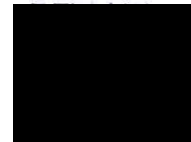Secretary
Donabate Portrane Community Council

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Dear Sirs

Donabate Portrane Community Council welcomes the long-promised and long-overdue Broadmeadow Way initiative.

However, the route merely links two of Fingal's flagship tourist properties making the route's primary function that of a leisure feature. As such, it singularly fails to implement both National and local policy which dictates that sustainable development and alternative modes of travel other than single car journeys are to be developed and included in all planning applications. Linkages into Donabate and into the surrounding townlands in Donabate would improve the route and enable residents to use the route for active transport and reduce reliance on the private car as a mode of transport between Malahide and Donabate. As the route is currently designed, it is completely inaccessible to local residents, and particularly children, as access to the route involves journeys on narrow, dangerous and overcrowded roads without any cycle infrastructure before the route can be accessed. We require An Bord Pleanála to condition the grant of planning permission to include suitable cycle links from the village and surrounding areas so that it becomes accessible to people living in the locality as opposed to comprising a purely touristic route while will be underutilised outside of the summer tourist season.

Further, parts of the route are liable to future flooding with anticipated sea-level rises in the next eighty years. This will require the route to be at least two metres above current peak high tide levels. An appropriate lighting design needs to be incorporated in to the development to prevent interference with the very sensitive wildlife in the Special Area of Conservation, while providing a safe environment of users of the scheme.

Finally, effective litter management controls should be incorporated into the scheme to prevent pollution of the Special Area of Conservation.

Yours sincerely,