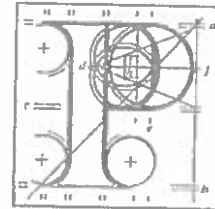


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Our Case Number: ABP-307652-20



An
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Date: 26 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 / 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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RE: Construction of Boyne Greenway Drogheda to Mornington Co Meath & Louth
Your Ref: ABP-30652-20

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed route of the Boyne Greenway Drogheda to Mornington, County Meath.

Firstly, a large amount of the proposed route is proceeding through the Boyne Estuary Special Protection area and Special Area of conservation. There are huge amounts of waterbirds in this area, particularly Terns (who I believe are a protected species). It is a very important feeding ground for birds and waders. I feel that if the greenway were to proceed through this area, it would have a detrimental effect on the area which needs to be protected. Surely, if people are walking or cycling along the route, it will disturb the natural habitat of the wildlife and disturb their natural environment. According to the Boyneside Trail Committee there could be upwards of 900-1000 users per day and possibly 1200-1300 people per day in peak season.

Secondly, I feel that the road structure is totally unsuitable for a 4 meter wide greenway. The area in question is hardly wide enough for two cars to pass in places and when a car meets a bus, they have to pull into the verge and it can be quite dangerous at times. The buses from Drogheda to Mornington are every 15 minutes and there are two busses for two different routes ie., the D1 and the D2.

Thirdly, I note in the submissions that there is absolutely no reference to car parking facilities. The car parking at Mornington beach/Tower Road is appalling at the present time, with people "abandoning" their cars daily along the Tower Road and blocking people's homes, parking along the entrance to the beach and parking on the grass verge (sometimes both sides) on the Crook Road. The people parking these cars have absolutely no respect for the residents of the area and if a Greenway is erected it is most likely that people will be driving to the area, abandoning their cars wherever they like to walk the boardwalk. This is totally unacceptable. Meath County Council do not intend to provide any new parking facilities in the area with no amenities such as toilet facilities, seating, shops, etc proposed either.

While I agree that the idea of a Greenway from Drogheda to Mornington sounds good, the route and design being considered seems to be totally unsuitable. There are a lot of long term residents living along the proposed route who are expected to "give up" a certain portion of their front gardens to make way for road widening, etc. I have to say that this is totally unacceptable. People's privacy is being totally compromised by this planned route and must be given immediate consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Concerned Mornington Resident.