

Objection to Proposed Wicklow Greenway

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed Wicklow Greenway route insofar as it affects Sea Road and the approach to the car park and railway station in Kilcoole.

Sea Road and the surrounding lanes are already operating beyond safe capacity. On most days, the existing car park is full, with vehicles lining the narrow roadway. The road is barely wide enough for two vehicles to pass safely, and any further increase in traffic and pedestrian use would present a clear and foreseeable risk to residents, visitors, and road users.

I am extremely concerned about access for emergency services. The current road layout is already constrained, and additional congestion would seriously impede ambulances, fire services, and Gardaí accessing the railway station area or nearby residences. Wicklow County Council has a statutory duty to ensure that public infrastructure does not create avoidable safety hazards or obstruct emergency access. In its present form, this proposal risks precisely doing that.

There are also significant environmental concerns. The area is recognised as an important wildlife habitat, and a substantial increase in footfall, cycling traffic, noise, and associated parking pressure would inevitably impact on this sensitive environment. A thorough and transparent environmental assessment must address these cumulative impacts.

Finally, it is difficult to understand the rationale for advancing a new Greenway section when the existing coastal walkway between Bray and Greystones has been closed for approximately five years. Before committing to further development, it would seem reasonable and responsible to prioritise restoring and reopening established infrastructure that has already served the public.

For all these reasons — road safety, emergency access, environmental protection, and responsible infrastructure planning — I urge Wicklow County Council to reconsider this proposed route and to engage meaningfully with local residents before proceeding further.

Yours faithfully
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