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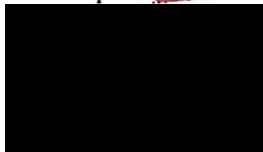
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TO. The Secretary
 An Bord Pleanala,
 64 Marlborough St.,
 Dublin 1.

FROM. Joseph and Pauline Duddy



18/07/2019

Re: Proposal by Fingal CoCo To use O'Hanlons Lane as link access for Broadmeadow Greenway

We earnestly object to the assumption that this proposed greenway is broadly acceptable. We appeal to the good sense of An Bord Pleanala not to be bulldozed by Fingal CoCouncil's cheap Irish Solution, regardless of the local community of O'Hanlons Lane, to facilitate what should be a tourist facility serving both national and International needs.

We as existing residents sincerely hope and rely on you to ensure proper, suitable environmentally friendly tourist development within our area. O'Hanlons lane is too narrow and dangerous to facilitate a greenway /cycleway and its projected number of users.

- o It is important to note the internal road within the development is so narrow it is a shared vehicle/pedestrian area.
- o NO FOOTPATHS; other than what was required from residents in front of their homes as part of planning at the time when building their homes.
- o Because of the narrowness of the lane there is no room for pathways at either the north side or south side of the lane. Or outside houses on same.
- o The lane only measures 2-75 metre wide in parts, Something the Fingal CoCo fails to point out in its proposal. This measurement cannot satisfy safety requirements for the proposed cycleway.

Road upgrading /Traffic Volume;

O'Hanlons lane is a Grossly inadequate, narrow irregular dangerous access carriageway; The lane is too narrow in a number of places for two way traffic, with a blind corner remaining at the north end. Because of the small volume of traffic using the lane at present and Residents awareness, the problem has been minimised. However an increase in the volume of traffic ie cyclists, joggers, pedestrians national school goers their parents of this scale we would argue could prove catastrophic.

This lane serves as a feeder pedestrian lane for droves of youngsters going to St. Sylvesters National School as well as Malahide Castle and the bus stop. The exit at the seaward end of Lane still remains dangerous with a blind 90 degree corner exiting to Bisset Strand. This is the main entrance "pinch point" and can only

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take one-way traffic and is perpendicular and adjacent to the only entrance to St Yves apartments [30 apartments with approx 60 cars exiting regularly]

The exit at the south end onto the Dublin road is too narrow for passing traffic and cars have to reverse back to facilitate cars coming in from Dublin road.
Consider all this with large groups of cyclists impinging on the area as well.!

Again I would point out that parts of the Lane only measures 2.75 metres wide, thus preventing two-way traffic, and certainly not capable of facilitating the addition of a cycleway/greenway accommodating 1000s of cyclists on a regular basis.
It is a proposal totally out of character with the area

When you visit the area before any decision is made we feel confident you will recognise our genuine concerns for safety on the lane and our objections are fully justified.

Try speeding down our lane as cyclists may do and negotiate around our right-angled bends and witness for yourselves the hazards and the potential catastrophic accidents it may cause.!!

Who will be responsible if cyclist and car collide on the blind corners??

Who has the right of way if cyclists are coming down the road and cars are going up the road, as it is too narrow to pass one another????

Consider children playing on the lane and running for a ball and oncoming cyclists.

There are plenty of alternative route solutions to facilitate this plan which may adhere to safety regulations as the proposed selection of O Hanlons lane certainly does not.
Yellow walls road, estuary road .or Old street, would suit better.

We agree in principle to the idea of a suitable greenway/ cycleway but one that meets the required safety standards and one that we can be proud of; but not just a botched misplaced version.

While a proper thought out job will cost money it will be something we can all be proud of and not end up with another controversial half baked job needing to be re done on the basis of safety regulations.

We appeal to you our planners - 'An Bord Pleanála' the higher authority in planning to refuse this outrageous proposal as it unfit for purpose and has no regard for the safety of our residents and children and the mayhem it will cause for the residents on O Hanlons Lane who have always adhered to proper planning and safety requirements under existing challenging infrastructure.

We trust you will dismiss this outlandish selection of O'Hanlons Lane as a conduit for the proposed Broadmeadow Greenway.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph and Pauline Duddy

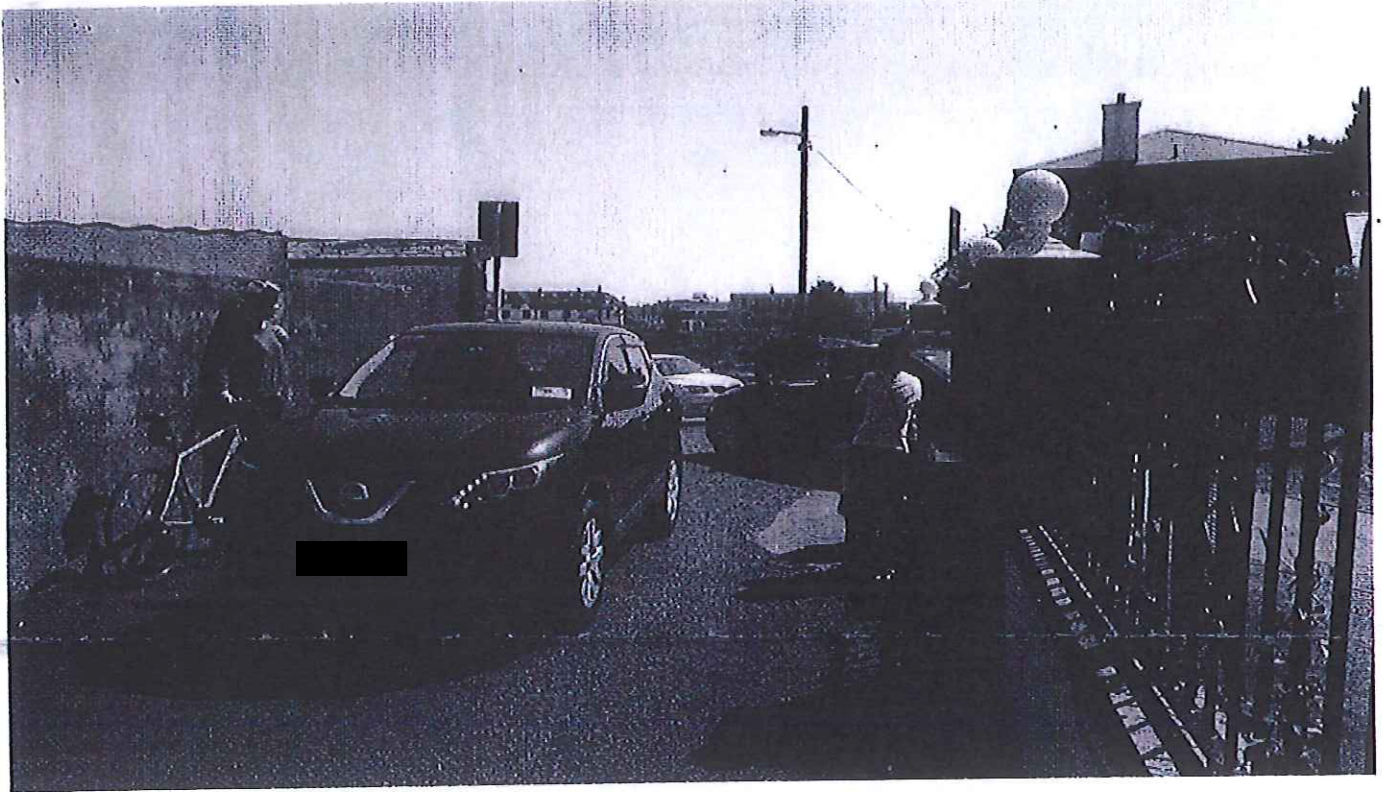
PS. Attached photographs show some unsuitable pinch points on O'Hanlons Lane with potential for accidents

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O'Hanlons Lane - narrow exit to Dublin Road
- please note hedge has been trimmed
- This is new Greenway??



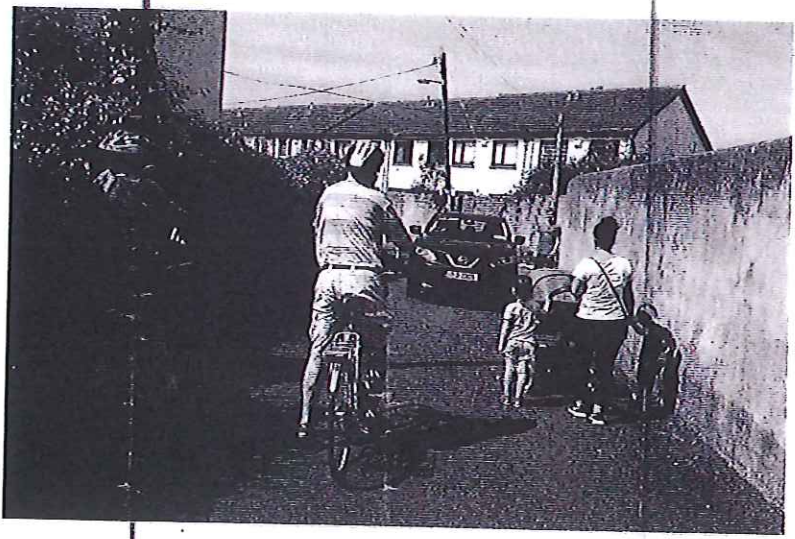
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O' Hanlon's Lane - Blind exit to Bissett Strand
 - Exit from St Yves apartments
 - T-junction - Blind

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O'Hanlons Lane - Northern entrance from Bissels Strand
 - facing into another blind corner
 - there is no scope to widen laneway here to accommodate any new Greenway/cycleway.



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