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10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Re: Construction of The Boyne Greenway Drogheda to Mornington, Co. Meath & Co. Louth**

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 concerning the construction of The Boyne Greenway Drogheda to Mornington, providing both pedestrian and cycleway linkage from Drogheda Town in County Louth to Mornington Village in County Meath.

The lands related to the Greenway straddle the jurisdictions of both Louth and Meath County Councils, with the substantive lands located in County Meath. In this regard and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 the two authorities entered into a Section 85 Agreement with Meath County Council acting as the lead in the function of providing the Boyne Greenway.

The NDP and RSES fully support and promote investment in and development of an integrated network of greenways the advantages of which include *inter alia* an improved quality of life, alternative sustainable modes of transport, healthy communities, economic opportunities and potential for increased cycling tourism both in the local and wider area. The delivery of Greenways, providing for pedestrian and cycle linkages is further supported in numerous government policy documents including 'A Strategy for the Future Development of National and regional Greenways', and the 'National Cycle Policy Framework'.

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At a local level, the Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021 fully supports the principles of sustainable development, including an increased usage of sustainable transport modes, with quality cycle and walking facilities, especially in urban areas, serving as a valuable contribution to the a reduction in car dependency and associated traffic congestion. Policies of the Plan specifically support working in conjunction with adjoining authorities in designing and delivering walking and cycling routes. The Council is also in the process of reviewing the Louth County Development Plan and preparing a Draft Plan. Herein, the policies and objectives are fully in line with the Programme for Government, with National and Regional Plans and with a greater emphasis on the importance of and recognition for pedestrian/cycle routes and greenways.

Louth County Council fully supports the principle of providing and extending new and improved pedestrian and cycle linkages. It is considered that the provision of the Greenway fully accords with national, regional and local policy objectives and government guidance.

Notwithstanding the above, Louth County Council requests that regarding elements of the project taking place in County Louth, that the final detailed design be agreed with Louth County Council.

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