



Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council



Date: 5th February 2025

Re: Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council

Dear Meetings Administrator

At a recent Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council, the following motion was agreed by the Members:

In light of over 40 trees falling during Storm Darragh, damaging power lines and leaving homes and businesses without power for days, I propose this Council writes to Nicholas Tarrant, MD of ESB Networks, and Keith Leonard, Head of the National Emergency Coordination Group. They should ensure compliance with wayleaves and exclusion zones near overhead powerlines, requiring forestry owners to meet clearance standards. ESB Networks should take pre-emptive measures ahead of storms to prevent similar outages. Additionally, compliance with the DAFM Standards for Felling & Restoration near public roads must be enforced to prevent road safety hazards during extreme weather.

Subsequent to the submission of this motion the events of Storm Éowyn have further highlighted the need for action on this matter.

It was agreed to circulate this motion to all Local Authorities.

Yours sincerely

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