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12 February 2026.

Senior Executive Officer,

Transportation and Infrastructure Delivery Dept.,



Wicklow to Greystones Greenway Project

By hand.

Dear Sir,

Two years ago I took the trouble to attend a public consultation meeting in relation to the above project. Following on from discussions with the County Council representatives I submitted the feedback form, on line, on the 24th April 2024.

Almost a year later I was advised by registered post that the consultants retained by the Council would be in touch to conduct 'site walkover surveys' to assess the potential route options. No contact was made with me. The only conclusion I can come to is either no site walkovers were carried out over my land or there was an unauthorised trespass. It was also stated in the registered letter that the Coastal Route was the preferred route, which I fully support. Considering the Coastal Route has been and continues to be used by walkers, with or without dogs, children etc for decades surely the Greenway is already there. In addition the walking surface is pleasant underfoot and not a hard tarmac surface, which Local Authorities seem to prefer, requiring continuing maintenance and ongoing expense to the tax-payer.

I then, as with many other landowners/working farmers, received a letter saying the preferred route was now the 'Field Route'. Again I took the trouble to meet with a Council representative with the Farmer who rents my land. My incredulity knew no bounds when I asked if the Consultants were aware that the OPW has designated the 'field route' as a flood plain; the answer was Yes! I'm attaching 2 photographs, which I've notated on the reverse, showing the flooding of my land; No1 the actual 'preferred route' flooded, this happens every year for months; No2 the remainder of my land, the back portion leading to the Vartry river. How therefore can the 'field route' be a preferred option.

Apart from my land being farmed, in addition with my permission, the local hunt go through the land and my section of the Vartry River is maintained by the Vartry Fly Fishers and fished by them.

Blandly no information has been proffered as to how the proposed bridges over the Vartry and Rathnew rivers will effect the entire area. The 'field route' then has this notion to proceed through an adjoining field and across a private lane which is the only access my neighbours have to their homes. Going on from the private lane the 'field route' would plan to go through the 'Reed Bed' being the sewage system for Tinakilly House Hotel. Nonsense does not begin to describe how the 'Consultants' arrived at their view, much less that Wicklow County Council would support this route

It seems to be ignored by the Council and their consultants that the field route goes through privately owned land. I for one will not consent to this route going through my land creating destruction to the land itself and severance of my farming land.

Yours Faithfully  l.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
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PHOTO 2



PHOTO 1

