, agus scríos an ríomhphost bunaidh agus aon cheangaltáin.

In accordance with TII's Right to Disconnect policy, if you are receiving this email outside of normal working hours, I do not expect a response or action outside of your own working hours unless it is clearly noted as requiring urgent attention.

De réir pholasaí BIÉ An Ceart gan a bheith Ceangailte, má tá an ríomhphost seo á fháil agat lasmuigh de na gnáthuaireanta oibre, nílim ag súil le freagra ná le gníomh uait lasmuigh de do ghnáthuaireanta oibre féin mura bhfuil sé ráite go soiléir go bhfuil gá gníomhú go práinneach.

TII processes personal data provided to it in accordance with its Data Protection Notice available at <https://www.tii.ie/en/compliance/data-protection-notice/>

Próiseálann BIÉ sonraí pearsanta a sholáthraítear dó i gcomhréir lena Fhógra ar Chosaint Sonraí atá ar fáil ag <https://www.tii.ie/ga/compliance/data-protection-notice/>

TII E-mail system: This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. If you have received this email in error then please notify postmaster@tii.ie and delete the original including attachments.

Córas r-phoist BIE: Tá an ríomhphost seo agus aon chomhaid a tharchuirtear leis faoi rún agus beartaithe lena n-úsáid ag an duine aonair nó ag an eintiteas a bhfuil siad dírithe chuige/chuici amháin. Más rud é go bhfuair tú an ríomhphost seo trí bhotún, cuir sin in iúil do postmaster@tii.ie, le do thoil, agus scríos an ríomhphost bunaidh agus aon cheangaltáin.