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Hi
Can you send us on the "large scale" map of the Clonmannon area specifically at our boundary and where the greenway crossing is on Clonmannon Avenue leading to the main road.
Thank you
[redacted]

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Wicklow to Greystones Greenway Project Objection

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Dear Sirs

We wish to object strongly to the proposed Greenway below.

Re: Formal Objection – Emerging Preferred Route (EPR) at Clonmannon.

To Whom It May Concern,

[REDACTED] are the residents of [REDACTED]. Our home is an 18th-century barn conversion and a **Protected Structure**. We wish to register our strongest objection to the Emerging Preferred Route (EPR).

For over 20 years, we have lived here in peace, a tranquillity that is now directly threatened by this deeply flawed proposal. While we have repeatedly requested a detailed map so we can understand the EPR, and have been told it would be sent to us, we have not received it. From what we can understand, our home and land are uniquely impacted as follows:

1. Architectural Heritage & Curtilage Protection

Our home is not merely a residence; it is a sensitive historic conversion where many details were agreed upon with the Council to preserve its architectural merit. This includes:

- **Specific Materials:** The use of lime plaster, black terrace slate, and reclaimed brick in the curtilage.
- **Estate Design:** Our driveway (Ballylusk medium crush gravel with old cobblestone edging) and gates were constructed using methods of an "estate blacksmith" to maintain the historic setting.

The Council has a statutory duty to protect the "**curtilage**" and setting of such structures. The proposed route—just 90 metres from our elevated home—would permanently destroy this carefully preserved historic context.

2. Significant Access & Security Risks

The EPR proposes to cross our primary access via the privately owned

- **Safety Concerns:** As retired residents, we are deeply concerned about the safety and feasibility of crossing a public Greenway to reach our driveway.
- **Access Obstruction:** We have received zero technical detail on how this crossing will function, or if we will be required to pass through gates to access our own home, potentially delaying emergency or service vehicles.
- **Liability & Trespass:** The loss of our private avenue's "social control" introduces risks of trespass. Our 60m x 30m pond will be easily accessible to the public, creating a major safety hazard that will likely increase our insurance premiums.

3. Destruction of a Fragile Eco-System

Our land serves as a vital corridor for a vast array of wildlife. The Council previously required us to provide details of the native hedgerows we planted to specifically provide safe passage for these species. This animal "walkway" is clearly worn into the grass margin just 20 metres from the proposed Greenway.

Species directly at risk from construction and public use (noise, lighting, pets) include:

- **Critically Endangered:** The **European Eel** (born in the Sargasso Sea), which thrives in our pond.
- **Mammals:** Badger setts (hundreds of years old), Otters, Pine Martens, Deer, Bats, Foxes, and Hedgehogs.
- **Birds:** Red-listed species such as **Lapwing** and **Brent Geese**, along with the Great Spotted Woodpecker, Little White Egret, Heron, Buzzard, and many others.

Please see attached photos.

Conclusion

The proposed inland alignment is an intrusive and unnecessary intervention that ignores the **State-owned coastal rail corridor**. We request that the Council re-evaluates the route selection to prioritize the coastal walkway, thereby protecting our historic home, our security, and this fragile ecosystem.

Yours sincerely,



Photo 1 - A heron eating a critically endangered European Eel beside our pond, within 5 metres of where we think the EPR may be.

Photo 2 – A moorhen and her flock beside the pond.

