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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed Boyne Greenway Drogheda to Mornington.

I am one of the residents on [redacted] that Meath County Council want to take 4 meters of the entire width of our garden. Firstly they did not engage with us or hold a public consultation. The first we heard about the intention to take our land was when the plans were put up online. When we did engage with the council, we were told that they would not be giving us any money for our land and that this was happening one way or the other. It was only after we expressed our concerns and annoyance of their lack of consultation that they held a public consultation.

I am very concerned about the impact this proposed Greenway will have on the Boyne Estuary Special Protection Area. Over 50% of this proposed route encroaches on this protected site and will have a significant impact on the birdlife and wildlife. I have spent all my life birdwatching along this Estuary and it is a very special place for us birdwatchers and the birds themselves.

Of the 2614 submissions to Meath County Council in support of the Greenway, it has been confirmed that the vast majority of these were the same generic letter signed by individuals that were canvassed by a group with an invested interest in the Greenway, in local shopping centres and local sports group gatherings. This is not a fair or genuine representation of the actual support for the Greenway.

My main concern is obviously the intention of Meath County Council to take my land but I also have genuine Health and Safety concerns for this proposed route. A number of private dwellings including mine will exit directly on to this Greenway putting cyclists and us at risk. This R151 is an extremely busy road and putting a Greenway along side it is unsafe and contrary to the Greenway objectives. The fact that this Greenway is to pass through a residential area contradicts the definition of a Greenway. According to the National Greenway strategy, a Greenway should be developed in a manner that enhances both the environment and the quality of life of the surrounding area. This proposed route fails on both counts and in fact will have a negative impact on us.

The lack of parking and amenities in the area will also cause a major issue for the area when prospective visitors come to use the Greenway.

Your sincerely,
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