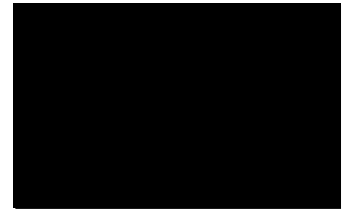


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Ref: Boyne Greenway, Drogheda to Mornington, Co. Meath and Co. Louth

Dear Sir or Madam

I would like to wholeheartedly and strongly offer my support to the Mornington-Drogheda Greenway project. I am a local, based in Drogheda, and I regularly use the Drogheda - Laytown road to visit friends and the coast by car or bus. I have often thought to myself what a beautiful walk it would be - if it wasn't for the traffic. Currently it is simply not safe to walk, which is a terrible shame, given the heavy usage.

What a difference a separate walk and cycleway would make to the environment, the local area, traffic alleviation and public health!

A cycleway/walkway would create a new way for locals to travel what is a well used route. Giving locals a safe, car, truck and bus free route means that people can travel into work, out to the beach, to school, to shop, visit and more. Imagine the impact this would have by taking unnecessary cars off the road? We have a huge population in Drogheda/East Meath, with nearly 80,000 people who would benefit from this.

Not to mention the impact on the environment. Less cars means less pollution and a cleaner environment, and more visibility and appreciation of local wildlife and natural amenities. Everyone deserves to see this unique part of our locality safely.

Every authority in the country needs to strive to improve public health. You do not improve public health by widening roadways, but by providing people with the way to get around by foot, safely and securely. If you build it they will come! Cycleways and walkways around the country have proven their worth beyond measure with locals and visitors flocking to use these pathways.

The Boyne river and estuary is a stunning part of the country, often under-appreciated. I have walked many kilometres of this river, from Navan, through Slane, Drogheda. It is an absolute gem, and deserves the recognition, care and appreciation this route would bring.

Regards

