

The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
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Fingal County Council:

Case reference:

5th September 2019

A chara,

Please find below my submission for the Broadmeadow Way planning application, and I enclose the €50.

In the first instance I would like to strongly support in broad terms the proposal for a pedestrian and cycle link between Donabate and Portrane. This is a long promised proposal, and it is part of the Fingal Coastal Way and the National Transport Authority's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. I have long been campaigning for this project, and the Donabate Portrane community has been pushing for works to commence on this project for a very long number of years.

Not only will it be an important commuter link for people and school children travelling for work or school at either side of the Broadmeadow Estuary, encouraging cycling and allowing more people to avoid using their cars, but it will be a hugely important tourism and recreational amenity for North County Dublin and the entire Dublin region. The Broadmeadow Way traverses the Broadmeadow Estuary Special Area of Conservation/ Special Protection Area, which is also a Ramsar site. This proposed Greenway will allow a greater number of people to experience and enjoy this area of outstanding natural beauty while at the same time protect the fragile and at-risk local environment.

I have received a number of proposals from local residents, which would serve to improve the current proposals, on age friendly, accessibility and environmentally friendly grounds, which I outline below:

- the need for seating / benches to be provided at regular intervals along the Broadmeadow Way so that the route is accessible for older people and people not great on their feet, as seating will allow them walk and rest along the way etc;
- the need for segregated litter and doggy poo bins at regular intervals along the Broadmeadow Way, as well as regular emptying of the bins, so that rubbish and dog dirt doesn't end up in Broadmeadow estuary and cause pollution;
- the need for water refill stations along the walk, so that people can refill their water bottles and help reduce use of single use plastics;



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- the need for public toilets close to the walk so it will be more accessible and enjoyable for people who have weak bladder control;
- the need for interpretive information signage informing people about the Broadmeadow Estuary Special Area of Conservation/ Special Protection Area and Ramsar site, and the importance of the area to the local environment;
- the need to ensure that the Greenway remains open when Newbridge Demesne is closed in the morning/ evening so that people can still cycle safely along it to and from the residential areas of Donabate and Portrane. In particular, the approximately 2km stretch of the Hearse Road from Kilcrea (Newbridge Kilcrea gate) to Donabate town centre has no footpath/ cycle path along it and is a narrow dangerous busy section of road
- the need for the Broadmeadow Way to safely traverse the new Donabate distributor roads, as the currently proposed traffic lights are not safe
- it is vital that the other spur of the Broadmeadow Way to Donabate town centre, which will go through the proposed nature park and development lands east of the railway line at Corballis, must be prioritised and delivered as a matter of urgency in advance of the development of these lands.

I would greatly appreciate it if the comments set out above be considered as part of this planning application, and look forward to a prompt decision and works commencing as a matter of priority.

With best regards,

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Social Democrats Councillor
Rush Lusk Ward

