

8th September 2020 An Bord Pleanala, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1

Dear Sir,

Re: Proposed Drogheda to Mornington Greenway Planning Application, Co Meath and Co Louth ABP-307652-20

I wish to make an observation on this application. I own a working farm on Mornington which is on the route of the proposed Greenway. The proposed construction of the Greenway with the associated widening of the road would encroach on the frontage of my land and would adversely affect the extent and the functioning of my farm. It would also affect the frontage and gardens of other residents along the road.

I would also like to express concerns in relation to the following issues:

- a. The proper planning and development of the area. The Mornington area has had much residential development over recent years and there has already been an increase in traffic and residential density which has affected quality of life for residents and has had adverse effects on the character of the area as a rural and agricultural area. The preservation of areas of agriculture is important for this area and for the environment. The proposed development of the Greenway would alter the character of the area further with an increase in the traffic of pedestrians and cyclists using the Greenway.
- b. Environmental impact of the proposed Greenway. The Tower Road is a habitat for wildlife including sea birds. The proposed Greenway is located in close proximity to the EU- designated Natura 2000 Boyne Estuary Special Protection Area for Conservation. The increase of pedestrians and cyclists using the Greenway in such proximity to this EU-designated Special Protection Area would disturb the wildlife which includes some rare and protected species.

I therefore request that on consideration you refuse this planning application permission to go ahead,

Yours sincerely,