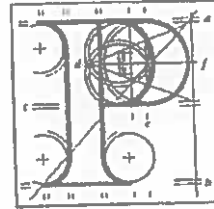


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Our Case Number: ABP-307652-20



An  
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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 Sir,

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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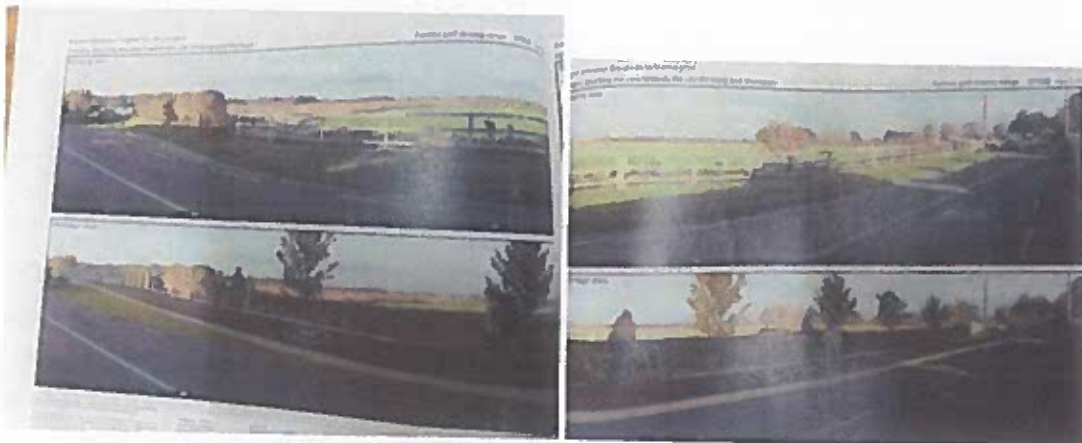
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**An Bord Pleanala Ref ABP-307652-20**

To whom it may concern,

I wish to submit my **objection** to An Bord Pleanala for the proposed "Boyne Greenway" to be located in Mornington, Co Meath. The Grounds supporting my objection of this planning application are detailed below:

**Privacy**

I have viewed the Boyne Greenway maps online and in the Meath County Council offices in Duleek and have failed to locate an elevation plan / montage views of the structure of the Greenway that is directly opposite 15 secluded residential houses which are closest in proximity to the river edge. I have included below the montage views that are available either side of this residential stretch but there are none that are relative to us.



Our Living Room and two children's bedrooms are located at the front of our bungalow facing the estuary, as the below coast road R151 is much lower there are no privacy concerns. With the Greenway structure being 4 meters in width (elevation plan unknown) our property will be overlooked by users of the Greenway. I have included an extract from a local newspaper estimating up to 1,300 users a day in the summer months and up to 900-1,000 people in the winter months. This is a grave privacy concern for our family and a serious negative impact to our daily life.

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<https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=d75c6e8c-7c28-45d4-88ca-b079153378f7>

## Boyne Greenway green light looms closer

By Des Grant

Meath County Council has told An Bord Pleanála (ABP) that the Boyne Greenway is expected to be the busiest one in the country outside Dublin.

Last week the council sought approval from ABP to construct the greenway that will connect Drogheda with the beach in Mornington.

Following extended correspondence between the council and An Bord Pleanála over the last two years the council has made minor tweaks to the original plan and it now seeks permission to build it.

The greenway was first proposed 12 years ago by a local group of volunteers including Peter Monaghan and Eddie Phelan of the Boyne Trail committee who campaigned and lobbied for it to be built. Since then it has



An artist's impression of the Boyne Greenway.

been plagued by delays but the council is now ready to commence it if ABP sign-off on the final tweaks submitted in March.

The board will evaluate any public submissions made and make a decision within a few months.

In the latest March 2022 report submitted by the county council to ABP it said that after assessing other greenway schemes in the country "it seems reasonable to expect average daily trips of between 900-1,000 users a day in winter and up to 1,300 in the

peak season summer. The average daily users in Ireland has approximately 700 daily users.

The council report stated that it is expected to be the busiest greenway in the country bar the Baldoyle to Portmarnock route in Dublin that has 1,650 daily users.

It is expected to be 30% busier than the acclaimed Waterford Greenway which is already open.

Because of its anticipated high usage, it is proposed it will be 4 metres in width for the

entire scheme. It is proposed to reduce the speed limit on the entire Mornington coast road to 50 km/h.

This would therefore reduce the potential requirement for safety barriers between the vehicular traffic and the vulnerable road users at certain sections of the greenway.

It is not proposed to provide parking at the dunes in Mornington beach as originally planned.

The scheme's extent has been reduced on the east of Tower Road due to wildlife concerns.

No lighting is proposed for the greenway, as a whole, as it will likely be used mostly during daylight hours.

However, at locations where additional operational lighting is required for security and safety, LED lights will be installed.

ABP are taking final submissions and observations from the public up until 5.30 pm on 20th May and a decision will be then made within a few months.

The council intend to apply for government funding to build it as soon as ABP approves it.

### Parking

I have viewed the Boyne Greenway maps online and in the Meath County Council offices in Duleek and have failed to identify any designated Greenway car parking. It is inevitable that people will drive to walk on the Greenway. With the Bettystown Beach car parking ban, there has been a negative impact on local residents. In summer months the Golf Links Road and Tower Road is completely impassable with cars parked either side of road hindering oncoming traffic and

pedestrians. Unfortunately the solution of opening the local school carpark was not sufficient as it is located too far from the beach. With no proposed car park for any further additional Greenway visitors/traffic to the area means exasperating already congested roads and pathways.

### Special Protection Area

I have included extracts below from national newspapers in regards to the current Old Bridge Greenway. It highlights the negative impact of vandalism and litter created by/on the boardwalk. There are no clean up committees or bins along the route. As this proposed Greenway curves through a Special Protection Area, litter/ vandalism would have a profound negative effect on the special conservation species and their habitat. The EU Birds Directive pays attention to wetlands and as these form part of this SPA, the site and its associated water birds are of special conservation interest.

<https://www.irishmirror.ie/news/irish-news/oldcastle-drogheda-fire-attack-boardwalk-12989515>



Shocking damage caused to the walkway in Drogheda, Co Louth (Image: Boyne Boss Facebook)



Great news.. Any chance you could also secure someone to do a clean up of the boardwalk, it's absolutely disgusting with rubbish. A few bins along the walk might help too. We're very lucky to have this beautiful walkway, especially in these bizarre times, but it's so hard to see past all the rubbish. Well done on the funding though 🍷🍷

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you're dead right. The rubbish is disgusting. I will raise it with the Meath Councillors to see if anything can be done. Thanks.

### **Anti-social Behaviour**

I have included current extracts below from national newspapers in regards to the current anti-social behaviour on the Old Bridge Greenway. As a family of young children this is of serious concern for our family and the quality of life we will experience.

**Drogheda Independent - 25/04/2022**

<https://www.independent.ie/regionals/louth/news/louth-woman-traumatised-after-morning-assault-on-oldbridge-boardwalk-41589844.html>

## **Louth woman traumatised after morning assault on Oldbridge boardwalk**

Gardai hunt man in his 30s

A local woman has been left seriously traumatised following an unprovoked assault by a man on the Oldbridge boardwalk last week.

The woman, who does not want to be named, was attacked by an unidentified man as she walked her dog along the beauty spot under the Boyne Cable Bridge at around 8am last Tuesday morning April 19th.

Gardai were notified and are investigating the circumstances, however no one has been questioned about the incident.

The man is said to be in his late 30s, tall and unshaven with thinning hair, speaking with a non-Irish accent, and at the time of the assault, was wearing a red t-shirt, and grey tracksuit bottoms, dirty from the knees down.

It is the second alleged assault in the area in a week, as two women have reported another incident on the Bridge of Peace where their car was approached by a man as they were stopped in traffic. It is not known if there is a connection between the incidents.

Local gardai issued a short statement last Friday.

"Gardai are investigating an incident of assault of a woman (40s) which occurred at approximately 8am in the Old Bridge area, Drogheda, 19th April 2022. Investigations are ongoing".

The woman who is in her 40s was approached by the male, who grabbed her by the hair as she walked the boardwalk, where she was dragged to the ground, and punched and kicked by her assailant.

Her small dog was also kicked, and is still in serious condition with internal bleeding.

A man walking nearby intervened, and managed to help the terrified woman and dog into a car.

She was treated for minor injuries and shock.

There have been reports that the man was seen topless and in an agitated state later on the boardwalk, and also in various other locations around the town.

"She is still very affected by what happened her and thankfully isn't badly injured but is still very shocked," said her cousin, speaking to the Drogheda Independent.

"Me and the family combed the area that day until evening, to see if we could see him, and we were told he approached two other women on the same path at 11.10am, but gardai haven't been able to find him."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Drogheda Garda station on 041 9874200.

#### **Drogheda Independent - 12/05/2022**

<https://www.independent.ie/regionals/louth/news/women-who-have-been-attacked-in-drogheda-urged-to-contact-gardai-immediately-41642951.html>

### **Women who have been attacked in Drogheda urged to contact gardaí immediately**

Reports of attacks being posted on social media

Drogheda Gardaí are appealing for assistance from the public following numerous alleged attacks on women in the area.

They are appealing to any of the injured parties in these cases and ask that they ring or contact An Garda Síochána.

Hoping to renew confidence in the area, they have asked anyone affected by these attacks to please come forward and appropriate action will be taken.

Speaking at the Drogheda Joint Policing Committee this week Supt Andrew Watters stated the earlier Gardaí are alerted, the more help they are able to provide.

Instead of immediately resorting to social media and posting there, they have asked the public to instead contact the Garda office, alerting them as quickly as possible. There is potential to lose valuable evidence if not contacted immediately and it allows the culprit to flee the scene.

If contacted within the appropriate timeframe, An Garda Síochána can review CCTV footage in the area before it is too late.

"Please pick up the phone," Superintendent Andrew Watters said. "We take these situations very seriously," adding that they wish to rid the town of these violent acts.

Since the recent alleged attacks, Drogheda Gardaí have increased patrols in the town where these incidents have happened.

"Come forward and talk to us, your call will be treated very seriously and promptly," added Superintendent Watters.

Alternative to calling the Drogheda Garda Office number, those affected can call 999 and a patrol car will be sent directly to the scene.



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Another shocking incident in the town!

Woman robbed in Drogheda

The gardai are investigating after a woman was robbed by a man in the Glen area of Drogheda on Tuesday, 17th May at approximately 11.45pm.

The gardai said, "We are investigating an incident of robbery from a woman in Drogheda. The incident occurred in the Glen area at approximately 11:45pm. A sum of cash was taken. No arrests have been made at this time. Investigations are ongoing."

Anyone with information can contact Gardai in Drogheda on 041 9874200



I trust that An Bord Pleanála will take our objections seriously and will reject the proposed planning for the Greenway for the above reasons.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the above.

Yours sincerely