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Tunnels For Wildlife Underneath The New Westmeath Roads

Director

The National Roads Authority

St Martin's House

Waterloo Road

Dublin 4

2nd December 2005

Dear Sir/Madam I am writing to you with reference to the section of dual carriageway from McNead's Bridge which is nearing completion and will be opened soon.

We would like to know how many under road tunnels have been provided along this stretch to provide safe passage for wild creatures such tunnels being regarded as part of best practice in modern road building.

We would also like to know the plans for roadside planting for this stretch. The Down's realignment features such planting but it is totally dominated by one species ash. This is not best practice so we would very much like to know what the plans are for the new stretch.

Your speedy reply would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Murphy P.R.O.

Same letter also to: Mr John Ahem, Road Section, Westmeath County Council

P.T. Williams, Roads Construction Company, McNead's Bridge to

Kinnegad Section N4, County Westmeath Minister for Transport