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To whom it may concern,

I refer to the proposed Drogheda to Mornington Greenway. I note that the proposed route is to be built along the Boyne Estuary in an area that is a designated Special Protection Area under the E.U.Birds Directive.

I note that the National Parks and Wildlife Service, in a 2012 report on the Boyne Estuary Special Protection Area, states that (p.43);

*"Any activity that causes disturbance can lead to the displacement of waterbirds. The significance of the impact that results from even a short-term displacement should not be underestimated."*

The report further states that disturbances that are "heavy or on-going", may lead to the equivalent of habitat loss, which can have "consequences at population level".

I believe the development, and its associated increased activity levels in the area, will have a significant and detrimental effect on bird wildlife.

I also feel that the anticipated increase in human activity level that the greenway will bring may have the undesirable effect of introducing the possibility of antisocial behaviour into what is currently a quiet and peaceful rural setting.

