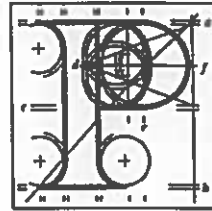


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Our Case Number: ABP-307652-20



An
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Pleanála

Date: 26th May 2022

Re: Construction of the Boyne Greenway, pedestrian and cycleway linking Drogheda Town in Co. Louth to Mornington Village in Co. Meath
Townlands at Ship Street in Drogheda, Co. Louth to Mornington Village in Co. Meath

Dear Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it with or without modifications.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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We wish to object to the proposed
 Bayne Greenway from Drogheda to
 Mornington for the following reasons:

- 1) A significant portion of the route falls
 within the Bayne Estuary Protection Area
 and Special Area of Conservation -
 Potential effects on the area
 - a) Increase in numbers visiting / using /
 frequenting the SAC + SPA
 - b) Increased numbers straying into
 ecologically sensitive areas
 - c) Indirect and direct habitat loss
 - d) Disturbance of wintering waterbirds
 Population
 - e) Disturbance of wintering waterbirds
 Population
 - f) Disturbance of nesting birds
 - g) Degradation of embryonic shifting dunes
 - h) Loss of Biodiversity +

2) The proposed Greenway will result in the removal of 17% of existing vegetation - 160m of hedgerows and 291m of tree line. Landowners / Residents of Mornington will lose portions of their plots, fencing, boundary walls and/or gardens including well established mature hedgerows, trees - all natural habitats. A consequence of the proposed route will remove the existing boundary wall at Mornington Court, and see it built further within the estate boundary, resulting in the loss of open green space currently being used as a safe play area for children.

3) Meath Co Council predict an estimate of 900-1000 users a day, 1200-1300 in peak season, on the Greenway.

This is a significant number of people visiting the area each day and raises issues in relation to Safety / Security / Nuisance / Noise pollution / Litter concerns.

4) Residents on Tower Rd and Crook Rd. will see an increased volume of movements from ~~interna~~ road.

users, pedestrians, dog walkers, families with young children, cyclists, electric bikes, mobility impaired users, scooters thus resulting in increased conflicting traffic activity. For example, potential safety conflicts between Greenway users and

incidents attempting to exit / enter their property - with multiple instances of said conflicting movements occurring in close proximity to each other. The latest designs still do not include a safety margin between private accesses and proposed infrastructure

s) Meath Co Co does not intend to provide any new carparking facilities in Mornington. The proposed greenway will result in uncontrolled parking, loss of privacy and the increased likelihood of accidents occurring.

Greenway users will be forced to park in the dunes, on the roadway, or in local housing estates. No toilet facilities are proposed or any other amenities, this puts the health and safety of the users at risk.

The concept of a greenway / cycle / walking route between Mornington and Drogheda has some merit but the proposed route and design is unsuitable and comes at too high a cost to our fragile environment and to our local community