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REF: Boyne Greenway, Drogheda to Mornington Co. Meath and Co. Louth

Monday, 7th September 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to voice my support for the proposed new section of The Boyne Greenway from Drogheda to Mornington.

I could never have believed that a walkway could make such a difference to a community. The opening of the first stretch of The Boyne Greenway did just that. It opened up our riverside, nature and ecology to local people. People got out and exercised – they walk, run and cycle the route daily. Older people had the chance to get close to nature with a safe, well lit, smooth surfaced stretch of walkway alongside the river. Teachers had the opportunity to bring school children to appreciate the natural environment of the river. Families get out every day and enjoy it. It has genuinely changed the quality of life in this area.

The proposed new section would extend this much needed and much appreciated amenity to people from Drogheda to Mornington and open up the riverside to them too. It would also allow those of us who love the existing stretch to get to know the new section and learn to appreciate and value the ecology and natural landscape in this area.

As a keen hiker, I holidayed in Mayo this summer and was in awe of the thousands of people of all ages walking, hiking and cycling the Wild Atlantic Way. The Boyne Greenway is only a fraction of the length of the Wild Atlantic Way but it's a very, very important and valued amenity for the people of this area and the proposed new section would add significantly to quality of life for locals. It would also add greatly to our tourism offering for visitors to the area.

I whole-heartedly support the proposed new section of The Boyne Greenway and really hope that it goes ahead.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission – it is much appreciated.

