

7th September 2020

Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Planning Application ref: PL17 307652 – Boyne Greenway

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We are writing to you [REDACTED] to object to the construction of the proposed Boyne Greenway in its current form, due to the following points:

- The moving of the boundary wall between Mornington Court and the existing road (the R151) would remove a much used and valuable safe green area for many children [REDACTED] and a significant and considerable loss of green area.
- The relocation of the wall would bring ambient road noise and pollution closer to the houses.
- The increase of walkers and visitors would bring a possible increase in housing litter, anti-social behaviour, crime, health and safety and security risks.
- The creation of "out of sight areas" which are set apart from the road and pavement would bring the potential for increased anti-social behaviour and possible vandalism to any infrastructure.
- Parking – The plan for this potential Greenway starts/ends at the junction of the Tower Road and Crook Road, with NO car parking provided. People using the Greenway will inevitably park on the roadway, in the dunes or in Mornington Court. Mornington Court is already extremely busy in this regard each day, evening and especially at weekends – which is exactly when the Greenway would be most used. There is huge potential for accidents and danger to life and there would be a massive impact on the ability of children to safely play outside as a result (bearing in mind that there are NO facilities in Mornington for children to play except from the green areas in housing estates). Notwithstanding that there is already a creche operating in the estate, and traffic into and out of it can be busy especially during early mornings and evenings, any addition to this traffic would substantially add to the risk of accidents, and bring huge environmental damage.
- Road Safety – The proposed Greenway runs alongside the busy R151, a busy road that carries local buses, school buses, lorries, trucks, commuters and pedestrians daily. Putting a Greenway alongside this road will add further delays and congestion. Some residents living directly on the R151 will have to have to navigate the 4 metre wide greenway and the traffic to enter/exit their properties.
- Bus Service – our recent popular Bus Routes, the D1 and D2 that provide a vital link between Mornington, Drogheda, Donacarney, Bettystown and Laytown may be removed, resulting in less use of public transport, less accessibility for those who don't drive, less inclusivity for disabled people and more damage to the environment due to increased use of cars. This

may be under threat as the Greenway will make the road so narrow that two buses cannot safely pass one another.

- There is absolutely no public infrastructure along the proposed route – NO parking and NO public toilets (possibly leading to inappropriate public behaviour in an area highly populated with young families and elderly people).
- Families along the route will lose large portions of their gardens and mature hedgerows.
- Pupils attending local schools will be at a disadvantage if public transport that currently serves their schools is removed due to the road being too narrow to safely accommodate buses.
- The Greenway removes much local natural flora and fauna, while doing nothing to reduce the effects of climate change, and in fact pollution in the area will be increased due to increased traffic and possible cancellation of local bus services.

This proposal goes against all the objectives of any recently developed Greenway, the objective of which should be that it is "developed in an integrated manner which enhances both the environment and the quality of life of the surrounding area"¹. This proposal goes directly against this for the residents of Mornington Court, Tower Road/Crook Road, and the houses directly on the R151, some whom stand to lose up to 12 feet from the front of their properties. This plan in no way enhances "quality of life" for residents of Mornington Court, in fact it will be detrimental to both that and the safety of our children and elderly residents.

There has been a lack of consideration for our concerns shown by Meath County Council and the proponents of this plan, and little has been done to accommodate them. We are very concerned about our quality of life and that of our most vulnerable residents, and would ask that our objections to the plan in its current form, but taken into consideration by yourselves when making your decision regarding this scheme.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

