

Inbhir Ide Drive and Close Residents Association.

To: Chairperson, Active Travel Sub-Committee.
Honorary Secretary, Malahide Community Forum.

I am contacting you both with our Residents Associations feedback, as requested, regarding the proposal for the Safe Route to School and Active Travel walkway/cycleway within our community and in particular Yellow Walls and Caves Marsh.

Having discussed this at committee level and it being put to our residents, it has been decided that, with regret, we cannot support this proposal as it stands. Our Residents Association has not made this decision lightly and it was discussed and debated by all, both for and against.

An alternative suggestion put forward, that would be more favourable to our group, would be to have a pathway, from Sea Road, going to the rear of Malahide Sailing Club, which would join a Bridge/Floating Walkway across the Gaybrook River mouth where it joins the estuary and the current path to Seabury Park. We believe it would make more logical sense to have the pathway there as it would be less intrusive to the wildlife, it would connect directly with the proposed Cycleway from Malahide to Swords along the Estuary and Back Strand. This connectivity is required to complete this section of the larger Green-Way Cycle Route proposal for North County Dublin by Fingal County Council.



The proposal as it stands, to have a bridge on the southern end of the inlet close to Barrack Bridge, will have a very big detrimental impact on this breeding area for the wildlife as most of the nesting sites are in that area.

It would mean that all persons coming from Seabury Park along the proposed route, would have to come from the Estuary on the North end, walk almost up to Barrack bridge, cross over the proposed bridge, then have to walk back along the rear of the Milford residential houses on a newly constructed walkway, then cross from the Marsh to Sea Road and cross on to the cul de sac at Inbhir Ide Drive.

As we are all aware, Caves Marsh is a Special Area of Conservation. It has a historical value that has yet to be explored. The sensitivity of such an area does merit a lot of consideration in any potential development or changes in the area which may not only have a detrimental effect on the wildlife and their habitat but also on the surrounding communities who are fortunate to be living alongside this wonderful natural and historic area.

Regards,
Committee

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