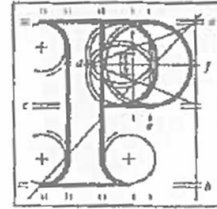


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Our Case Number: ABP-307652-20



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,

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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17th May 2022

An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Case reference: ABP 307652-20

I wish to object to the granting of this application.

I previously objected to a former application Case reference: PL17 .307652. This new application is nothing more than a superficial rejigging of the previously rejected proposal and should be likewise rejected. I restate my objection below.

The road to Drogheda is relatively narrow for the volume of traffic using it daily and it already suffers from an excess of traffic due to large scale developments in Mornington and Bettystown. This new development will reduce this strained resource even further with the consequence of compromising safety to other road users. The road has also relatively poor sight lines in both directions.

The convenience of having such a Greenway will lead to people parading through the area at all hours of the day. It is likely that drunken mobs will head down to the beach during the Summer months late at night, causing noise and anti-social behavior. This will directly affect people living in the area. I do not see the provision of toilets along the route, its likely that the boardwalk and areas adjacent to use would be used as a public convenience. This is unacceptable to the health and well-being of local residents

Due to years of constant cutbacks the local Garda Siochana now run as a shoestring service with the nearest Garda station several kilometers from this development and invariably unmanned. In granting this proposal An Bord Pleanala would be condemning those of us already living in the locale, to a life of fear and stress from a constant stream of strangers of unknown repute. Our lives would be put in danger from an unsuitable development that critically overburdens the road. Local residents cannot feel safe with such a development literally on their doorstep.

I have no doubt that no expense will be spared constructing the Greenway, but I wonder what will become of it as years go by. Having lived in the area for so long and seen other developments abandoned I have to wonder just how long will this development be maintained to an appropriate standard, especially since it is free for anyone to use. It would not surprise me if due to future budget constraints, it would largely be abandoned. If the development is not properly maintained it will be become an eyesore along with other problems such as danger to users, possibly vermin infested and be a dumping ground for rubbish. The smell from such a development would be offensive to those living locally. In a worst case scenario it may become the center for antisocial behaviour and drug addicts like many other abandoned developments.

It will have a negative visual impact in the area. Mornington is a long established village and I don't have confidence that the construction of this development will be in keeping with a rural village such as Mornington. Such an extensive development will greatly affect its character.

This is a unique area of historic and natural significance, and has already suffered from a number of planning developments that have seriously impacted upon its character. This proposed development and the consequent human activity will further degrade the rural nature of this area and compromise the vital character of the village.

Yours sincerely,