

20 May 2022

To: An Bord Pleanála (bord@pleanla.ie)

Re: JP17.307652

Applicant: Meath County Council

Proposed Development: Construction of the Boyne Greenway, pedestrian and cycleway linking Drogheda Town in Co. Louth to Mornington Village in Co. Meath

Development address: Townlands at Ship Street in Drogheda, Co. Louth to Mornington Village in Co. Meath

Date of application: 17 July 2020

Name of Observer: Protect East Meath Limited

Address of Observer 7 Riverside Cottages, Julianstown, Co Meath

Name of Agent FP Logue Solicitors

Address of Agent 8/10 Coke Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7 D07 EN2Y

Dear Sir or Madam

On behalf of Protect East Meath Limited, 7 Riverside Cottages, Julianstown, Co Meath, I have been instructed to make the following observation on the above planning application.

1. A greenway comes within the statutory definition of a road. This greenway is in excess of 2km and therefore EIA is mandatory. No EIAR has been submitted with the application or with the further information and it is therefore invalid. The NIS doesn't substitute for the EIA since EIA examines all the significant effects on the environment and their interactions as well as monitoring and alternatives.
2. It is contrary to the Habitats Directive to construct parts of the proposed greenway within the SAC and SPA. This would have the effect of reducing the geographical extent of the relevant habitats which have been set down in EU legislation. The Board therefore lacks the jurisdiction to grant permission for the project. In the alternative the Board must conclude that there would be a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the affected European Sites.

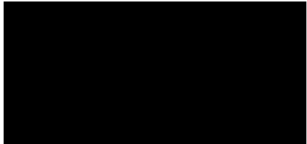
This observation is filed by email (bord@pleanala.ie). Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely

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