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Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht,
Review of Section 40
7 Ely Place,
Dublin 2.
To: nature.conservation@ahg.gov.ie

Cllr. Paddy Meades submission for Section 40 of the Wildlife Acts 1976 to 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

I Cllr. Paddy Meade of Meath County Council submit the following submission looking for changes to sections of Section 40 of the Wildlife Acts 1976 to 2012. I have carefully read and analysed the public consultation review document that has been circulated.

My primary request is that the legislation be changed to allow for the cutting of roadside hedges for public safety reasons, outside of the closed period. This request to allow the cutting of hedges on public roadsides should not solely apply to dangerous road bends; it should also apply to all sections of public roads.

I am aware that current planning permission requirements state that there must be visibility from the entrance of a new residence extending to 180 metres on either side of the proposed entrance. I believe that this safe level of visibility must be maintained year round as is intended by the Department of Environment and Local Government Planning guidelines however to enable this hedgecutting during the summer season must be allowed.

This issue is also a significant concern for all road using citizens driving in rural areas. Developing wise hedge management strategies will provide for the creation of safer public roads. Thus I urge that the review of the Wildlife Acts takes this on board.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Kind Regards,

Cllr. Paddy Meade
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Elected Member of Meath County Council
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