

Colin Murphy

From: Vincent O'Malley
Sent: Monday 28 July 2025 16:30
To: Colin Murphy
Cc: Christian Nea
Subject: Re: Re. MCAAS C22 [Screening for Appropriate Assessment – proposed culvert works]

Hi Colin,
Having reviewed your email and the accompanying attachment, I accept the reasoned determination as set out below.
Sincerely
Vincent

Dr Vincent O'Malley
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From: Colin Murphy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 10:50
To: Vincent O'Malley [REDACTED]
Cc: Christian Nea [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Re. MCAAS C22 [Screening for Appropriate Assessment – proposed culvert works]

Hi Vincent,

We have received a AA screening report from Atkins Réalis for proposed emergency works at a culvert on the M8 in Tipperary. I would be grateful if you could review the information below and provide a reasoned determination.

As noted in the document attached, the proposed emergency works will involve repairs to 'Culvert 22' on the M8 Motorway in Bohemarnane, County Tipperary. The Site is located approximately 7.5km southwest of Cahir, on the M8 stretch connecting Cahir to Mitchelstown. The works will involve the repair of the existing timber post and rails on the northbound side of the proposed site, clearance of a section of the adjacent hedgerow for access and vegetation clearance within the V ditches. A new precast retaining wall will be installed from the existing rock armour 1.8m above the invert of culvert 22. A new 300 millimetre (mm) diameter pipe will be laid from the open drain to new outlet headwall and a new 1200mm precast chamber will be installed over the 300mm pipe. The existing pipework will be extended to connect to the new manhole. A new stream alignment will be excavated and a new bund will be constructed to match the level of the retaining wall. All works will be carried out in the dry.

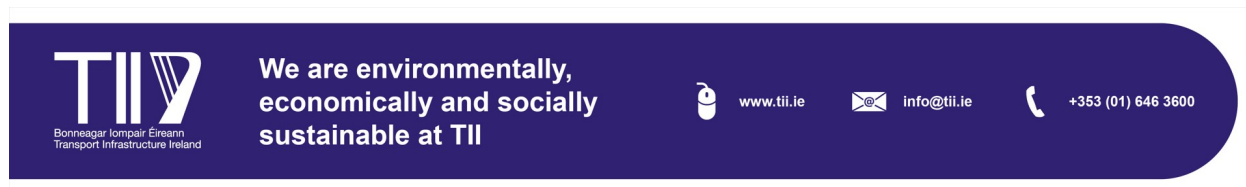
As noted in the report attached, the culvert is located over a small watercourse flows southwest joining the Thonoge River approximately 265m away. The Thonoge deposits into the Suir River approximately 2.8km downstream, subsequently flowing into the Upper Suir Estuary transitional waterbody approximately 53km downstream of the Site. The watercourse has a minimal flow with signs of hydrocarbon pollution present. No invasive species were recorded and the Site holds little ecological value in the landscape context. The Site does not lie within any European site nor is it immediately adjacent to any European site. There is potential indirect

hydrological connectivity between the proposed works site and the Lower River Suir SAC (002137) via the Thonoge and Suir Rivers (approximately 10.5km downstream). The Lower River Suir SAC is designated for several terrestrial and aquatic QI habitats and species. While the report acknowledges the hydrological connectivity between the proposed works site and the SAC, the potential for indirect hydrological and hydrogeological impacts via the Thonoge and Suir rivers are ruled out due to the small nature of the works and the significant downstream distance to any European Sites.

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 Paul O'Donoghue dated the 25th of July 2025, and entitled 'Re. MCAAS C22 [Screening for Appropriate Assessment – proposed culvert works]', I accept the recommendation of AtkinsRéalis that the proposed emergency 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.

Regards,
Colin Murphy
Ecologist
Transport Infrastructure Ireland

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Re. MCAAS C22 [Screening for Appropriate Assessment – proposed culvert works]

Please find attached an AA Screening for proposed emergency works at a culvert on the M8 in Tipperary for assessment and issuing of a Determination.

Don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Regards

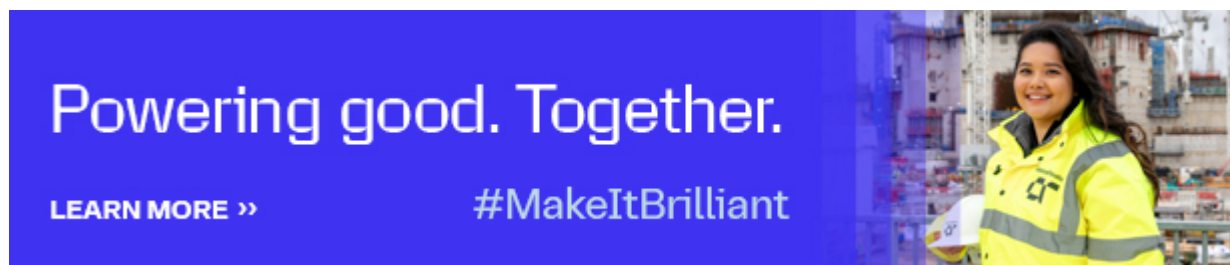
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