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Proposed Boyne Greenway

Meath County Council has submitted plans to An Bord Pleanála for the construction of the Boyne Greenway- Drogheda to Mornington- a pedestrian way and cycleway linking Drogheda in Co Louth to Mornington Village in County Meath.

I live on the [redacted] with my husband and sister in law, who has [redacted] and we have grave concerns about the impact that this greenway will have on our lives on a daily basis. There is no car park proposed as part of the greenway so we fear that access to our house will be severely impacted. We live at [redacted] close to the beach which is not as busy as the main part of the R151 and is regularly used as a car park which causes a lot of problems. My sister in law cannot walk very far but loves to walk to the beach, which is only about 300 meters away, but during the recent lockdown for Covid 19 at times the entrance to our house was blocked with the cars of people accessing the beach and the traffic was so bad that she was afraid to walk on the road. Additional visitor traffic from the proposed greenway will contribute greatly to an already busy road and junctions. The proposed greenway starts or ends at the Tower Road/Crook Road Bridge, we live adjacent to the bridge, there is no parking or other amenities provided thus greenway users will be forced to park in the dunes, on the roadway or in local housing estates with obvious environmental damage and disruption to residents.

We have safety and security and nuisance concerns in relation to potential increase of non residential members walking or cycling around the area. Littering, parking, antisocial behavior, security and safety will become bigger issues.

Some Tower Road residents will lose large parts of their gardens and residents of Mornington Court will lose a large portion of their front green, this will seriously reduce the value of these houses and other properties along the route.

A section of the proposed Greenway will pass through an area of unattractive industrial activity, including a heavy industrial plant at [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] Treatment Plant. The cost of developing the greenway would be better spent on developing local amenities, developing and protecting the dune area, providing proper car parking.

My husband and I are avid walkers and in essence we are not against a Greenway but we have serious concerns about the proposed design and route section, the inconsiderate implementation and the negative impact that it will have on our community.

According to the National Greenway Strategy a greenway should be "developed in an integrated manner which enhances the quality of life of the surrounding area". The proposed route fails to enhance the environment and quality of life of the community of Mornington, Tower Road and Crook Road and surrounding area. The community will be negatively impacted by the proposed greenway .

We strongly object to the proposed greenway

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