

An Bord Pleanala

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RE: CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOYNE GREENWAY DROGHEDA TO MORNINGTON, CO MEATH & CO LOUTH

To whom it concerns.

We are

We fully support Meath County Council's application to An Bord Pleanala for this Greenway development.

This project has very strong support locally. We were one of the 2,500 that made a submission to Meath County Council in support of this development, during the public consultation period.

This development is necessary for the proper and sustainable development of the East Meath and Drogheda region.

It must proceed for the following reasons:

- For the ______ The current road is not designed, with its narrow corridor for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. No responsible person would allow children to walk or cycle on this road. Cycling or walking should not be a dangerous pastime in Drogheda or East Meath.
- The addition of this section of green way will further enhance the existing greenway from Old Bridge to Drogheda which is already an extremely popular route for runners due its safety and scenic nature.
- Why build all these houses and have no amenity, parks, cycle routes, pedestrian walks? It's simply not fair on the citizens of Drogheda and East Meath.
- The R150 / R151 (Drogheda to Mornington Road) is extremely dangerous. Between 2005 and 2016, there has been 1 fatal accident 3 serious accidents and 34 casualties arising from accidents.
- Despite the projected population growth, the cycle and pedestrian infrastructure in this region is non-existent or very poor.
- This development will improve the residential amenity of Drogheda and East Meath.

 Best international practice. The coastlines of France and the Nederlands have cycle routes on the majority of coastline in their countries.

We welcome the opportunity to make a submission on this planning application, and trust the Board will give serious consideration to our submission and grant conditioned permission for this proposal.

Yours Sincerely,