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To: An Bord Pleanála,

64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902.

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

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to the construction of the proposed Greenway from Drogheda to Mornington.

According to the National Greenway Strategy a Greenway should be "developed in an integrated manner which enhances both the environment and quality of life of the surrounding area". The "proposed route" for the Drogheda to Mornington Greenway will not enhance the environment and quality of life of the community/residents of Mornington/Tower Rd/Crook Rd and the surrounding area. The existing community will be negatively impacted by the greenway, and the current plan does not enhance the quality of life of Mornington Court residents [REDACTED]

As an [REDACTED] resident [REDACTED] who is directly impacted by the creation of the Greenway I have a number of objections which I have outlined below.

- The movement of the boundary wall in [REDACTED] Mornington Court will result in a considerable loss of green open space currently used as a safe play area for children.
- The relocated boundary wall will bring traffic and pedestrians [REDACTED] and the boundary wall, and this will result in an increase in local ambient noise levels, and traffic pollution.
- The increase of walkers and visitors, on a main road [REDACTED] and in a residential community in a highly densely populated area, will increase the potential for Health and Safety risks, including accidents, compensation, litter and crime.
- The Green area where children play, will be overlooked by users of the Greenway; and that the proximity of the Greenway route to private dwellings, [REDACTED] will result in a loss of privacy.
- The bus lay-by, on the Westbound traffic lane, outside [REDACTED] Mornington Court entrance will disappear. I don't drive and so use this bus regularly.
- There are no Parking or other amenities provided. Thus, Greenway users will be forced to park in the dunes, on the roadway or in [REDACTED] Mornington Court, with obvious environmental damage and disruption to existing residents.
- The movement of the boundary wall, the alterations to the green area within Mornington Court housing estate will result in a devaluation of people's homes and properties. [REDACTED]
- The proposed Greenway will be adjacent to the R151 (Mornington Bridge to Tower Rd), a busy regional road serving the town of Drogheda & the neighbouring villages of Bettystown & Laytown. The road carries considerable traffic at present and is used by commuters, buses, trucks, vans, cyclists, pedestrians and business daily.

- Additional visitor traffic from the proposed greenway will contribute to an already busy road & junctions.
- Putting a Greenway alongside this busy road is unsafe and unsuitable, unattractive and contrary to the Greenway objectives
- Many properties both private and commercial will exit directly onto the Greenway
- For local residents [REDACTED] many who are elderly too, it will become more difficult to enter/exit private property safely as they will have to navigate a 4-metre wide greenway and busy traffic on the R151
- The Boyne Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) for wild birds & Special Area of Conservation (SAC) - Over 50% of the proposed Greenway encroaches on these European protected sites leading to significant damaging impact on biodiversity, birdlife and wildlife. The proposed Greenway beside the Boyne Estuary is a threat to biodiversity in the area and does little to mitigate the future effects of climate change. Hedgerows, habitats, fauna flora will be destroyed in an effort to create a new Greenway decimating the "natural" green area already in existence.

Finally, I would like to point out that the above concerns were submitted to Meath County Council in October 2019. These submissions were summarised fully and then mostly ignored. Ultimately this process has been flawed throughout. I now need to bring my concerns to An Bord Pleanála.

Yours sincerely,

