Construction of the Boyne Greenway

Drogheda to Mornington, Co Meath & Co Louth

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find herewith our objection to the construction of the greenway between Drogheda and Mornington. Our concerns on same are as follows:

- 1) We have huge concerns regarding the safety of the users of this pedestrian greenway, currently the road on which it is to run parallel to, is too narrow for the existing traffic. With the level of building going on in the area, this is to become more of an issue as it stands, without the additional greenway and the added visitors it would bring to the area.
- 2) This road is already prone to flooding and is at times impassable which would make the greenway for a period of the year completely unusable.
- 3) This land in its current condition is used by numerous wildlife as a lot of the land is not accessible to people, making it a perfect ground for wildlife to breed.
- 4) The monies allocated for this would be better spent upgrading and improving the current roads and infrastructure in the area considering this is not being developed in line with the level of building going on in the surrounding areas.
- 5) We feel as long term local residents that monies would be better allocated on improvements rather than additions to already stretched infrastructures.
- 6) We stand to lose a portion of green area and parking facilities at the front of our estate also to accommodate this with the planned movement of the boundary wall, which includes the parking for the crèche at the front of our estate, making it more difficult for collecting / dropping children safely.

Although a Greenway would be a brilliant asset to the area and would agree that there would be a lot of pros for this but at the current moment in time, the roads need upgrading ahead of an outlay of this nature. The roads are already getting busier with traffic and we have huge reservations around the safety for pedestrians that would use this greenway.

We hope that our issues will be noted and taken seriously into consideration on this.

With thanks,