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To All Local Authorities.

A Chara,

At a meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 13th July 2026, the following Notice of Motion was adopted by the members:-

"That this Council calls on Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien to immediately intervene in relation to the unacceptable delays being experienced with ESB connections for new business developments and council-led projects, including essential public lighting installations such as the lighting at Burrin Manor in Carlow Town.

This Council notes with serious concern that these delays are causing unnecessary hold-ups to economic development, undermining public safety, delaying housing and community infrastructure, and creating significant additional costs for both businesses and the local authority. Such a situation is wholly unacceptable and is having a direct negative impact on the delivery of vital services and projects within this county.

This Council further notes that local businesses seeking to expand or establish themselves are being left in limbo by a slow, opaque, and ineffective connection process, while council projects of clear public benefit are being delayed without proper accountability or urgency. The failure to provide timely connections is not a minor administrative issue; it is a barrier to growth, a barrier to progress, and a barrier to public confidence in the delivery of essential infrastructure.

Accordingly, this Council calls on the Minister to:

urgently engage with ESB and all relevant stakeholders to address these delays without further delay;

direct that a clear, transparent, and time-bound process be put in place for business and council connections;

ensure that public lighting and other safety-critical infrastructure is treated as a priority;

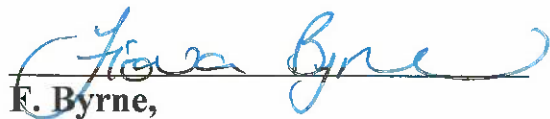
report back on what immediate steps will be taken to remove the bottlenecks currently holding back development.

This Council is clear that the current situation is not good enough. Communities, businesses, and local authorities cannot continue to be left waiting indefinitely for basic infrastructure connections. Immediate ministerial action is now required."

This motion is circulated to all local authorities.

I would be obliged if you could give consideration to the members request.

Mise, le meas,



F. Byrne,
Senior Executive Officer/
Meetings Administrator.