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Dear Mr Murphy,

I refer to your correspondence to Heather Humphreys, T.D., Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in relation to the Heritage Bill 2016. The Minister has noted the motion of the Council.

The amendments to the Canals Act in the Heritage Bill are enabling provisions to allow for the making of bye-laws to regulate boating on the canals and to manage the use of the canals. You may be aware that the Heritage Bill is at Committee stage in the Seanad.

It is the Minister's intention to bring an amendment at Report Stage to extend the canal bye-law statutory consultation period to bring it into line with similar provisions in other legislation.

Yours sincerely,

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