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AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

40th meeting
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Complaints on stand-by

**Possible negative impact on Breiðafjörður
Nature Reserve's authentic birch woods from
new road infrastructure
(Iceland)**

- REPORT BY THE COMPLAINANT -

*Document prepared by
Iceland Nature Conservation Association*

SHORT UPDATE ON COMPLAINT NO. 2017/06 - POSSIBLE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON BREIÐAFJÖRÐUR NATURE RESERVE'S AUTHENTIC BIRCH WOODS FROM NEW ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE.

Recently, the municipality in the area, *Reykhólahreppur*, published a proposal for a new master plan (“*aðalskipulag*”).

The full master plan proposal (in Icelandic), can be found here:

http://www.reykholar.is/stjornsysla/utgefid_efni/skra/2070/

Unfortunately the road shown there is practically unchanged from previous proposals, see the enclosed older and newer plans.

It will cross the two fjords, *Guðufjörður* and *Djúpi fjörður*, and run along the *Teigsskógur* birch wood, as you can see.

According to this there will be no “possible” negative impact on the Breiðafjörður Nature Reserve, but a CERTAIN negative impact.

That is our opinion.

Please act quick so this could be stopped, and environmentally and climatically better and even cheaper alternative chosen.

With very best wishes

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