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RE: **Construction of Boyne Greenway Drogheda to Mornington, Co. Meath & Co. Louth**

1st September, 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the proposed Boyne Greenway, Drogheda to Mornington on the following basis.

Road Safety

The R151 is a very busy regional road. The road has a lot of traffic at present and is used by buses, trucks, cyclists and, pedestrians on a daily basis. Putting a greenway alongside this busy road is unsafe and unsuitable. Many families will exit directly onto the Greenway and will now have to navigate a 4-metre wide greenway and busy traffic on the R151. As a regular bus user, I have experienced many times buses having to stop on narrow sections of this road, as they were unable to pass each other.

Amenities

There are no amenities provided in the Plan. There is no parking provided. Therefore users will be forced to park on the beach or in local housing estates which will result in more environmental damage, not less, which is the whole purpose of a greenway.

Loss of Private lands/ green spaces.

Families in Mornington will lose portions of their gardens and there will be a loss of open green spaces where children currently play safely in their housing estates.

Boyne estuary Special Protection Area (SPA)

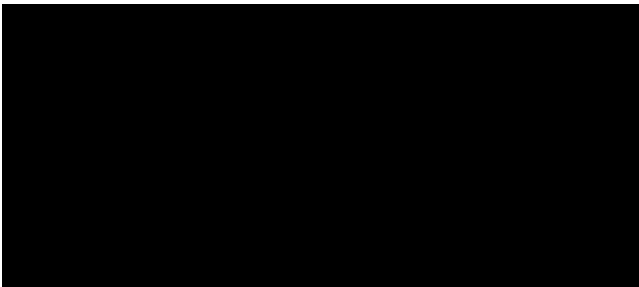
Over 50% of the proposed Greenway is on a European Protected Site leading to significant damage on biodiversity, birdlife and wildlife. Hedgerows, habitats, fauna, flora will all be

destroyed in an effort to create a new Greenway, decimating the natural green area already there.

Before concluding, as a College Student, could I ask you to consider the words of Greta Thunberg to the United Nations on 23rd September, 2019.

“You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words, . “People are suffering. Entire ecosystem are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. For more than 30 years, the science has been crystal clear, How dare you continue to look away and come here and say you’re doing enough when the politics and solutions needed are still nowhere in sight? You say you hear us and that you understand the urgency, but no matter how sad and angry I am, I do not want to believe that, because if you really understood the situation and still kept on failing to act, then you would be evil, and that I refuse to believe.”
The eyes of all future generations are upon you. And if you choose to fail us, I say, we will never forgive you.”

I welcome the chance to express my opinions and objections to the Board.



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