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Dear sir/madam,

I write this letter to you because I do not agree with the proposed greenway along the Boyne river in Mornington. The reference number is PL17.307652.

I'm also handwriting my letter because my laptop is not working correctly.

I have to object to this proposed greenway. I have lived on the Boyne estuary my whole life, which is forty years. In this forty years I have seen many changes in my village. I fought with my community as a teenager, rejecting plans to build a port at the mouth of the river and a new road across the estuary.

We did manage to stop that.

This proposal for a greenway doesn't seem to be going away.

The Boyne estuary and its wildlife support to be protected by European law. The estuary is currently teeming with life. Curlews have returned after a couple of years of silence. Seals are also a recent addition on the mudflats between tides.

that was never seen when I was younger. The number & kind of geese has also increased. They divided their time between the river and the fields at the back of my house last winter and spring. Every evening at dusk bats fly around my house and the surrounding area. They have done for as long as I can remember.

I believe that any work in and along the river will have a dramatic impact on the wildlife here. A dramatic and sudden increase in human activity and an increase in pedestrians is a very negative thing.

I know that a lot of residents along the planned greenway stand to lose parts of their gardens. This will de-value their properties.

A large part of the greenway is along the Road with no actual view of the Bayne. It is a very busy Road in terms of traffic. A lot of people favour this route when driving because the Dublin Road into Drogheda has several sets of traffic lights.

The walkway will also pass the busy part, [redacted] and a sewage plant. Not what one would associate with a greenway.

The existing walkway between Drogheda and Oldbridge makes sense. It can remain alongside the river. The Road alongside it - for a short while is a quiet road with very few houses along it. Mornington has a large population.

It has changed so much over the years. I really feel that this area deserves a break. So many places around here from my childhood are no gone. One thing that has changed the least is the Boyne estuary. It's beautiful and it's what I see out my front window. I would really love for it to be allowed to stay as it is.

Yours Sincerely,

