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Dear Sirs,

**Re. ABP Ref. No. PL17.307652
Construction of the Boyne Greenway, pedestrian and cycleway linking Drogheda Town in Co.
Louth to Mornington Village in Co. Meath**

I wish to object in the strongest manner possible to the above proposal by Meath County Council.

Part of the proposed route runs within meters of my property and my privacy and security will be detrimentally affected by members of the public who use the greenway. I have also been advised by a local estate agent who is very familiar with the area and this proposed project that it will have a serious impact on the value of my property and others along the route.

Additionally, I am gravely concerned about the impact this proposed route will have on birds and wildlife which are supposed to be protected by National Parks and Wildlife under Special Protection Area 4080. Already, there is substantial trespass and anti-social behaviour at the bird sanctuary beside my property, and this will only get worse with further human interference. The bird sanctuary at Mornington Cross which was put in place over 50 years ago has served the wildlife there well, and the proposed erection of a new bridge and boardwalk right through this sanctuary will certainly result in its demise.

The proposed route ends at the sand dunes at the coast which are also protected under European Law (Special Area of Conservation 1957). Further human activity at the dunes will only accelerate their erosion, resulting in the loss of habitat for many protected species, not to mention exacerbating the littering, arson and anti-social behaviour in the area.

Also, there is no car parking facilities whatsoever associated with the proposal, and this means local roads and residences will be severely impacted by illegal parking, not to mention the safety issues associated with impaired access by emergency services in the event of accidents or fires.

I trust An Bord Pleanála will refuse to grant permission to this proposed development.

Yours faithfully,