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Re: Proposed Construction of the Boyne Greenway Drogheda to Mornington, Co. Meath & Co. Louth

On behalf of the [REDACTED] I wish to make a submission on the proposal for the construction of the Boyne Greenway, Drogheda to Mornington, located in County Meath & County Louth.

We are a [REDACTED] School serving the students in the [REDACTED] area and our roll numbers are currently at [REDACTED] students. We expect to increase that number in the coming years. We have witnessed first hand the population expansion in this region and whilst it has delivered benefits as regards sustainability of our school and the increased diversity in the student population it has also created challenges and pressures in relation to the lack of appropriate facilities both on the school premises and in the wider community.

A particular challenge for our school is the lack of appropriate pedestrian and cycling facilities and indeed routes to the school. Given the increased traffic in the area, combined with the lack of any footpaths linking either estates or larger urban areas to our school it is simply unsafe for any of our students to either walk or cycle to our school. The proposed Boyne greenway would put an end to this issue and create a safe, direct and sustainable transport route for our young people.

We have considered the current proposal for the construction of a greenway from Mornington to Drogheda and can confirm that we are strongly in support of this project.

We consider that this proposal will deliver substantial benefits to the school community and to the wider community by:

- Providing a sustainable, safe and healthy mode of transportation for many of our students
- Promoting a modal shift to walking and cycling and displacement of car journeys
- Providing a safe means of engagement in healthy leisure activities with resulting benefits in physical and mental health
- Providing access to the river and the associated ecosystems and biodiversity to assist in the delivery of education on these elements and in doing so help to protect our natural environment.



In short, this Greenway will have a long term impact on the lives of our students and the school community. It will pass through some of the land owned by the school and we are prepared to assist with that as we see the long term benefits ahead.

Yours sincerely

