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## Re-construction of the Boyne a Greenway Drogheda to Mornington County Meath and Co Louth

On behalf of the above residents association we the committee wish to submit an objection to An Bord Pleanala in relation to the construction of the Boyne Greenway Drogheda to Mornington County Meath and County Louth on the following grounds:

The proposed Greenway will be adjacent to the R 151 Mornington Bridge to Tower Road. This is a busy regional Road which services the town of Drogheda and the neighbouring villages of Bettystown and Laytown including Mornington. Local residents had a taste of what could possibly occur regarding traffic management and illegal parking if the Greenway goes ahead. This was experienced during the national lockdown due to COVID-19. Cars were parked all along the Tower Road and down the Crook Road towards the fishmeal factory. No policing took place. Traffic was very bad and pedestrians were at risk trying to walk on these roads due to excessive parking along the ditches and out-side private residences.

Access to private properties along these roads was almost impossible this will happen if the Greenway direction is not revisited. The proposed route for the Greenway passes numerous private residence access. This will cause safety issues for residents along this road entering and leaving their private driveways across the 4 m wide Greenway and onto the road R151

Only recently have residents in this area seen an improved bus service. This may be under threat as the proposed route will cause a narrowing of the road and therefore could possibly be dangerous for two buses to pass. Never mind private vehicular traffic.

Over 50% of the proposed Greenway encroachers on European protected sites: **Special Protection Area and Special Area of Conservation** 

The most important point is the national at Greenway strategy "A green way should be developed in an integrated manner which enhances both the environment and quality of life of the surrounding area". This proposed route fails to enhance any of the above and will diminish the quality of life of the existing community of Mornington.

As the elected committee of the	Residents Association we would ask that
you take our objection and concerns on b	oard and revisit the previous objections and observations
of many of the residents in this area. This propose route should not go ahead.	

Signed on behalf of and for The Resident Association of the County Meath.

Yours Sincerely

