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Re: Objection to emerging Preferred Route Wicklow to Greystones Greenway

To whom it may concern,

I write as a landowner and effected farmer to strongly object to the emerging proposed Preferred Route of Wicklow County Council.

1. **No Communication**. It was only on the 11th January 2026 that we heard from a neighbour of this proposed preferred route and that there was a county council meeting the next day, which we attended. Even though we had not the right of audience after the meeting we brought to the attention of the relevant powers that we had no communication at all on this matter. A registered letter arrived on 26th January to myself but not to ~~██████████~~ regarding this proposed greenway. Not good enough.
2. **Our family farms 52 hectares** of which we have Cattle and a Department of Agriculture registered Livery Yard for retired horses. Cattle can be very dangerous as I have personal experience of personal injury from cattle. In the case of trespass and anti-social behaviour and Wicklow County Council's proven historical poor track record for not maintaining fences it would be a very serious situation if either cattle or horses found their way onto the greenway or if the public trespass on our land. It could involve a serious life threatening or life changing experience.
3. **Biosecurity and safety** is a huge priority on our farm and we have definite protocols in place to ensure these are adhered to. We have also been Bord Bia accredited for the last two decades.

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4. **Fire Hazzard and Anti-social Behaviour.** Unfortunately, historically we have had arson on our farm and we have a huge concern of anti-social behaviour or discarded cigarettes that will cause standing crops ditches and also the SAC to catch fire in dry weather. It is also a concern that the location of the Greenway through our land annual flooding is a fact of life, especially after heavy rain in the mountains and spring tides at sea. This area is under sea level.
 5. **Right to Privacy.** We are committed to safety and wellbeing of our livestock and Livery horses. Having worked in Agriculture all of my working life we take pride in the care we give to our animals and other peoples horse. It is a duty we take very seriously and to this end we do not wish to have our privacy invaded and our stock disturbed or under threat by members of the public.
 6. **This proposed Greenway will cut our farm in half.** With the Department of Agriculture who advised us on the best way to look after the SAC we were advised by the Department to graze judiciously every year the SAC to ensure its maintenance. The proposed greenway in parts will be coming onto the SAC in places and the rest will be adjacent within five metres of the SAC.
 7. This Greenway will make our farm unviable and my son who wants to farm this land will not be able to do so.

I await hearing from you to confirm safe receipt of this letter.

