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Subject: Request for Environment Impact Statement on Ardee raised Bog in relation to Ardee N52 By-pass/realignment,..

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Shane Ross TD

Minister Transport Tourism and Sport

Kildare St. Dublin 2

Re Proposed Ardee N52 By-pass/realignment Co Louth

Dear Minister,

We request your intervention with regard to this project to ensure that any funding by your Department, and further consideration of the scheme by Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Louth Co Co is compliant with EU and National law with regard to Environmental Impact Assessment.

The original screening by An Bord Pleanala for Environmental Impact Assessment determined that EIA was not required on 1st Oct 2001

Since then there have been extensive revisions to the EIA Directive,. publication of EU Commission Guidance, and relevant judgments in the European and National courts which warrant a reconsideration of the EIA status of this project.

In particular the proposed route has a direct impact a proposed National Heritage Area and flood risk and zone evaluation has been carried out on the area by the OPW which was not available for consideration in 2001. The NHA is the only Raised Bog in Co Louth, is of local ecological value, is a carbon store and performs a local flood attenuation function. These considerations were not properly addressed in 2001

We look forward to your consideration and attach relevant information

We request information as to what action you are taking on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Lumley, Advocacy Officer cc Transport Infrastructure Ireland

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