

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

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I write in support of the above named greenway. I believe it can be transformative for the people of South Louth and East Meath. The road network is not fit for purpose in the East Meath area given the explosion in the population from over-development in the area. There are many individuals, families and groups who cycle on these roads for leisure and are constantly in a battle to stay safe from vehicular traffic. The greenway would provide a safe and scenic outlet for them. As someone who drives on the Marsh Road and Coast Road daily I believe it will only enhance the surroundings.

The greenway can spark a tourism boom in the area as it will be seen as a destination in itself when it eventually connects up to Oldbridge, Slane and beyond when we will have a world class scenic cycle route adjacent to some of Ireland's most historic sites in the Boyne Valley.

I am concerned, however, about the proposed route options at a section of it in Mornington. The preferred route at this point should be chosen with care to minimise disruption to local residents in terms of accessing their properties and lack of privacy. Environmental concerns too must be given due consideration.

The greenway can bring positive change for everyone if it's planned in a sympathetic manner. The local community and beyond will have a fantastic outlet to support their physical and mental health. It will most definitely provide an economic boost to the region considering the success of greenways across Ireland such as those in Mayo and Waterford.

Yours sincerely