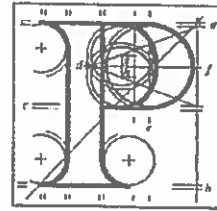


Our Case Number: ABP-307652-20



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 / 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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64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902.

Re: Construction of the Boyne Greenway Drogheda to Mornington, Co. Meath & Co. Louth" AN BORD PLEANÁLA REF ABP-307652-20

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to the construction of the proposed Greenway from Drogheda to Mornington, and following on from my submission in September 2020. I have read the further submission from Meath County Council, and I see very little changes to the proposed route, design and construction. I have lived in _____

_____ Greenways are meant to enhance an area, and add value to the quality of life for the community, and residents, and this proposal does not. I am objecting on the grounds below, which are hugely similar to my original submission. I see little or no consideration of anything of anything I brought up previously in MCC's submission, and really very little change to anything, so please see below my further considerations:

- _____ I am acutely aware of how important it is to mind our world, our nature, and our climate. The area I live in is a Boyne Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) for wild birds & Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and over 50% of the proposed Greenway encroaches on these European protected sites leading to significant damaging impact on biodiversity, birdlife and wildlife. The proposed Greenway beside the Boyne Estuary is a threat to biodiversity in the area and does little to mitigate the future effects of climate change. Hedgerows, habitats, fauna flora will be destroyed in an effort to create a new Greenway decimating the "natural" green area already in existence. The further submission from Meath County Council is ineffective in looking at the SPA and the SAC.
- The movement of the boundary wall in my estate in Mornington Court, by up to one metre, directly opposite my house, as I live facing the green area below, and facing the boundary wall, will result in a considerable loss of green open space currently used as a safe play area for children. This is where I played as a child, it is a safe area, and losing a metre means less safe green space for the children to play.
- The relocated boundary wall will bring traffic and pedestrians closer to my home and other homes, resulting in an increase in local ambient noise levels, and traffic pollution.
- The increase of walkers and visitors, as outlined in Meath County Council's submission, will be in the 100's, on a main road, by my estate, and in a residential community in a highly densely populated area, will increase the potential for Health and Safety risks, including accidents, compensation, litter and crime. We only have to look at recent incidences on other boardwalks in this region. i.e. women been attacked.

- The bus lay-by, on the Westbound traffic lane, outside my estate, Mornington Court entrance will disappear. I currently don't drive, and use public transport.
- There are no Parking or other amenities provided. Thus, Greenway users will be forced to park in the dunes, on the roadway or in my estate Mornington Court, with obvious environmental damage and disruption to existing residents.
- The proposed Greenway will be adjacent to the R151 (Mornington Bridge to Tower Rd), a busy regional road serving the town of Drogheda & the neighbouring villages of Bettystown & Laytown. The road carries considerable traffic at present and is used by commuters, buses, trucks, vans, cyclists, pedestrians and business daily.

Putting a Greenway alongside this busy road is unsafe and unsuitable, unattractive and contrary to any Greenway objectives. I hope that An Bord Pleanála take these objections on board and force Meath County Council to look at other routes for this Greenway.

Yours sincerely,

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