

Roads

It is imperative that funding from the various branches of the Just Transition Process are used to address deficits in the infrastructure of County Offaly, roads in particular.

Roads built on peat foundations require more regular maintenance than other roads and East Offaly has suffered the effects of this phenomenon for many years. The primary means of travelling between communities in this county is by road and at present many of these roads require significant investment. This work will improve the quality of life and employment opportunities for people in Offaly as well as creating much direct and indirect employment.

As thousands of acres of bogs in our county are rewetted to encourage them to return to their natural state it is not unreasonable to assume that this shift in land use will effect the many roads that transverse these peatlands, roads linking rural communities built on peat foundations.

Retrofitting

I would encourage the provision of additional supports for homeowners making the transition from Solid fuel heating systems to modern systems such as wood pellet, air to water etc. This support should compliment the existing supports available and ultimately help homeowners in the areas most affected by decarbonisation to move to cleaner and more efficient heating systems for their homes.

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