

Re: Greenway Affected Landowner

From: [Redacted]
Date: Thu 1/29/2026 11:21 AM
To: [Redacted]

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Hi [Redacted]

Thank you for meeting with me on Tuesday and listening to my concerns about the emerging preferred route for the Wicklow to Greystones Greenway Scheme.

As previously requested in the attached letter (again requested with my 2024 submission, also attached) can we please get copies of the reports from Stage 1 Summary Report, Section 4:

- Previous Feasibility Study Report
- Strategic Assessment Report
- Constraints Study Report

Can we also now get copies of the reports for Stage 2 outlined on the WCC Greenway website, namely the above along with:

- Stage 1 Options Selection Report
- TII's Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA) framework for each of the route options

Kind Regards [Redacted]

On Mon, Jan 26, 2026 at 9:49 AM [Redacted] wrote:
Hi [Redacted] that's good for me. I'll see you then. Kind Regards, [Redacted]

On Mon 26 Jan 2026, 09:18 [Redacted] wrote:

De: [REDACTED]

I have booked members room 2 for tomorrow Tuesday 27/01/2026 @ 3pm in county buildings.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 23 January 2026 12:21
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Greenway Affected Landowner



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Hi. [REDACTED] thanks for your response. Yes we are free next Tuesday, can you please confirm a time? [REDACTED]

On Fri 23 Jan 2026, 10:34 [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Are you available for a meeting in county buildings next Tuesday 27th of Jan? If so I will revert with a proposed time based on meeting room availability.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday 17 January 2026 07:33
To: Wicklow Greenway [Redacted]
Subject: Greenway Affected Landowner

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Hello, in response to WCC Transport & Infrastructure Delivery letter dated 9th January 2026, recieved on 13th January, I would like to request a consultation to meet with the project team asap. Kind Regards, [Redacted]

[REDACTED]
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Wicklow Town

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(post and email)

Date: 10th April 2024

RE: WICKLOW TO GREYSTONES GREENWAY

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your recent letter, addressed to [REDACTED] and dated 3rd of April 2024, please note the following.

In May 2022 my Mum, [REDACTED] transferred an agreed portion of her farm (part of Folio No. [REDACTED]) to myself [REDACTED] in an area of land that I now farm myself. My solicitor has advised that while the registration of this transferred parcel of land can take some time with the PRA, I am since May 2022 the legal owner of the property.

Having reviewed the contents of the above letter, and the AtkinsRealis WICKLOW TO GREYSTONES GREENWAY Stage 1 Options Selection Executive Summary Report April 2024, I can confirm that the property I own is affected by the proposed Emerging Preferred Routes namely the Field Corridor (Secondary Option), and the Coastal Corridor (Primary Option). As such, can I ask that my details be added to any correspondence database for affected landowners going forward.

The above letter refers to an initial round of Public Consultation held on the 28th of February 2019, can you please confirm what format this consultation took as we were not aware of any such discussion.

Reference is made to three separate reports, within the above mentioned AtkinsRealis Stage 1 Summary Report, Section 4: Previous Feasibility Study Report, Strategic Assessment Report and Constraints Study Report. Can you please advise where we can access and review these reports.

We look forward to hearing from you on the above in due course, and to meeting with the Project Team at the upcoming information evening.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Wicklow to Greystones Greenway Scheme



Public Consultation Emerging Preferred Route Corridor

Wicklow. Rathnew. Newcastle. Kilcoole. Greystones

Public Consultation runs
April 9th to May 7th 2024

Feedback Form – Please tell us your views!

Name

Contact Number

Date

E-mail

Address

Eircode / Postcode

Age

- Less than 18
- 18 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 or older
- Prefer not to say

Gender

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say



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Feedback Form – Please tell us your views!

Do you live / Own property within one of the
Emerging Preferred Route Corridor Options?

Yes

No

If you live / have property within one of the
Emerging Preferred Route Corridor Options?

Residential

Commercial

Farm

Other

Please specify which Corridor Option(s) may affect
you. Please tick all that apply.

Coastal
Corridor

Field
Corridor

Regional
Corridor

None of the
above.

Please provide additional details on why this Corridor Option affects you?

SEE ATTACHED LETTER AND
ATTACHMENTS



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Building Ireland's Future

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Would the development of the Wicklow to Greystones
Greenway encourage you to use it?

 Yes No

If you have specific information relating to the proposed Corridor Options, or if you would like to make any other comments about the proposed scheme, please let us know: *(please use additional paper and include supporting documents /images / maps if you wish)* Please provide additional details on why this Corridor Option affects you?

SEE ATTACHED LETTER AND
ATTACHMENTS

The closing date for submissions is the 7th May 2024

Data Protection: By providing my details in this Feedback Form, I consent to sharing my information with AtkinsRéalis Ireland and Wicklow County Council solely for the purpose of this public consultation. Your name and email may be used for the purposes of sending you updates on this public consultation. Your personal information will be deleted from our system once we have concluded the consultation process

Wicklow County Council values the opinion of the community on the Project and welcomes comments from the public and interested parties.

Senior Executive Officer,
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Whitegates,
Wicklow Town
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(emailed and delivered by hand)

Date: 4th May 2024

RE: SUBMISSION WICKLOW TO GREYSTONES GREENWAY SCHEME PUBLIC CONSULTATION
EMERGING PREFERRED ROUTE CORRIDOR (April 9th to May 7th, 2024)

Dear Senior Executive Officer,

[REDACTED] and I live and farm on lands at [REDACTED] Newcastle with my husband [REDACTED]. Our farm is approximately 11 acres in size, in a single block entirely within the townland of Leabeg Middle. We have a commercial sheep enterprise and in April 2021 converted to organic farming with the Organic Trust.

The farm was handed over to me in 2022 and was previously farmed by my Mum [REDACTED] and I in partnership. This farm has been in my family for four generations and will be handed over to my daughter [REDACTED] in turn.

Please note the following as my submission on the above Public Consultation outlining how the proposed corridor options, namely The Coastal Route Corridor, The Field Boundary Route Corridor and The Regional Road Route Corridor, of the Wicklow to Greystones Greenway would affect my farm enterprise, my home and my family:

Crossing Private Lands:

We understand that in line with best Government practice any proposed greenway projects should maximise the use of public lands and minimise the impact on private lands. All three greenway corridor options proposed would have a significant impact on privately owned lands, our farm included. Dividing or severing any part of our lands with a greenway route would have a detrimental impact on our farm, our farm business and our home.

Loss of Land and Farm Incomes:

We were informed at the recent information evening at Greystones Library that the proposed greenway would have a minimum width of 6m running along its length. This loss of farmland is significant, resulting in a reduced farm income – inputs from production, and CAP Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 payments would be reduced.

[REDACTED]

Day-to-Day Farm Operations:

We move livestock and machinery around the farm on a daily basis using our farm access lane, fields, field boundaries and field gates. Crossing a greenway route would involve opening and closing gates at every crossing, of which there would have to be many. We operate a rotational grazing system on the farm, which involves the subdivisions of fields into smaller paddocks, allowing livestock to graze them out for 5-7 days before moving on to the next one in rotation. Both the proposed Coastal Corridor and the Field Corridor routes would have a significant impact on day-to-day farming activity carried out on our farm.

Livestock Safety and Welfare:

The safety and welfare of our livestock is at the core of our farming enterprise. We have concerns that a greenway route crossing the farm will impact negatively on our livestock – dogs worrying sheep being a great concern. Our ewes are in-lamb and have lambs at foot from mid-October to mid-July annually, this is a critical period. We also have concerns regarding the design, quality and on-going maintenance of any proposed fencing, gates, underpasses etc. bounding the sides of the proposed greenway. At any proposed crossing points how will livestock be protected from walkers, dogs, cyclists? Who will be responsible for any litter management? Livestock can accidentally digest litter, causing serious health issues.

Farm Insurance:

We have concerns that the proposed greenway will result in an increase in our Farm Insurance payments, specifically our public liability insurance premiums.

Crossing Access Lane to Leabeg Middle:

The wider lands at [REDACTED] are home to other neighboring dwellings and farms, all of which are served by one access lane from the Kilcoole/Newcastle Coast Road. We have concerns that The Regional Road Route Corridor proposes to cross this lane, which is constantly in use for domestic and agricultural traffic, personnel and livestock.

Privacy and Security:

I was born and have lived and farmed on my family lands at [REDACTED] for my entire life, some 51 years. As such, my family and I have concerns about how the proposed greenway will impact on our privacy. As a family we regularly utilize the farm not only as a means of income, but also as an amenity space for walking, bird-watching, horse-riding and bee-keeping, all of which we are actively involved in. With the increased traffic from the proposed greenway there will be the increased possibility of trespassing onto our farm.

Organic Farm Operations:

We operate as an Organic Farm, fully certified by the Organic Trust, and as such follow strict guidelines to ensure compliance. As Organic Farmers we strive to replenish and improve soils by lowering disturbance through poaching and compaction. Any site investigations and construction works associated with a greenway would lead to greater soil compaction and disturbance with the use of heavy plant machinery over the land. We have serious concerns that the proposed greenway will impact our compliance with organic standards and have a detrimental impact on our soil health.

[REDACTED]

NPWS Farm Scheme Operations:

Part of our farm is also managed under the NPWS Farm Plan Scheme. Our Farm Plan Type is Breeding Waders, Geese and Swans, Species Rich Dry Grassland and Habitat, incorporating specific actions for Lapwing, Redshank and other Waders, Geese and Swans, Species Rich Dry Grassland. As part of this management plan we have an ongoing yearly schedule of maintenance and improvement tasks to encourage specific wildlife and their preferred habitats. We have concerns that the proposed greenway will impact these very important habitats, and our ongoing actions to protect and enhance these.

ACRES (Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme):

We are part of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine ACRES scheme and as such have specific actions to complete with a view to reversing biodiversity decline on the farm. We have concerns that the proposed greenway routes will impact these actions.

Farm Biodiversity:

As documented with the National Biodiversity Data Centre, the townland of [REDACTED] is home to a vast and diverse array of flora and fauna. The site investigations, construction and operation any potential greenway route could only have a detrimental impact on this well established and important farm biodiversity.

Natura 2000 SPA and SAC:

The eastern section of our farm is included within Natura 2000's The Murrough SPA (004186) and The Murrough Wetlands SAC (002249), and we farm throughout in accordance with all guidelines and best practices in support of these ecologically important areas. These sites support:

- a number of habitats listed on Annex I of the EU Habitats Directive
- a number of bird species listed on Annex I of the EU Birds Directive

Along with a wide range of nationally and internationally important migratory birds, there are also many rare plants growing on these sites. How will any proposed greenway through, or in the vicinity of these areas impact on this ecologically important site.

Wildlife on the Farm:

Farming alongside the natural world is very important to us, and we are very proud of the established habitats we have on the farm which we strive to observe, retain and enhance for the future. Some notable wildlife we have observed on the farm (to name a few): Otter, Irish Hare, Fox, Badger, Deer, Bat, Field Mice, Barn Owl, Lapwing, Redshank, Curlew, Snipe, Wigeon, Teal, Little Tern, Golden Plover, Water Rail, Oystercatcher, Meadow Pipit, Reed Bunting, Reed Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Yellowhammer, Skylark, Kingfisher, Red Kite, Buzzard, Mute Swan, Whooper Swan, Cormorant, Greylag Goose, Light-bellied Brent Goose, Raven, Little Egret, House Martin, Pheasant, Wild Irish Bees.

Historic Hedgerows and Ditches:

OSi Historic Maps dating back to 1838 detail a network of hedgerows, ditches, drains and watercourses, many of which are still in existence today at [REDACTED]. These features are home to an extensive range of long established flora and fauna, the proposed greenway can only have a negative impact on these invaluable habitats which have been established for hundreds of years. Please see attached OSi 1838 Historic Map for reference, not to scale.

[REDACTED]

Future Proposed Farm Projects:

Farm planning is an essential key to any successfully enterprise. Along with the above mentioned ongoing operations, some of the future plans we have for the farm include: planting Native Irish woods, planting more species rich grasslands, introducing more native Irish Bee Hives, establishing more wildlife ponds, enhancing and maintaining exiting hedgerows, establishing new stock-proof native hedgerows, introducing and breeding more native Irish Livestock. We are aiming to create more habitats that link together hedgerows, ponds, pollinator strips and woodlands. How do we plan for these actions with the possibility of a 6m wide greenway traversing the farm?

We understand that the proposed greenway project is at Phase 2, Planning and Development Stage. It appears there was an initial round of Public Consultation held on the 28th of February 2019, can you please confirm what format this consultation took as we were not aware of any such discussion. Additionally reference is made to three separate reports (completed to date) within the AtkinsRealis Stage 1 Summary Report, Section 4:

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- Constraints Study Report.

We were unable to locate these completed reports for review on the Wicklow Greenways website, www.wicklowgreenways.ie. We would ask that these reports should be available to any interested parties, so that fully informed decisions can be made at this stage of the process.

In light of the above, we feel that the only viable option for a greenway route from Greystones to Wicklow is along the Eastern/Irish Sea side of the existing Irish Rail railway track, coordinated and integrated with proposed coastal protection works, which we understand are in the design development stages.

Can I ask that you please acknowledge receipt of this submission at your earliest convenience, thank you.

Kind Regards,

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