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17 June 1991

Mr. Eddie McGrady, MP
14A Scotch Street
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Dear Eddie,

Thank you for your letter of 23rd April about the proposed bridge between Counties Louth and Down at Narrow Water.

I have to say that the prospects for funding for the project in this part of Ireland are not good at present, since it is not among the priorities for the development of national roads under the Government's Programme for Economic and Social Progress. It would therefore be unlikely to benefit from the funding set aside for major road improvements for the immediate period ahead.

It would, of course, be open to either of the local authorities concerned to put the project forward for consideration under the EC Interreg programme. As you will be aware, the two Governments and the Commission have been discussing the details of this programme and it is expected that these will be finalised very shortly. On present plans, however, it seems unlikely that there will be a significant roads component in the Interreg programme.

Yours sincerely,

GERARD COLLINS T.D.

Gerard Collins, T.D.
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr. Grogan,
What about Interreg?
AA 29/5.

Ms Anderson

Mr McGrady has written to the Minister to request the Government's support the proposal to build a bridge at Narrow Water. This project features in the SDLP "Proposals for Cross-border Economic Co-operation" of November 1990.

I asked the Department of the Environment for their observations. The response is filed underneath. I subsequently cleared with them the draft submitted across.

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Oliver Grogan
28 May 1991

Ms Anderson,

Redraft submitted to include reference to Interreg. I understand, however, that the chances of the project being financed under Interreg are remote. In the first place, the Department of Finance felt that it would be outside the terms of the programme as it now stands; these provide for reinforcement of existing roads. Another obstacle would be the cost in view of the fact that only £2 is being provided for roads on the Southern side.

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Mr. Gallagher,

Draft reply across; I regret the delay in submitting it.

AA 19/6.



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24th May 1991

Mr. Oliver Grogan
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Proposed link at Narrow Water Bridge: reps from Eddie McGrady M.P.

Dear Mr. Grogan,

The above mentioned representations refer. As the proposed link would form part of the non-national road network it would normally fall to be financed from the local authority's own resources, supplemented by discretionary grants from the Department of the Environment. It is possible, however, that this project might be eligible for assistance under the Interreg Programme which is at present being considered by the E.C. Commission. It is a matter for Louth County Council in the first instance to put this project forward for assistance under the Interreg Programme.

Yours sincerely,

Noel O'Reilly
Assistant Principal
Road Works Section



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~~Mr. Anderson~~

Mr. Grogan.
ATT 6/5.

Mr R. Murphy.

A/S Fallagher

Letter No. 636

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Your ref IFI/C/McG/91

20 April 1991

Mr Eddie McGrady M.P.
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Dear Mr McGrady

On behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Gerard Collins T.D., I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23 April concerning the proposed link at Narrow Water Bridge between Co Louth and South Down.

I will bring your letter to the Minister's attention at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

John Kirwan
Private Secretary

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23 April 1991

Mr Gerard Collins TD
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Department of Foreign Affairs
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Dear *Gerard*

RE: PROPOSED LINK AT NARROW WATER BRIDGE BETWEEN CO LOUTH AND SOUTH DOWN.

I refer to the above-named matter.

I am writing to request support for a bridge link between Co Louth and South Down, at Narrow Water, outside Warrenpoint.

A bridge at this location would economically regenerate the Cooley Peninsula in Co Down, which is part of the East Border Region, as well as the South Down area.

In order to be successful it requires both the support of both the Irish and British Government. Therefore, I am asking the Irish Government to support this venture.

Perhaps you would advise me accordingly on this matter?

I await a reply in due course.

Yours sincerely

EDDIE MCGRADY MP