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Subject: Objection to Proposed Wicklow to Greystones Greenway Route

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed greenway route that is planned to pass through our privately owned family farm.

Our farm is intended to be a safe and private place for our children to grow up, play freely, and enjoy the outdoors without fear.

I am deeply concerned about the proposal to grant public access through our private property, particularly regarding uncontrolled dogs. When I was eleven years old, I was viciously attacked by a dog that broke free from its chain. The attack was completely unprovoked and resulted in over 50 stitches and permanent scarring across my body. This was a traumatic experience that has stayed with me throughout my life.

The idea that members of the public, potentially with dogs off-lead, could be passing through our land where my young child will be playing is extremely distressing. I have personally witnessed frequent arguments and incidents in public parks and walking areas caused by dogs roaming freely, causing fear and distress to others. I do not believe it is reasonable or acceptable to introduce this risk into the safety and privacy of our own property.

Furthermore, I am genuinely puzzled by the rationale behind routing the greenway inland through marshy fields and a known flood plain, when there is already a perfectly good and beautiful coastal walkway on the Murrough that runs directly behind our land. My family and I regularly walk this route, and it is already a popular and scenic amenity for the public.

It seems illogical to divert significant public funds to create a new route through private farmland when an established coastal walkway already exists. I would strongly question why those funds could not instead be used to improve and maintain the existing Murrough walkway, or to reopen the very popular Greystones

to Bray coastal walk, which has been closed for years and is greatly missed by the public.

Wicklow is blessed with many outstanding walking routes and natural amenities. I am struggling to understand why it would be considered appropriate to force a new greenway directly through private land, particularly land that lies within a flood-prone area.

For these reasons, I strongly object to the proposed greenway route through our property and request that Wicklow County Council reconsider this alignment.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would appreciate confirmation that this objection has been received and will be taken into account as part of the planning and consultation process.

Kind regards,

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