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The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanala,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1.

Ref: PL06F.304624

Greenway between Malahide Demesne and Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, to be known as Broadmeadow Way.

Dear Sir,

I write to recommend the approval of the above scheme.

I consider the provision of the proposed cycle/walkway will open up additional exciting routes and views to users.

I am of the opinion however that the benefits of the proposed infrastructure are greatly diminished by the construction, as part of the proposed scheme, of a boundary wall, 1.4m in height, along the length of the cycle/walkway as it crosses the lagoon of the Broadmeadow Estuary.

The distance between the north and south shore of the estuary is approx. 1.8km. To bound such a length of walkway, with a wall 1.4m high, will transform the walkway into an alleyway. The proposed wall height will cause the walkway to be of little interest to families with smaller children, who might otherwise walk part of the route, as their views of the estuary, its bird life, water activities and surrounding lands, will be removed.

Can I suggest that, should the scheme be approved by the Bord, the approval contain a condition requiring the wall, screening the walkway as it crosses the estuary, be a wall, constructed of local stone, to a height of 1m, topped, if thought appropriate, by a horizontal aluminium rail, a detail already used locally by the Broadmeadow motorway bridge. This rail would be carried at a height of say 300mm above the wall capping, on appropriately spaced upstands.

I enclose €50 as payment of the required fee.

Yours sincerely,

James Cleary.