

N4 upgrade

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## **RE: N4 Upgrade**

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Mr Clark,

With regard to the N4 Upgrade - "Emerging Preferred Route (Blue Route)" we request that the closing date for all submissions commenting on this route, June 5th be moved onward by at least one month, but, preferably, by two months.

We think that such a change of reply date is fully justified on the following grounds -

1. A complete lack of environmental information to inform people as to the proper decision. No E.I.S has been prepared. Such a document is promised farther down the process - but is needed now.
2. A complete lack of a detailed hydrology report on an area where this will be vital.
3. A complete report from Westmeath Co. Council as to the effects on drinking water supply.
4. No thorough ecological report.
5. No detailed Archaeological survey has been completed. Such information is not of any real value later in the process.
6. Traffic reports and projections are not available to the public in complete form.

If consultation is to be meaningful and comprehensive it should surely be possible to move this date.

Looking forward to a favourable response.

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