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Development of cycle and pedestrian access route (Greenway) from Wexford to Curracloe

To whom it may concern

Site notice at Orchard lane, Ardcavan was missing for at least a week since first erected. Whilst it has since been re-erected my question is does this indicate a change of plans.

Will a public meeting be held to consult all property and landowners adjacent to proposed greenway trail. As such there has been no invitation or announcement of such a meeting.

It is noted that the proposed route through town lands of Ferrybank South, Tincone, Burgess, Ardcavan, North West Slob, Big Island and the Raven travels through a Special Area of conservation . I ask you to consider please the environmental impact of the proposal of the route to follow along hedge boundaries. The area is rich in badger sets and home to nesting buzzards(attached folio map shows area in green where pair of buzzards are currently nesting) This greenway is not simply a 3m wide cycle path but much wider when grass margins either side are allowed for. And as such will have a massive effect on the local wildlife.

The Proposal of 1.8 & 2.4 m high timber cladding screens will create visual disturbance not just to the surrounding landscape but also from the coast looking inland. The proposed screens as observed although designed to avoid intrusion will act as a visual nuisance to residents.

With reference to the proposed car parking facilities at Ardcavan lane, two observations, firstly there is a history of cars being broken into and robbed whilst people have been

walking along Ardcavan strand or towards the bird sanctuary. What are the plans in regards to security of parked cars in such an isolated area for greenway users? Secondly, Ardcavan Lane itself is quite a narrow road, with heavy agricultural machinery using this narrow road, what are the plans for an increase of traffic on this road. As a regular user of Ardcavan lane it is often the situation where one car has to pull in to allow for passing of oncoming traffic.

I note also the coastal greenway routed through Ferrybank South, Tincone is very open to anti social behaviour. I am concerned that such a coastal route would invite further anti social behaviour into other areas of the trail.

As a final point, how will residents of the area gain access to rights of way through a proposed gated trail and fenced greenway. I note the provision of level crossings. How do emergency services gain access if Greenway ranger/marshall is not on duty.

I thank you for perusing these observations.

Yours in Good Faith

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