

## Colin Murphy

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**From:** Vincent O'Malley  
**Sent:** Monday 31 March 2025 10:51  
**To:** Christian Nea  
**Cc:** Colin Murphy  
**Subject:** RE: LBTMC 4 - AA screening Non Routine Maintenance No. 3

Hi Christian,

Having reviewed the contents of the screening exercise, I am happy to accept the reasoned determination as set out below.

Sincerely

Vincent

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*Dr Vincent O'Malley  
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**From:** Christian Nea <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday 28 March 2025 15:52  
**To:** Vincent O'Malley <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Colin Murphy <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: LBTMC 4 - AA screening Non Routine Maintenance No. 3  
**Importance:** High

Vincent,

Having reviewed the information contained within *Leinster Bridges Non-Routine Maintenance – AA Screening Report – Castlecomer Bridge (KK-N78-007.00)* (ROD, March 2025) and having regard to Colin's assessment below, I recommend that the following reasoned determination can be made:

*"Having performed screening for Appropriate Assessment in respect of the proposed reactive maintenance works detailed in Leinster Bridges Non-Routine Maintenance – AA Screening Report – Castlecomer Bridge (KK-N78-007.00) (ROD, March 2025) attached to the email received from Moreno Stellini dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2025, and entitled 'RE: LBTMC 4 - AA screening Non Routine Maintenance No. 3', I accept the recommendation of Roughan and O'Donovan that the proposed reactive maintenance 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."*

Kind regards,

Christian.

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**From:** Colin Murphy <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Friday 28 March 2025 15:07

**To:** Christian Nea <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** FW: LBTMC 4 - AA screening Non Routine Maintenance No. 3

Hi Christian,

I have reviewed the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report completed by Roughan & O'Donovan in relation to the works proposed at Castlecomer bridge, located in Co. Kilkenny.

As noted in the AASR, the proposed non-routine maintenance works include the reconstruction of the northern and southern bridge parapets on the Castlecomer bridge following a vehicle strike. The reconstruction works on the northern parapet will be undertaken from the roadside and it is proposed to complete the reconstruction works on the southern parapet using an underbridge unit. No instream works are proposed. The works are expected to take 5 days to complete.

The Castlecomer bridge spans the River Dinin, which is designated as part of the River Barrow and River Nore SAC. The River Dinin also has hydrological connectivity to the River Nore SPA, approximately 25km downstream. The River Barrow and River Nore SAC is designated for several terrestrial and aquatic QI habitats and species, while the River Nore SPA is designated for one SCI species, Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*) [A229].

The AASR notes '*there is a risk of pollution occurring during the works, should wet mortar be spilled during the parapet reconstruction, however the quantity of mortar being used at any one time will be small and the capacity of the river to dilute any fallen mortar means that there is no risk of likely significant effects*'. While the dilution capacity of the receiving river is a factor in reducing the risk of likely significant effects on the SAC, it is also important to highlight the proposed works are of a small nature and scale and short duration. No instream works within the SAC are proposed. The underbridge unit required to complete the repair works will also significantly reduce any risk of wet mortar entering the water during construction.

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, I agree with the conclusion that the proposed works will not lead to likely significant effects on the River Barrow and River Nore SAC or any other European Site.

Regards,

Colin Murphy

Ecologist

Transport Infrastructure Ireland

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**From:** Christian Nea <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday 28 March 2025 11:26  
**To:** Colin Murphy <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: LBTMC 4 - AA screening Non Routine Maintenance No. 3

Revised report, as discussed.

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**From:** Moreno Stellini <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 19 March 2025 12:09  
**To:** Christian Nea <[REDACTED]>; Sarah-Jane Phelan <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Peter King <[REDACTED]>; Patrick O'Shea <[REDACTED]>; Jane Stafford <[REDACTED]>;  
Conor McGroarty <[REDACTED]>; Michael Costelloe <[REDACTED]>; Aidan Farrell <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: LBTMC 4 - AA screening Non Routine Maintenance No. 3

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Hi Christian / Sarah-Jane,

Hope you're well.

Please see attached revised AA screening for Non Routine Maintenance No.3.

Please let us know if you have any comments.

Thank you

**Best regards**

**Moreno Stellini**

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

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**From:** Moreno Stellini

**Sent:** 06 March 2025 16:43

**To:** Christian Nea [REDACTED]; Sarah-Jane Phelan [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Peter King [REDACTED]; Patrick O'Shea [REDACTED]; Jane Stafford [REDACTED]  
Conor McGroarty [REDACTED]; Michael Costelloe [REDACTED]; Aidan Farrell [REDACTED]

**Subject:** LBTMC 4 - AA screening Non Routine Maintenance No. 2 & No. 3 [Filed 06 Mar 2025 16:43]

Hi Christian / Sarah-Jane,

Hope you're well.

Please see attached AA screening for Non Routine Maintenance No. 2 & No.3.

Please let us know if you have any comments.

Thank you

**Best regards**

**Moreno Stellini**

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