

23rd February 2018

An Bord Pleanala. 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902.

Re: Planning Application for 'Wexford to Curracloe Greenway' Scheme:

A Chara.

Please find enclosed three copies of our planning application for the proposed development of a coastal greenway referred to as the Wexford to Curracloe The proposed development would have an impact on European designated sites and therefore the application is being submitted in accordance with Part XAB, Section 177AE of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, as amended and Part 20, Article 249 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.

Proposed Development

The proposed Greenway is a 3 metre wide hard surface trail approximately 10.7km long which follows the coast line of Wexford Harbour from Ferrybank Bridge to Culleton's Gap, Curracloe. The Greenway route is adjacent to or traverses four designated European Sites and would be likely to have a significant effect on these sites. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) was prepared for this application. The most important mitigation measures identified in the assessment to prevent bird disturbance on the Wildfowl Reserve is to limit the opening use of the Greenway from 15th April to 15th September each year. The NIS concludes that there will be no adverse impact on the integrity of any of the relevant European sites.

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Notification to Notifiable Bodies, dated 5th March 2018.







Notifiable Bodies

We have sent letters to the following notifiable bodies and we enclose a copy of the correspondence with our application:

- 1. An Taisce
- 2. Failte Ireland
- 3. Heritage Council
- 4. Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- 5. National Parks and Wildlife

Landowners

We have directly consulted with all 14 landowners along the proposed route and provided details of the proposed scheme. The landowners have been informed that the local authority will seek a right-of-way or alternatively to acquire a land corridor across their property should the scheme achieve planning approval. The local elected representatives, the National Parks & Wildlife Service and the North Slob Commission have all been consulted extensively in respect of the development of the scheme.

Should further information be required please contact me.

Mise le meas.

Tom Enright Chief Executive,

Wexford County Council.

Email: tom.enright@wexfordcoco.ie







To Gerry Forde Senior Engineer **Environment Section** Wexford County Council

26th February 2018

RE Proposed Green Way - Wexford Town to Curracloe

I have reviewed the plans and documentation relating to the proposed development by Wexford County Council to construct a cycle/walking trail from Ferrybank to Culleton's Gap at Curracloe. I have also reviewed the Natura Impact Statement carried out on behalf of Wexford County Council by ecological consultants Scott Towley. I agree with the findings that mitigation measures will be required and that An Bord Pleanala is the competent authority in this case.

Subject to the mitigation measures outlined in the Natura Impact Statement the proposed development is considered to comply with the Wexford County Development Plan 2013-2019, the Wexford Town and Environs Plan 2009 to 2015 (extended 2019) and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Diarmuid Houston BA, BPI, MIPI

Senior Planner

Wexford County Council



5th March 2018

An Taisce, The National Trust of Ireland, Tailors Lane, Dublin 8, D08 X2A3.

Re: Development of Cycle & Pedestrian Access Route (Greenway) from Wexford to Curracloe.

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Senior Engineer

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Failte Ireland, 88-95 Amiens Street, Dublin 1, D01 WR86.

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The Heritage Council, Aris na hOidhreachta, Church Lane, Kilkenny, D95 X264.

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National Parks & Wildlife Service, 7 Ely Place, Dublin 2, D02 TW98.

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Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8. D08 DK10.

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