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Broadmeadow Way
Case Reference: PL06F.304624

Dear Sirs,

I have for a long time cycled in Dublin (generally to/from work) but recently began cycling as a leisure activity. This year I have completed the Wicklow 100 cycle among others. So I use bikes as a form of transport and also a form of leisure. As a result I am taking great interest in and support the provision of dedicated cyclepaths around the country and am delighted to see progress being made to link Malahide and Donabate.

In studying the route I am very disappointed to see that it begins and ends in a car park. This seems to be based on the belief that cycling is primarily a leisure activity and that a large proportion of the users of the route will arrive in their cars. **This will simply encourage car use in both towns.**

While I could understand this if it was a greenway planned for a rural location with few local residents. In that case the bulk of users would be leisure cyclists and may inevitably mostly arrive by car. By contrast Malahide and Donabate are well populated and it would make much more sense for the route to begin and end in the population centres of both. Not only would potential users then be drawn from the local area but others could arrive by public transport – note that bikes are permitted on both DART and commuter services available at Malahide and Donabate. Users arriving by car could still be accommodated at the Malahide/Newbridge House car parks but they would not be prioritised over local residents and those arriving by public transport.

This would enable residents of both towns to get ready access to the services available in the centre of each town. This would help the local economy as well as genuinely reducing car use

As a result I would ask that the Bord approve the plan for Broadmeadow Way only on condition that the route begins and ends at the centre of each town and not at car parks at a remove from these centres.

If possible I will attend any oral hearing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Ita O'Farrell