
Wicklow to Greystones Greenway Project

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The proposed "greenway" running along the western boundary of the Murrough SPA will undermine the purpose of the SPA and the NPWS's very successful Cooldross breeding wader project.

Wintering birds protected by the SPA designation such as Whooper Swans, Greylag and Brent Geese move between the Murrough and the adjoining farmland to the west. Constructing what is effectively a road along the interface will result in disturbance and loss of habitat, both being the major factors in the ongoing decline in biodiversity.

The breeding wader project at Cooldross presupposes that breeding success in the fenced area will spread to adjacent farmland, which is already happening. The proposed route treats the Cooldross project like some caged menagerie in a zoo and is likely in breach of EU Council Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds.

In any sane society this highly destructive greenway route would be scrapped in its current form.

Regards,

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