

Boyne Greenway, Drogheda to Mornington Co. Meath and Co. Louth

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you to express serious reservations that need addressing for the Boyne Greenway from Drogheda to Mornington. Whilst I am in favour of a Greenway there are groups of individuals promoting the Greenway for their own personal benefit and gain and not expressing their private interests.

The group in question are members of the [REDACTED] and other companies. They are pushing rezoning of their lands to benefit themselves and not the community. They are posing as good local community people but are wolves in sheeps clothing and want to turn East Meath into the 'Rathmines' of the North East. The trail is one part of the Jigsaw.

In the last week of July an edition of the Drogheda Leader had the [REDACTED] a landowner announce a possible increase in the price of houses by up to 20% if the funding for the cycleway gets cleared. [REDACTED] made a representation to the boundary commission before stating how much land he owns in the area. Please find attached.

He regularly has Fine Gael Clir Sharon Tolan on his front page about it with [REDACTED] also of the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also recently bought land along the trail and has set up a building company. Very strange given the current economic climate that a newspaper would boast of a rise of 20%.

Another member of the [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] who resides in Louth. He is not a constituent of [REDACTED] Yet on the Meath County Council planning application numbered [REDACTED] supported [REDACTED] caravan park. She went against all local residents and was the only one who made a submission in support. This land owned by [REDACTED] is on the Greenway proposed path.

It was ultimately refused permission. Local politicians and residents objected. The only person to support it was [REDACTED] She never mentions in her supporting letter that she was a fellow director of a company with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has held public meetings on the trail and petitions and has never mentioned her relationship with [REDACTED] Strange also that she vehemently supports someone who doesn't even live in her electoral area and those who do vote in her area she went against.

[REDACTED] can be heard to describe East Meath on the LMFM, Michael Reade Show in 2018 contextualising East Meath with "Rathmines" of many decades ago and that the area should be considered to a city, with a mind that such development would be prompted and should be expected.

[REDACTED] was representing Drogheda City Campaign as its [REDACTED] on this podcast.

[REDACTED] with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have set up a company called [REDACTED] whose principal activity is the development of building projects. The [REDACTED] have no building experience but own land out in Mornington on the proposed Boyneside trail route which is not currently zoned for development.

[REDACTED] is a known developer and worked a lot with now deceased member of city status [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] gambled many years ago on rezoning of land in East Meath for [REDACTED] football pitch.....and 10000 houses!

This same group hired [REDACTED] for PR of [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] recognition. Very strange hiring [REDACTED] for a voluntary body. He works on a retainer of 4000 euro and daily charge of minimum 450 euro. Funny that they call for City Status and discuss joining Drogheda with East

Meath but never Termonfeckin, Tullyallen, Monasterboice or Clogherhead. All areas in Louth where they have no property.

East Meath in particular has been a hotbed of dubious planning decisions and construction. With many different characters over time and decisions. The Village magazine and the business post have covered this before. With [REDACTED] at the time being used as a trojan horse to develop into East Meath and Bryanstown lands. This seems to be happening again.

<https://villagemagazine.ie/zoning-change-destroys-new-town-plan>
<http://buckplanning.blogspot.com/2008/08/politicians-push-for-drogheda.html>
[https://www.broadsheet.ie/2012/10/03/\[REDACTED\]-you-say/](https://www.broadsheet.ie/2012/10/03/[REDACTED]-you-say/)

[REDACTED] one of the landowners in the article above has [REDACTED] advertisements on his land.

The main issue of the City status and Greenway is that they are effectively lobbyists for builders and do not disclose this.

They are not registered lobbyists or state they have conflicts here.

They are developers with zero interest in bettering the area but only bettering their pockets.

In October 2017 the City Status met in the Chamber of commerce.

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Pictured here is the meeting. [REDACTED] is first on left, then next male is [REDACTED] beside him is his father, then [REDACTED] out in front with Folder and [REDACTED] on the right second last male. They held a press conference when they handed in their petition to the Dail. The very next month.

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I would imagine in one of these meetings the Business [REDACTED] was discussed and established as it was registered at that time. So it would have been set up after their hopeful political meetings. Attached is the CRO filing and directors [REDACTED]

I am asking An Bord Pleanala to ensure that no private company profits from this and that land owned by these volunteers is forever struck off from development. I am also asking to investigate why politicians set up companies with developers.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]