

Bayne Greenway Drogheda to Mornington
Co Meath & Co Louth

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An Bord Pleanála,
64 Maelborough Street,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am contacting you to express my objection to the proposed Bayne Greenway from Drogheda to Mornington.

Having lived along the Tower Road in Mornington for my entire life I have a number of safety concerns around the Greenway.

My concerns are as follows.

- Blindspot

To pull out of our driveway there is a blindspot to the right hand side where it is not possible to see oncoming traffic. At present we are required to open our windows & edge onto the road. It is not practical to apply this tactic to cyclists & pedestrians as the proposed route would mean we would be driving across the greenway path.

- Increased traffic for the beach

With the closure of vehicle access to Bettystown Beach there has been a noticeable increase in

traffic along the Coast & Towee Road where people are driving from Deagheda & the surrounding areas to go for a walk on the beach. There are not many parking spots at Mornington Beach which has led to the narrow road leading to the tower being scattered with parked cars, creating congestion & access difficulties. There was a recent incident where an ambulance was unable to access the road in an emergency situation. I believe the greenway would add to this problem as there are not enough parking facilities included in the proposal.

- Large number of buses on the route

Last year we were provided with an enhanced bus service between Deagheda & Laytown. It was boasted that between the D1 & D2 service there would be a bus going in both directions along the Towee Road roughly every 15 minutes. In addition to this we have witnessed an increase in private school buses bringing our local children to & from schools in the area as a result of Covid 19 restrictions/guidelines on transport. There are no adequate bays along the road for buses to pull into & avoid a build up of traffic behind the buses. This regularly results in motorists overtaking buses in dangerous & hazardous circumstances. It would not be safe to have a cycle lane exposed to constant overtaking. Surely if this route had of been given a bit of thought it would have been included in the areas around the local

Schools in an attempt to reduce traffic & provide local children with a safe alternative way to travel to school.

In conclusion the traffic along the Tower Road is already busy & dangerous. The proposed greenway has not been considered adequately to include my mentioned concerns. We would welcome any member of An Bord Pleanála or Meath County Council to visit our driveway to experience the blindspot I have mentioned. I am not opposed to the Boyne Greenway, I do feel the area would benefit for locals & tourists with increased investment but I believe the greenway that has been put forward is lacking in planning & foresight.

I hope you take my concerns on board.
Kindest regards

