

CORRESPONDENCE

MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE

8TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

- Email received on 30th July, 2026 from Tim Fitzgerald, Senior Engineer, Mid West National Road Design Office, and 19th August, 2026 from John O’Keeffe, Senior Executive Engineer, Central Services, Limerick City and County Council in reply to request from Councillor Collins to discuss the proposed installation of traffic lights on the bridge on the N21 at Adare following the opening of the bypass next year.
- Email received on 25th August, 2026 from John O’Keeffe, Senior Executive Engineer, Central Services, Limerick City and County Council in reply to query from Councillor O’Donoghue regarding a recently resurfaced road on the N20 at Banogue Village, he queried why works were carried out on this section of road as it had been resurfaced to a high standard less than five years previously and requested the costs associated with these works and where the funding was sourced.
- Email received on 27th August, 2026 from Jari Howard, N/M20 Project Coordinator, Mid West National Road Design Office, Limerick City and County Council in reply to query from Councillor O’Donoghue as to why a cattle underpass was replaced along the N20 near Patrickswell and requested the costs associated with these works and where the funding was sourced.
- Email received on 31st August, 2026 from Roland Ayliffe, Local Representative Support Desk, Uisce Éireann in reply to request from Councillor Hartigan for an update on the proposed Askeaton Sewerage Scheme.

From: Tim Fitzgerald
Sent: Thursday 30 July 2026 17:50
Subject: [EXTERNAL]RE: Request to attend

Karen

There are no works proposed to be undertaken on the existing Maigue River bridge as part of Foynes to Limerick / Adare Bypass scheme. The scheme will, in essence, remove a substantial amount of traffic from the town. Similarly, it is not proposed to install traffic lights at this location as part of the Adare Bypass or any other project being progressed in the Road Design Office. Our only involvement at this location is the planned rehabilitation works which are due to commence on the 4th of August.

Accordingly I do not see a need for a representative from the Road Design Office at the meeting

Regards

Tim Fitzgerald,
Senior Engineer,
Mid West National Road Design Office,
Limerick City and County Council,
Lissanalta House, Dooradoyle, Limerick, V94 H5RR

From: O'Keeffe, John
Sent: Wednesday 19 August 2026 12:40
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: Request to attend

Hi Karen,

Apologies for my delayed response. As per Tims response below, we are not aware of any proposals to install traffic lights on the bridge in Adare post Bypass opening. This subject has not come up in any discussions either internally within LCCC or through the TII. I would suggest the matter is addressed by the District engineer initially based on the information myself and Tim have provided.

Regards,

John

John O'Keeffe | Senior Executive Engineer | Limerick City & County Council
Roads - Central Services | County Hall | Dooradoyle I Co. Limerick I V94WV78

From: O'Keeffe, John

Sent: Tuesday 25 August 2026 15:38

Subject: RE: Request Cllr O'Donoghue September meeting Adare Rathkeale MD

Karen,

The N20 Banogue pavement resurfacing works undertaken in recent months was delivered through the TII HD28 Funding Stream at a cost of €85,000. TII undertake routine measurements of skid resistance on the national road network using mechanical surveying equipment in order to identify sections of the network with skid resistance properties below the threshold required. In 2026, as part of this process, the section of the N20 in Banogue in question was identified as falling into this category and requiring treatment in the form of pavement surface replacement.

Regards,

John

John O'Keeffe | Senior Executive Engineer | Limerick City & County Council
Roads - Central Services | County Hall | Dooradoyle | Co. Limerick | V94WV78

From: Jari Howard

Sent: Thursday 27 August 2026 11:21

Subject: [EXTERNAL]FW: Request Cllr O'Donoghue September meeting Adare Rathkeale MD

Karen,

Please see response below to Cllr O'Donoghue's request regarding the replacement of the farm underpass in Ballyfookoon. If you require any further information, please contact me.

A Principal Inspection of a farm underpass (TII Ref No. LC-N20-014.00) in Ballyfookoon, 5km north of Croom, identified structural issues with the steel underpass that was constructed by Limerick County Council in 1979 as part of N20 road improvement works. A Structural Risk Assessment was carried out by consultants Fehily Timoney on behalf of the Mid West National Road Design Office. The recommendations from the structural risk assessment were to install temporary propping and immediately progress the design and procurement of a replacement precast concrete farm underpass. Following consultation and agreement with the landowner, the temporary propping was installed, which closed the underpass for farm use. Limerick City and County Council procured the supply of the precast concrete elements (Croom Concrete) and the contractor (Sorensen Civil Engineering Ltd) to complete the replacement works.

The farm underpass was replaced by Sorensen Civil Engineering Ltd during June & July 2026, without the requirement for a road closure. This was achieved with temporary traffic management, and 24 hour works operations over the weekend of 3rd to 6th July 2026. The total tendered cost of the supply and works contracts as per the contract award notices published on etenders were approximately €478,000 excluding VAT. The project is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and managed by the Mid West National Road Design Office.

Regards,

Jari Howard

N/M20 Project Coordinator,
Mid West National Road Design Office,
Limerick City & County Council

From: localrepsupport <localrepsupport@water.ie>
Sent: Monday 31 August 2026 16:13
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Uisce Éireann LRSD Query Ref: 52905/107745

Dear Karen and Cllr. Hartigan,

Thank you for contacting Uisce Éireann's Local Representative Support Desk.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your representation regarding progress on the Proposed Askeaton, Co. Limerick Sewerage Scheme. I understand this issue is a source of concern for your constituents.

In order to investigate this matter further, I have opened a query on our system on your behalf. Your Uisce Éireann reference number for same is 52905/107745.

I am currently liaising with my colleagues in our Asset Planning Department to progress matters further. As soon as further information becomes available, a member of our team will be in contact with you.

Please be advised that we aim to respond to your query as efficiently as possible, however, due to the complex nature of some of the queries raised, we may require input from various Uisce Éireann departments to obtain full aspects of responses. As you can appreciate, this may extend our response times in certain scenarios.

Your continued patience and understanding is greatly appreciated whilst we investigate your query.

Yours sincerely,

Roland Ayliffe
Local Representative Support Desk

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