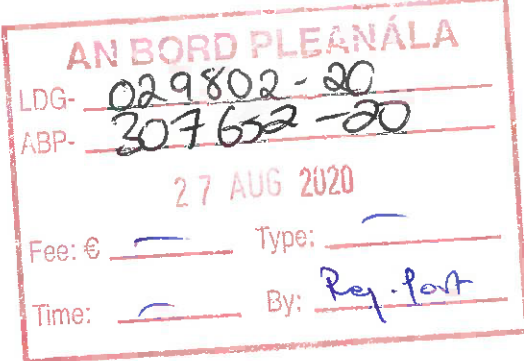


25th August 2020

Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64, Marlborough Street,
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Dear Sir,

Re: Proposed Greenway/Boardwalk – Drogheda -Mornington
Via – Tower Road
Ref. No. PL17.307652

I wish to object, in the strongest possible terms, to the proposed Greenway/Boardwalk being built along Tower Road, Mornington.

It is important to be aware that NOT ONE RESIDENT on Tower Road is in favour of this development along this road.

Should such a development take place it will result in traffic chaos – at the moment we are struggling with traffic congestion, so with the addition of a Boardwalk we will be buried in delays – as it is 'buses have difficult passing each other, but with addition visitor traffic from the proposed greenway this will certainly devolve into safety/security concerns, loss of privacy and the increased likelihood of accidents/incidents occurring.

The stress being caused to those who will lose portions of their front gardens is palpable. We are concerned with the bird and wildlife in general in this area – but who will look out for the welfare of the people who will be so greatly inconvenienced should this proposal go ahead? People deserve consideration also.

A great number of letters were sent in to An Bord Pleanála indicating delight that such a proposal as a Greenway/Boardwalk become reality – but this was at a time when the map on display in the various centres indicated that the

Greenway/Boardwalk was being erected close to the riverbank – not passing through a road by the entrances to private homes and commercial premises as in the finalised plan! Also, these letters were pre-printed, produced in realms and signatures were solicited from all and sundry in the various Drogheda shopping centres. A lady, who had just signed one of these pre-printed letters, when asked was she a resident of the area involved answered “not, not at all, but I like to oblige”.

Our lives [REDACTED] will be utterly changed for the worst by unsuspecting “obliging” people who simply like the notion of a Greenway/Boardwalk.

We are not AGAINST a Greenway/Boardwalk as such, but we are totally opposed to one that is built on Tower Road – one which will rob residents of large tracts of their front gardens, thus reducing the value of their homes, robbing them of their privacy, bulldozing much loved and long-tended gardens, shrubs and trees that contribute to their happiness.

Mornington Court estate residents will lose a large tract of their front green – this is where the children of these homes delight in playing. Only recently a lighting scheme for Mornington Court estate has been put in place – now within weeks of completion it is proposed to bulldoze these lights and underground cables to widen the road at the very area these new structures were erected.

We shall be inundated [REDACTED] with littering, anti-social behaviour, haphazard parking of cars of “walkers” – there is no car park proposed on this Greenway/Boardwalk so local roads and entrances to houses will be severely impacted.

With others I have been walking on other Greenways/Boardwalks – no where are the entrances of private houses opening off these Greenways/Boardwalks.

Are we, the residents of [REDACTED] to be the sacrificial victims of a Greenway/Boardwalk signed for by “obliging” people who know no better?

A Greenway suggests that there is something of nature, something “green” to be seen – not, alas, along [REDACTED] Here only a tarred road and the private homes of hardworking people who have not signed up to be like zoological specimens, gazed at from passers-by who have come to “see”. We do not want this for this road, we do not want this for us – the residents of this road.

European Law, which protects the Boyne River and its environs, the estuary and the dunes is being ignored – this will heavily impact on wildlife, which we all hold so dear.

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There is no safety margin between the proposed greenway and the road – this will be very dangerous for both users and residents.

There are no toilet facilities proposed for those who may venture on the Greenway/Boardwalk.

According to the National Greenway Strategy, a Greenway should be “developed in an integrated manner which enhances both the environment and quality of life of the surrounding area”.

The “proposed” route will not enhance our area – it will only bring misery, depression, stress and anxiety to the residents of Tower Road.

WE DO NOT WANT A GREENWAY/BOARDWALK ON TOWER ROAD.

I appeal to An Bord Pleanála to give careful consideration to this ill-devised proposal, drawn up by those who have no regard for the residents of [REDACTED] those who simply want to tick a box and say “yes” to a Greenway/Boardwalk without considering the heartbreak it will cause the residents of the area it will be bulldozed through.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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