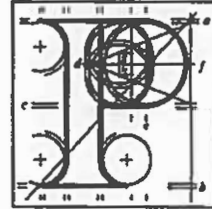


Our Case Number: ABP-307652-20



An
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Date: 31st May 2022

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

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To whom it may concern,

In September 2020 I submitted my observations in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development i.e Construction of the Boyne Greenway.

I had fundamental concerns in relation to the proposed route, it's design and potential impact on my business.

MCC's Further Information Submission has not addressed the concerns raised in my original observations.

I wish to make the following observations and submissions with regard to the most recent documents submitted as part of MCC's Further Information Submission

The proposed route remains the same. There is no material change to the shop entrance /exit and this is of grave concern to me. The Health and Safety of customers and staff will be put at risk as they enter and exit our carpark.

RFI report March 22 highlights Meath County Council's decision not to provide parking facilities /amenities along the proposed route. This will result in people randomly parking along the Tower Road, Crook Road .and local housing estates and in our private car park causing disruption to our patrons and staff. Expecting people to walk from Drogheda to Bettystown before they can access rest room facilities is unacceptable as is the idea that a private business should have to provide these facilities. (RFI Report 11.1.6). The area experienced huge disruption during the covid pandemic with cars parking in entrances to houses. The increased numbers led to a corresponding increase in litter.

Road Safety -the increase in pedestrian traffic (Greenway users) and associated vehicular traffic will increase the likelihood of accidents and incidents occurring – with multiple users

of the shops and car park this will lead to traffic congestion at the entrance and exit of the carpark which in turn will give rise to concerns regarding insurance and public liability.

The proximity of the proposed Greenway to the SAC sand dune system at Tower Cross/Crook Rd bridge will lead to increased use by pedestrians, cyclists, families, dog walkers which in turn will result in habitat loss, disturbance to nesting birds and degradation of sand dunes.

No safety margin between private accesses and proposed Greenway

Significant Loss of Biodiversity/Natural Habitat –

The concept of a greenway route between Mornington and Drogheda has some merit but the proposed route and design which ABP are considering is unsuitable and comes at too high a cost to our fragile environment, SPA & SAC (European Protected Sites) and to our local community. The proposed Greenway will negatively affect the SPA and SAC and proposed mitigation measures will not offset this impact and as such this proposal should be refused in its entirety by ABP. There has been no acknowledgement of the negative impact of this proposed greenway on the residents of Mornington village and planning this route along the busy R150/R151 rather than in a more scenic environment is totally unacceptable.