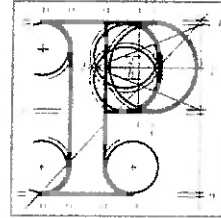


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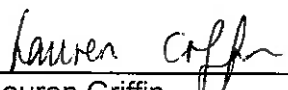
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Yours faithfully,

  
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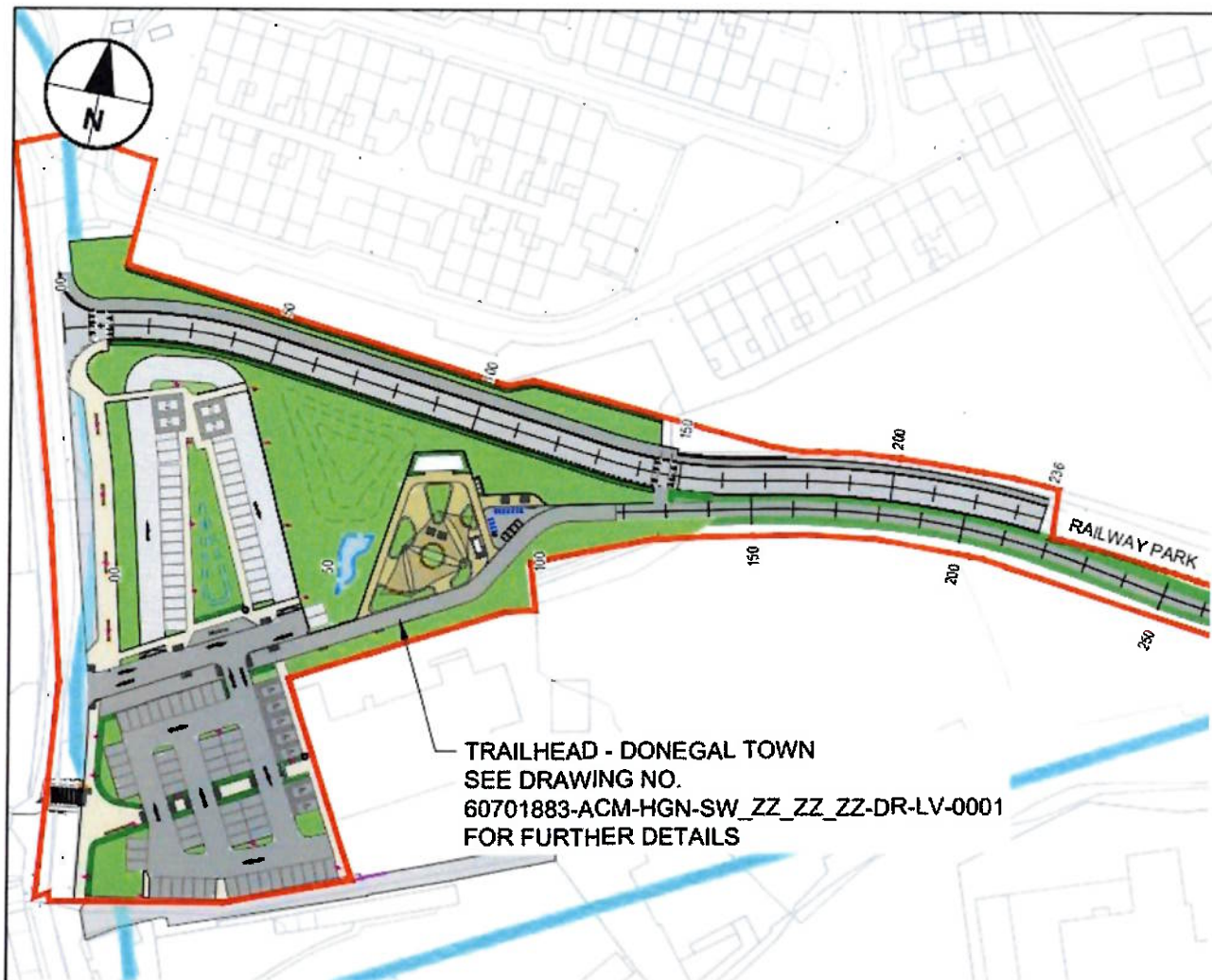
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Proposed Development of the Barnesmore Gap Greenway Project

Objecting against the proposed Trail head at Drumrooske Estate



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## Introduction

To whom it may concern, I David Keating of Drumrooske Estate, Donegal town would like to object on behalf of myself and other residents of the estate, to the development of a trail head at Drumrooske as part of the proposed Barnesmore gap greenway project. I strongly believe that the following observations which I will highlight in this letter have not been previously highlighted or been taking into consideration, especially the impact that this trail head would impose on the residents here and the wider community of Donegal town. With many neighbours and myself having lived here close to 50 years, we have a good understanding of the area from which we can make these observations, all of which are backed by residents of Drumrooske estate.

Drumrooske Estate consists of O' Cleirigh Ave, O' Maolchonaire Ave and O' Duignan Ave.

The views are genuine and base solely on knowledge over the years of the area. My intentions are to bring light to the concerns of both myself and neighbours living here. All in the interest of public safety, accident prevention, traffic congestion prevention, resident parking concerns, flood awareness and anti-social behaviour & loitering prevention.

The proposed trail head at Drumrooske is going to cause a lot of serious concerns for the residents here. Concerns that might be easily overlooked by people who do not reside in an estate and do not understand the impact the trail head will have. Planners who might believe that our concerns are a result of overthinking and procrastinating on problems that might never happen however most of these problems are already a serious issue at Drumrooske estate. The trail head design itself we believe will encourage more unwanted anti-social behaviour and loitering. It will have a negative impact on the residential parking which we already have issues with. It will see an increase traffic which will present more hazards for the public especially when there is a proposal for buses along that road of which will also have HGVs coming and going to Tesco's. We want to identify any likely future problems that might occur and prevent them rather than trying to resolve them afterwards. We do not want to be left with problems on our doorsteps especially preventable problems which we strongly believe the trail head will bring to Drumrooske.

There is a lot of frustration, stress and anxiety from the residents currently over this proposed design for trail head and its location. Residents also feel as though they have been left in the dark about everything as most of them had no idea about the greenway until I mentioned it to them when getting signatures on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. We believe that a site notice should have been put up at Drumrooske to inform residents about the greenway as only a hand full got a letter about it last year.

All the residents would like to keep railway road where it is and keep that green space in front of O' Cleirigh avenue left the way it is for kids to play in. We believe further developments at Drumrooske will greatly affect the overall wellbeing and health and safety of residents here. We would suggest to leave the area as it is and have the trailhead on the outskirts of the town rather in the town which suffers already from raised traffic and parking concerns. I have given suggestions to the planners of the benefits to having it away from the congested town in previous letters to them. They also had other possible sites which I think should be reconsidered as they may have less impact on residents.

Please find below our observations and images to help with the understanding of the issues we have currently at Drumrooske estate.

## Trail head at Drumrooske

### Stated in the Barnesmore greenway project documents – Appendix – 9 – 2 Flood risk

3.2.2.1 Donegal Town Trailhead, The Trailhead in Donegal Town is located at the St. John Bosco Community Centre in Donegal Town. This area is within the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) flood plain of the Eske River. (Figure 3-2). It is proposed to construct an extension to the existing car park at the Community Centre. The car park following the extension will have 91 regular spaces, 7 accessible spaces, 4 universal EV charging spaces and 1 minibus spaces. A satellite image of the location of the Trailhead is shown in Figure 3-2. The carpark extension will be built on an area of amenity grassland. The amenity grassland to the east of the carpark will be landscaped as far as the hardstanding at the Livestock mart, retaining much of the current land use.

**I believe the above to be incorrect on a few things.**

- 1) The Trailhead is not located at the St. John Bosco Community Centre. It is located in a green space in front of O'Cleirigh avenue with Railway Road currently to the opposite side. I was informed by plenty of residents that this field is owned by the council but given to the people in the estate back in the 80/90s as an amenity grassland which the residents maintained for decades. There was always a collection to help with the cost of maintaining this green area/amenity grassland. When railway road was put in, it halved the amenity grassland which the Bosco centre claimed the section closet to them and we were left with a reduced amenity grassland. This reduction will see a decrease in the minimum required usable green space for residents, leaving children with minimal play areas.
- 2) This is an extension to the Bosco centre which is then being called a trailhead for the greenway with the addition of unwanted public toilets, benches and tents. This pay and display parking will be accommodated by workers from local businesses during the day and people attending the Bosco centre in the evenings for events such as bingo on a Thursday night for example. I think the design is misleading and being disguised as Greenway trailhead parking then that will clearly not be the intended use. I believe the intended use is to profit from the workers who currently park for free in the Bosco centre carpark. Anyone hoping to use the greenway will probably find it hard to get a parking spot and as a result will park in front of the houses in the residential parking zones created by the council for the residents of Drumrooske estate back when the houses were built in the early 70s. The estate is mostly privately owned now by residents and many have purchased their homes with the benefit of having parking on site. There is a serious issue with parking in the town at present and I think this is just one step towards resolving that issue.
- 3) It states above that there will be 1 space allocated for a mini bus which I believe to be misleading as it was mentioned to me at one of the consultations about buses, not just 1. On the plans it also shows 2 buses parked alongside the road in an area which can accommodate at least 4 buses. I believe the intended use here is to get the Bus Eireann buses out of the diamond in a bid to ease the traffic congestion created by the recently introduced 1 way system which has seen a huge increase in congestion in the town, even when there are no buses present. This will just build up the even more congestion along Tirchonail St. It will not solve any problems but instead redirect them.
- 4) To say there is only a 1% Annual exceedance probability of flooding is incorrect. The area is widely known as a flood plain and there are more than ever greater chances of floods here with climate change which brings much heavy prolonged thundery downpours. I have provided some details on the flooding at Drumrooske below which I hope gives a greater insight to the bigger picture in regards to flooding.

## Flooding at Drumrooske

The flooding at Drumrooske estate occurs when heavy down pours coincide with high tides which restrict or block the out flow of water from the Drumrooske area into the river Eske. We hoped this issue was going to be resolved back in 2001 when the council build railway road and put in bigger drainage pipes as seen in the attached image. This unfortunately did nothing to reduce any flood risk. The stream passing the entrance to Drumrooske estate floods nearly every year to some degree causing potential flood risk to the houses at O'Cleirigh Avenue. This has been an ongoing problem since the 1970s. It has flooded my residence about 15/20 times if not more since the houses were build back in the 70s and as came close to flooding them hundreds of other times. It generally floods right up passed the existing railway road entrance towards the bosco centre, up over the stream itself in the other direction and there has been times it reached up as far as 13. O'Cleirigh Avenue. Most of the times these floods occur late at night or in the early morning so they do not get logged with the local authority or on [www.floodinfo.ie](http://www.floodinfo.ie). This is unfortunate as it would have been useful to have more records of the flooding so time isn't wasted on doing plans for developments on these flood plains and also that everyone involved is getting to see the extent of the flooding issue at Drumrooske estate, Clareden drive and the shore road Mountcharles.



Railway road 2000/2001 - New pipes installed but floods continue to occur

A new housing development (Blue stack Park) has recently just opened this year which both gutter and surface water from that estate is piped right into the same stream that causes our flooding. This may cause an increase in water during heavy down pours potentially adding to the flooding in the area. It is to my understand that sustainable drainage systems (SuDs) have been installed in Blue Stack Park. These systems seem to have great protentional in helping with flood prevention as a whole but I have noticed that even in heavy showers that there is a good steady flow from the run off pipe. Time will tell how well the SuDs performs in this location as I have seen water releasing from it after minor rainfall. My concern is that with climate change and the torrential rain we seem to be experiencing more of in recent years, that the Suds might over flow adding additional water into the stream. One of the last times it flooded here, there hadn't been any rain for a few days just one big down pour that lasted about 30-35 minutes which caused the serious flooding. Our house was about an about 15mm from water entering it. I was lucky that I was at home as I have no doubt that it would have flooded again. I had to call the council out and report the flooding.

I have attached pictures to give a better understanding of the flood problem at Drumrooske. The most recent notable flood was in September 2024 and there has been other smaller events occurring more frequently with excessive surface water pooling the width of the road. The proposed trail head will also hold a lot more surface water too which will just add to the problem, especially if railway road is moved and widened to accommodate the increase in traffic. I honestly believe that the development of a trail head in this area is bad idea due to the flooding concerns alone which will and have left people stranded in the past. Railway road being moved closer to O'Cleirigh Avenue just increases the risk for stranding more people which could potentially be a hazard if emergency services can not to get access to residents at the blocked-in areas due to flooding. It will also cause railway road to flood further into the field as the area will need to be lower so to join with the Tirchonaiill Rd. The field in front of O'Cleirigh avenue is approximately 1-2 foot higher than the existing railway Rd.



Blue stack park drainage into the current stream which regularly floods



Entrance to O, Cleirigh Avenue & O' Maolchonaire Avenue



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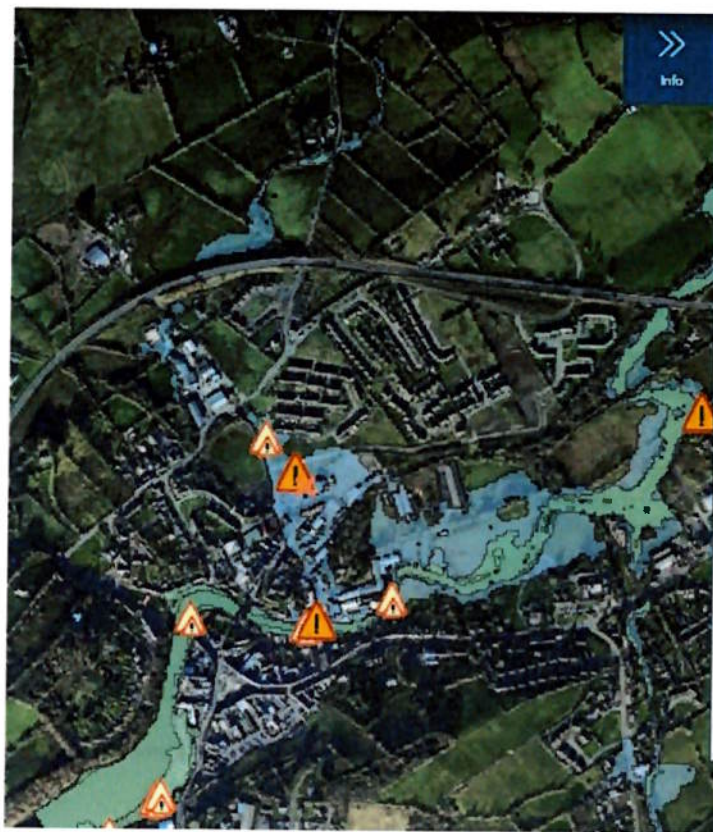
The flooding began after 5am as heavy rain brought more than 13mm of rainfall to South Donegal in one hour. Up to 50mm fell in the area through the storm.



Flooding in Donegal Town

There are fears that the flooding will worsen as the River Eske has not yet reached full tide. High tide is expected at 10.30am.

Water has subsided from the Donegal Town car park after earlier flooding, but



**Flood Summary (ID-13672)**

**Flood Event:**  
Flooding at Donegal Town - St. John Bosco Centre at Drumrooske on 04/10/2019

**Record Type:**  
Dated Flood - 04/10/2019

**Flood Source:**  
River

**Geographical Quality:**  
Approximate Point

Past Flood Event User Guidance Notes can be found [here](#)

**Associated Information:**

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Donegal County Council has been asked to keep pressure on the OPW to gain funding for flood relief schemes in south Donegal.

Cllr Noel Jordan says there should be extra urgency added to the application for funding for the south Donegal area, particularly Donegal Town.

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Cllr Jordan told the council today that there was a lot of disappointment in 2019 when the OPW allocated funding towards projects mostly in the northern part of Donegal, when schemes in Donegal Town, Killybegs and Rosstown were awaiting support.

"Last year was the only year in the last six years where there hasn't been a flooding incident in Donegal Town," Cllr Jordan said.

He cited a CFRAM report that identified Donegal Town as a unique area which is susceptible to flooding of all types, and that 'the worst is yet to come' for the town, where 75 properties are at flood risk.

Screen shot from Donegal Daily

**Below table from the Appendix\_9\_2\_Flood\_Risk\_Assessment.pdf**

A summary of the proposed development elements is presented in Table 3-3. The flood vulnerability classification of each element has been assigned in accordance with the Guidelines (Table 2-2).

**Table 3-3 - Donegal Trailhead development element summary**

| Element                  | Description                    | Vulnerable class  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Car park                 | Flood resilient construction   | Less vulnerable   |
| Modified junction        | Local transport infrastructure | Less vulnerable   |
| Railway Road realignment | Local transport infrastructure | Less Vulnerable   |
| Offline Greenway         | Local Transport Infrastructure | Less vulnerable   |
| Landscaping              | Amenity open space             | Water compatible  |
| EV Charging Station      | Utility                        | Highly Vulnerable |
| Existing car park SuDS   | Minor development              | Water compatible  |

**I believe some of the following to be incorrect.**

- 1) The Car Park proposal I would believe to be highly Vulnerable to flooding when high tides meet heavy torrential rain. The above images in the previous pages are evident of that.
- 2) Modified junction is in the centre of the flood zone so I would consider this highly Vulnerable also again can be seen by the pictures
- 3) Railway road realignment is highly Vulnerable too because it is being directed towards the centre of the flood zone.
- 4) EV charging station is yes highly Vulnerable.

## Increase traffic hazards, air and noise pollution at Drumrooske estate

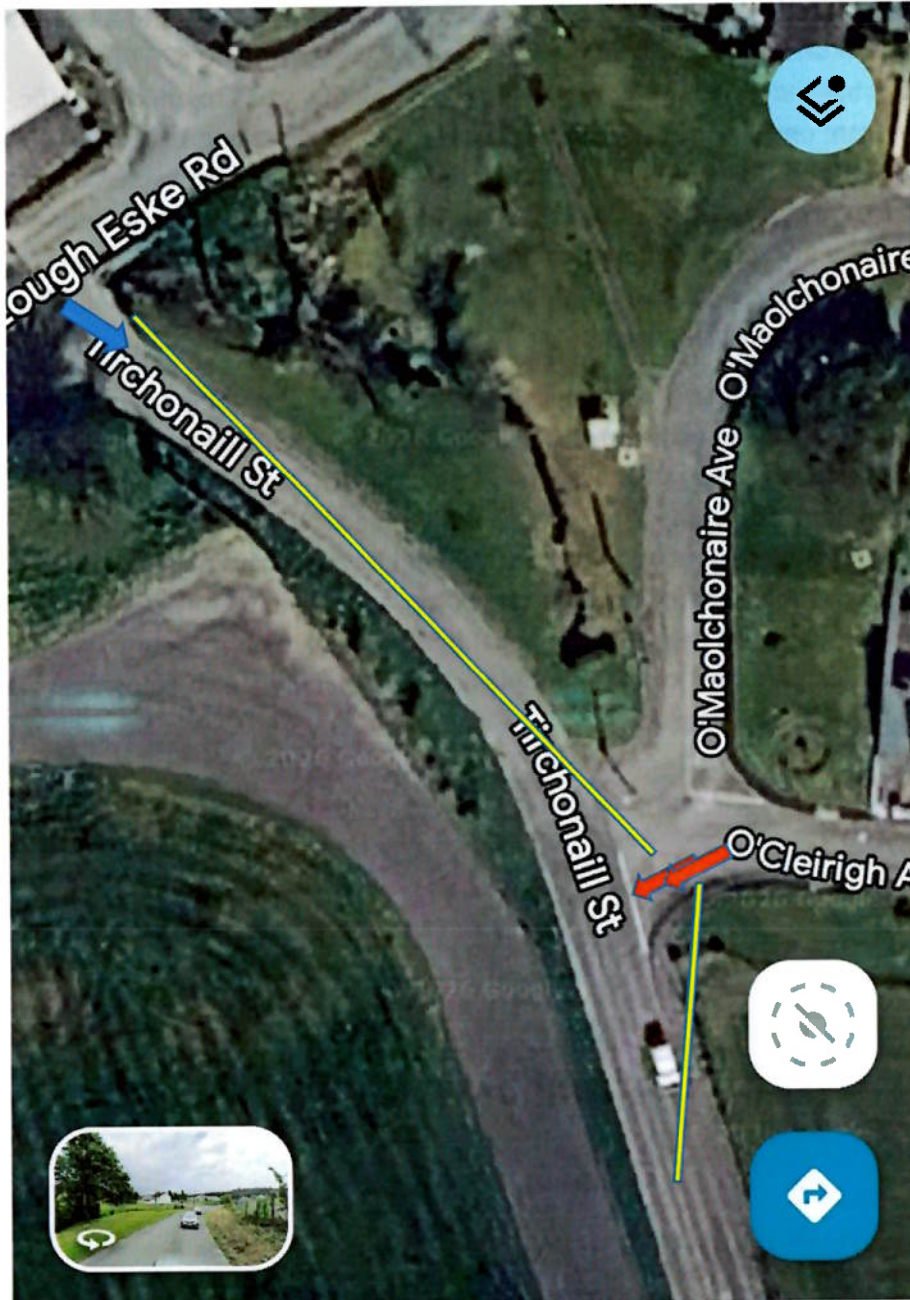
Recent developments in Donegal town have brought increased traffic flow into the Drumrooske area over the last two years. The property developments at Westpoint and Bluestack drive have brought additional traffic and noise pollution along Tirchonail St, with further property developments on going at Drumrooske west. The population here is increasing rapidly and that is going to bring good but also negative effects, those being human traffic, noise pollution and more congestion to the area.

The traffic flow in Donegal town was recently changed in the last year from a two-way system to a one-way system which has left traffic congestion on both the R925 into town from Killybegs and the R267 from Tullyearl direction. Traffic is regularly backed up on both roads which as giving this small town, city traffic. What used to take 3 minutes to get from one side of town to the next is now usually taking 15mins, sometimes more. The reason I speak of the congestion in the town is because people try to bypass the traffic jams by diverting down past Drumrooske. This has had a big impact on traffic and noise. In addition, the recent development of a Tesco store just about 500 metres approximately from O'Cleirigh avenue (Drumrooske) and adjacent to railway road is due to open in December which will furthermore intensify traffic as they will be using railway road as the access road.

The proposal to realign Railway Road even closer to the houses on O'Cleirigh avenue is going to have a huge impact for the residents with the increase in traffic, noise and air pollution. At present there is a significant level for traffic noise coming from railway road especially late at night. Tesco's will bring a lot more of this late-night and early morning traffic to the area with deliveries in articulated lorries. O'Cleirigh Avenue was the first row of houses built in the estate back in the 1970s and it was always a very quiet and peaceful area up until recent years where it just seems to be getting busier and noisier. The residents here bought their houses in this location because of its peaceful location. I think Donegal County council should reconsider the realignment of Railway Road as most of these people are retired and want to enjoy the peace and quiet that brought them here in the first place.

## Creation of a possible dangerous junction

The proposal to move of Railway Rd closer to the estate exit could possibly result in the creation of a dangerous junction. The Tirchonail St road is coming down a hill and sweeps around to the right at about a 40-degree angle. It currently has two exits one from Drumrooske and one from Railway Rd both of which are on the outside of this bend which does improve visibility for drivers but only over a short distance especially for the Drumrooske exit. The speed that drivers come down around that bend is probably too fast because if you pull out when they are just at the top of the hill, they will be most likely on your bumper before you reach the Railway Rd exit. Please see attached images.



Here is a current aerial view of the road layout shown the exit from O'Cleirigh Avenue Drumrooske on to Tirchonail St.

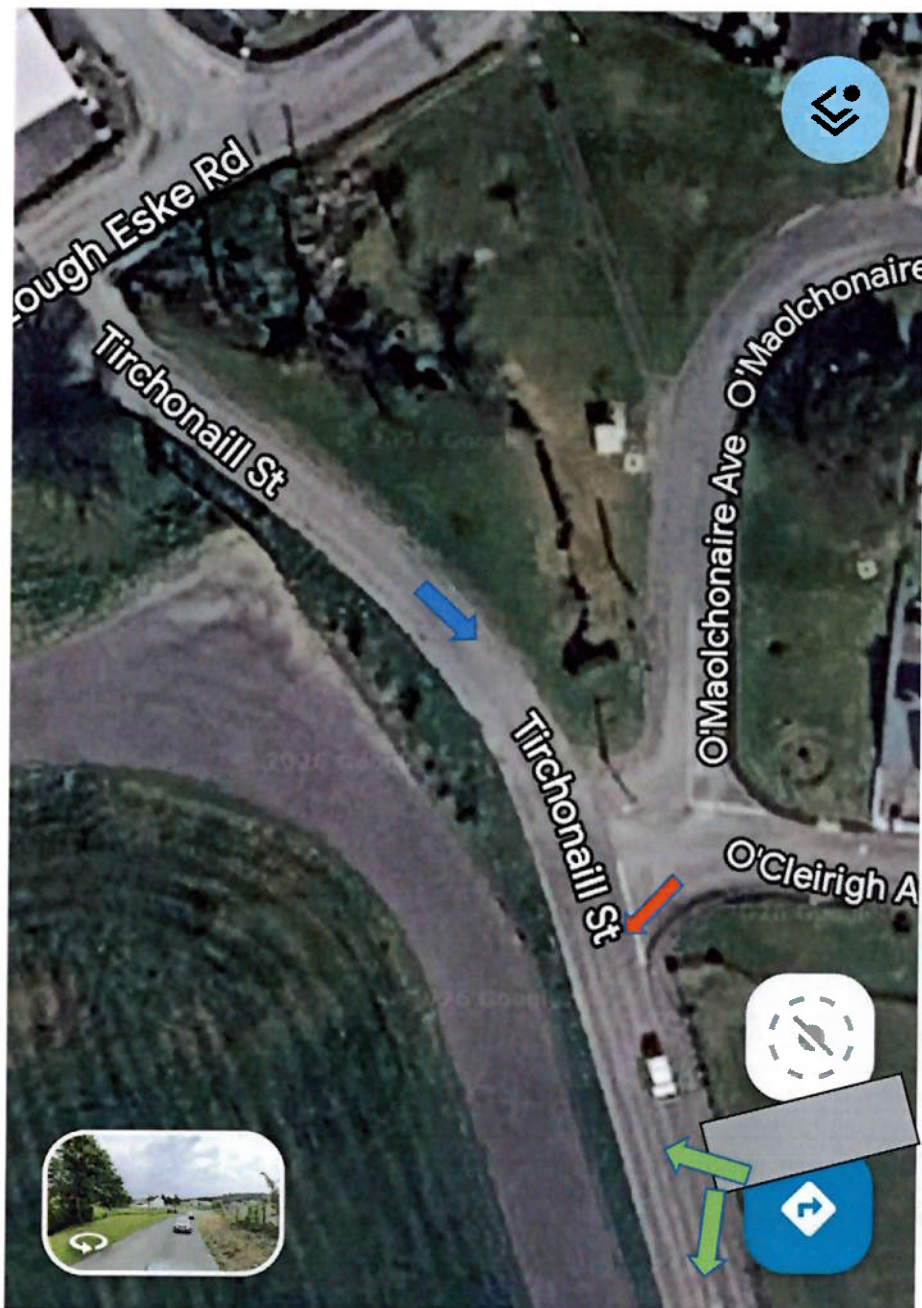
Considering the required measurements for an unobstructed line of sight, being the requested 2.4 meters back from the white line at the exit. Your view to the right is perfect, straight up to the T junction but to the left it is obstructed by the pillars, fence and most often pedestrians on the footpath. This blocks your view out the passenger window so you then have to pull right up to the white line to see clearly to the left but then your view is obstructed to the right. You end up not having a clear view of the t junction or traffic that just turned down which may be traveling at speed.

Red arrow = Car 1 leaving Estate

Blue arrow = Car 2 at top of junction

Yellow line = Sight line

The line of sight is obstructed by the curve in the bank. If the car stays back the 2.4 meters the second yellow line clearly shows that the pillar is blocking the view to the left.



Red arrow = Car 1 leaving Estate

Blue arrow = Car 2 at top of junction

Green car = Leaving the repositioned road

If the green car doesn't see the red car behind the pillars or pedestrians and they both pull onto the road at the same time when the green car is going to force the red car to slow or brake which could result in the red car being rear ended by the blue car.

If we swap out the blue car in this scenario to an articulated lorry traveling the same speed it may require a greater braking distance especially when traveling down a brae.

Keep in mind that there will be a lot more articulated lorries on this road with the new Tesco's.

If the plan was to put a round about there, I can't see that working as the lorries would have to swing in tight to the left and out hard to the right to get off around it and have no time to straighten up before the turn off to Tesco's



View Turning down onto Tirchonail St from the Lough Eske Road which gives a good idea of the view of someone who might have pulled out from the estate and just went left but can't be seen yet. Being on a hill most people tend to pick up speed.



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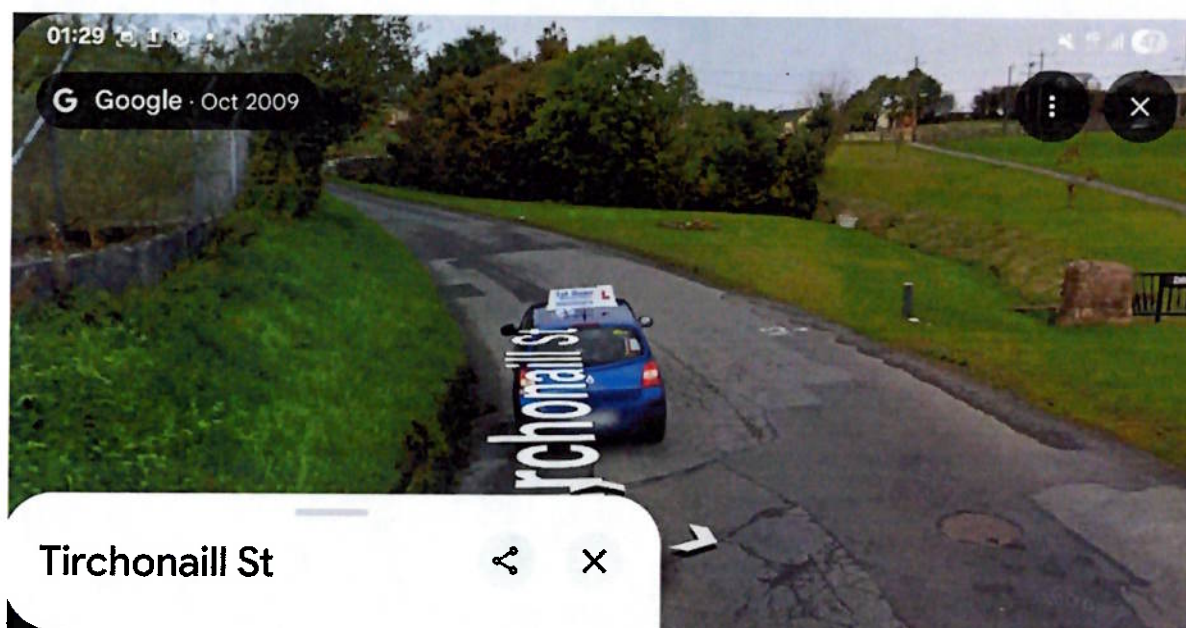
View showing how close Railway Road currently is from where the bend begins to straighten out and how little distance you may have depending on speed to stop if someone brakes in front of you so they can go down to Tesco/Railway Road.

It is very likely that with Tesco's opening in December that people leaving O'Cleirigh Avenue may pull out only to brake and turn left to go down railway road. The traffic coming down from Lough Eske Road may not expect them to turn off Tirchonail Rd that soon and they may not brake in time.

You can also see that the current entrance to railway park is close enough to the Drumrooske estate entrance without having it moved closer.



This blind corner has always been a gamble for residents, you cannot see if anyone is coming down from the T junction so you just have to take a chance. Most of the times its okay but you can be occasionally met by a fast-oncoming car from the T junction



The vision doesn't really improve much as you pass the estate entrance. I have seen people regularly nearly rear end other cars driving around this bend when traffic is held up at the T- junction.



Tirchonail St



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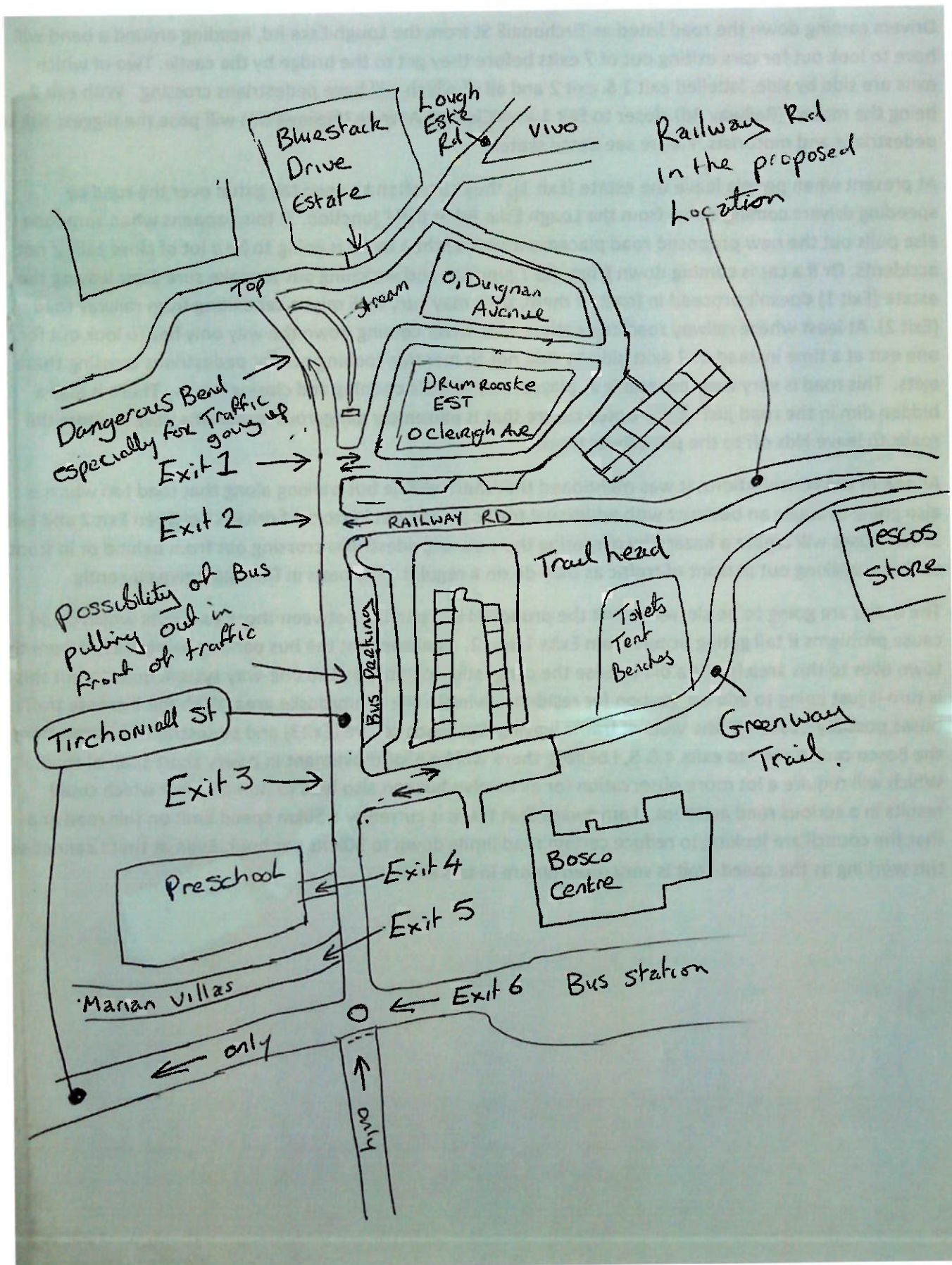
Tirchonail St

Drivers coming down the road listed as Tirchonail St from the Lough Eske Rd, heading around a bend will have to look out for cars exiting out of 7 exits before they get to the bridge by the castle. Two of which exits are side by side, labelled exit 1 & exit 2 and all of which will have pedestrians crossing. With exit 2 being the moved (Railway Rd) closer to Exit 1 at O'Cleirigh Avenue I believe this will pose the biggest risk to pedestrians and motorists. Please see detail sketch.

At present when people leave the estate (Exit 1), they can often be seen tail gated over the road by speeding drivers coming down from the Lough Eske Rd at the T junction. If this happens when someone else pulls out the new proposed road placement (Exit 2) then there is going to be a lot of close calls if not accidents. Or if a car is coming down from the T junction and watching out to make sure a car leaving the estate (Exit 1) doesn't proceed in front of them, they may very well miss a car exiting from railway road (Exit 2). At least where railway road currently is, the driver coming down the way only has to look out for one exit at a time instead of 2 exits side by side not to mention looking out for pedestrians crossing these exits. This road is very busy especially at playschool/schools opening and closing hours. There is also a hidden dim in the road just at the bosco centre that is extremely dangerous as parents have to cross the roads to leave kids off to the playschool there.

At one of the consultations, it was mentioned that there will be bus parking along that road too which is also going to cause an obstruct with additional traffic pulling out in front of drivers between Exit 2 and Exit 3. The buses will create a hazard by obscuring the view of pedestrians crossing out from behind or in front of them, walking out in front of traffic as they do on a regular daily basis in Donegal town currently.

The buses are going to be slower to exit the proposed bus parking between those two exits which could cause problems if tail gating occurs from Exits 1 and 2. I believe that the bus parking being moved from the town over to this area is just a bid to ease the congestion created by the one-way system in town but this is turn is just going to add congestion for residents living in the Drumrooske area. With the increase traffic, buses possibly obscuring the view of traffic leaving the Bosco centre (Exit3) and pedestrians crossing from the Bosco centre over to exits 4 & 5, I believe there will be a lot movement in a very short span of road. Which will require a lot more observation for all involve but can also lead to human error which could results in a serious road accident. I am aware that there is currently a 50km speed limit on this road and that the council are looking to reduce certain road limits down to 30kms per hour. Even at that I cannot see this working as the speed limit is very often ignore in this area.



## Increase in anti-social behaviour on our doorsteps

There have been quite a few incidents of anti-social behaviour at Drumrooske estate over the last few years and it unfortunately seems to be increasing with the rising population in the town and other factors. Myself and neighbours have serious concerns that the amenities proposed for the trail head at Drumrooske estate will encourage a significant increase in anti-social behaviour. Providing shelter, benches and toilets will only encourage the trail head being used as a drinking and hang out area. Anyone I have shown the trail head proposal to, all said the same thing about the amenities being used for those purposes. Some people even highlighted that it would become an eye sore with litter over time. I know the council have said that the area will be maintained regular but there is no guarantee of this and if so, it might be looked after for a few years and forgotten about then. Even if it was maintained the concerns of the area turning into a hang out spot for anti-social behaviour is the major issue, we all have, as this will be happening right outside our front doors. There is also the issue of certain dog breeds not being kept on leads which is treated as anti-social behaviour is a real concern. The possibility of this happening at the trail head is highly likely as it has currently been an issue at Drumrooske over the last few years. I had suggested other areas to the council which would be better for having the trail head but I did not receive any feedback on these. I had given pros and cons on these areas. I know that they had looked at a few locations for it but for some reason want to place it right in the middle of an area that is going to cause stress to residents, reduce our green area and just add to the congestion in the town.

## Residential parking

Currently we have problems with our residents parking at O'Cleirigh avenue due to people parking in our spaces so that they don't have to pay for parking in the town. This happens quite regularly and is extremely frustrating when you come home for work and cannot get parked because others don't want to pay the 50C an hour in town. There have been people parking for days on end here. I have brought this issue to light at one of the greenway consultations because I asked the question about the proposed greenway parking. Asked if it will be paid parking and was advised that yes it will, which I highlighted that if that is the case people will just drive over and park at our parking. Without a doubt in my head that is what is going to happen. This pay and display parking will be accommodated by workers from local businesses during the day and people attending the Bosco centre in the evenings for events such as bingo on a Thursday night for example. In turn leaving no room for walkers expect at residential parking areas. I think the design is misleading and being disguised as Greenway trailhead parking then that will clearly not be the intended use. I believe the intended use is to profit from the workers who currently park for free in the Bosco centre carpark. Having the trail head at Drumrooske is going to cause issue after issue for the residents here.

## Green space being reduced

When looking over the plans for the proposed trail head there is a clear indication that the council want to claim back or repurpose already allocated green areas to allow way for this development. It is my understand that there is a minimum of 15% requirement for a useable green area per population of any given area. I think this needs to be looked into as the proposed plan seems to want to reduce the green area over here.

On the proposed plan there is a small section of the green area just to the left of 1. O'Cleirigh avenue which the council want to reclaim. I would imagine the intention would be to put a small round about there, this would need more consideration. This would bring traffic even close to the houses at O'Cleirigh avenue and should be seen as a danger especially for the first property to have a round about right on the door step. The main field in front of O'Cleirigh avenue was maintained by the residents of the estate for decades. People would pay money towards the up kept of the area and field. It was used by everyone in the estate for years. When Railway Park was in development the new road now referred to as Railway Rd went in. This reduced the size of the available space for the residents to use but it was still maintained and is still used by residents and children here today. Football training for young kids is held there once a week at certain times. It would be a pure shame to see this green area being reduced even further by moving railway road. I believe that the green area we have really makes the estate what it is, it gives it that residential/community feeling and appearance

## Lack of community engagement from planners

We feel that there has been a lack of community engagement from the greenway planners with the residents of the Drumrooske estate and surrounding area. The reason I have to mention this is because they have this listed on the Appendix 4.2: Maintenance and management plan – page 3 of 43. They state the following under community engagement. *"Promote and encourage collaboration with the local community, ensuring their feedback and concerns are taken into account."*

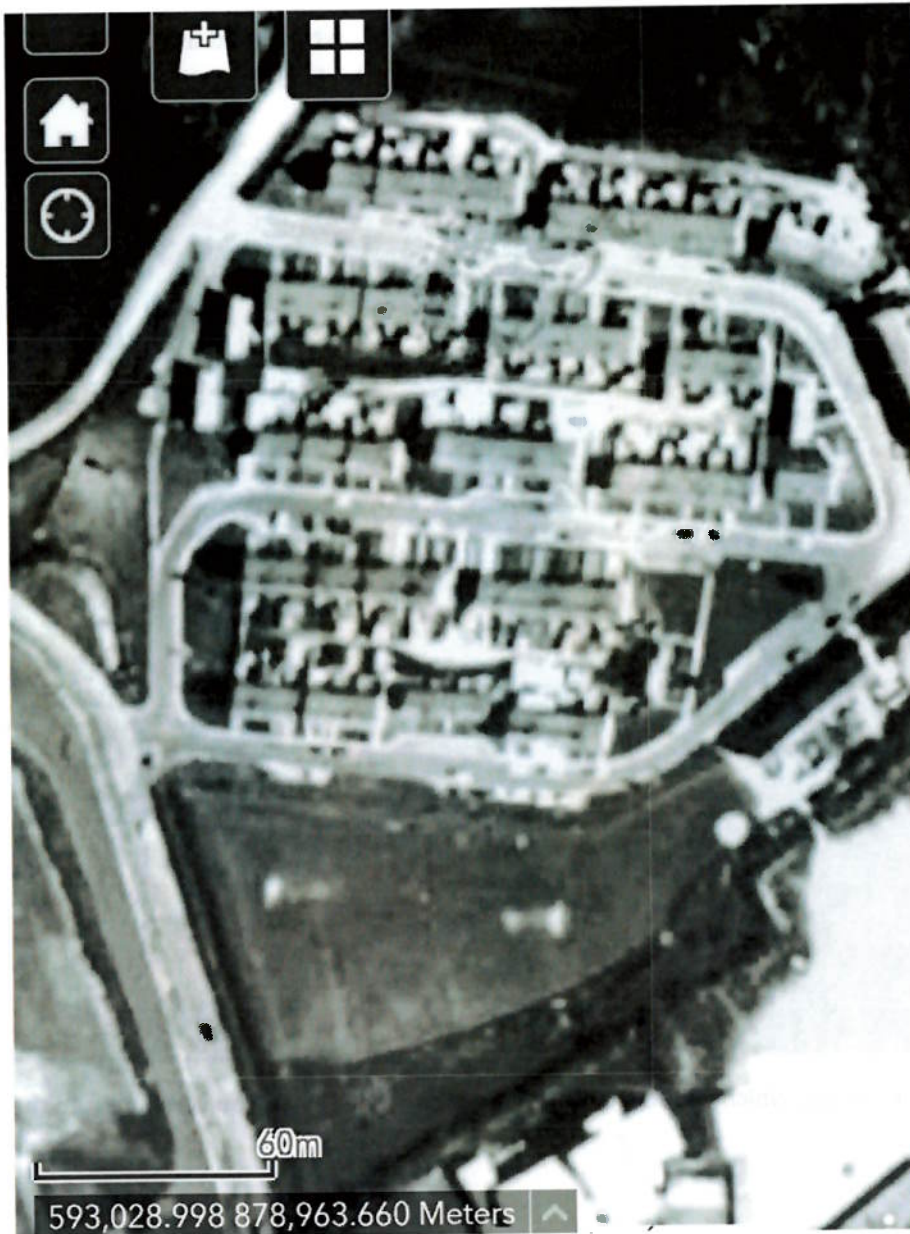
We believe that this has not been the case for the following reasons.

- They haven't taken any of our concerns into account. I personally wrote a letter stating everyone's concerns and they did acknowledge receiving it but there were no further discussions on any of the matters, instead they just continued on with the design.
- Only about 5 residents in the front row houses received the invitation letters to the greenway project consultations. No other residents here received a letter and the trailhead will affect them as well. We feel that everyone in Drumrooske estate should have been informed and invite out to express their views as this affects everyone here in some way or other.
- Once the submission was sent for planning, it is our understanding that plans and notices were to be installed at the areas where the developments are to take place. There is no plans or notices in the Drumrooske estate area about the greenway and more so the trail head which will be one of the bigger developments of the project. I have been looking out for it this past two weeks but no sign of it. However, there is a big display out at Lough Eske bridge about the developments there which are far less significant impact than the Trail head proposal in a built-up residential estate. I was expecting to see a display similar at Drumrooske as the one out at Lough Eske bridge but nothing. A clear indication that they do not want to corresponded with anyone who may be seen to have any objection to the plans. I emailed them about the lack of a site notice and was informed

that the plans are all on display at the council offices to which I replied, why would anyone go looking for plans of a project they know nothing about. Please find attached Image.



Site plans and information at Lough Eske bridge which will see minimal work carried out when you compare it to the Trail heads.



Picture from 1995 shows how the green area was used back then and is still used by residents today. The field was regularly used for football as can be seen above image where the goal posts were positioned at each end.

# RESIDENTS OBJECTING TO THE GREENWAY TRAIL HEAD AT DRUMROOSKE ESTATE

| Name                     | Address                            |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Nicola Miley             | 40 O'Cleirigh Ave Donegal Town     |
| Mark Mullane             | 40 O'Cleirigh Ave Donegal Town     |
| Melissa Mullin           | 14 Millrace Crescent Donegal Town  |
| Colin McCafferty         | 50 O'cleirigh Ave - Donegal Town   |
| Kieran McCafferty        | 50 O'cleirigh Ave Donegal          |
| Teresa McCafferty        | 50 O'cleirigh Ave, Donegal Town    |
| Erin McCafferty          | 50 O'cleirigh Ave, Donegal         |
| John McCafferty          |                                    |
| See Mullin               | 393 Drumrooske estate              |
| Vincent Wilson           | 20 O'cleirigh Ave Donegal Town     |
| Eamonn McHale            | 28 O'cleirigh Ave Donegal Town     |
| Kenneth McHale           | 28 O'cleirigh Ave Donegal Town     |
| Gary Brogan              | 400 O'Quinn Ave Donegal Town       |
| Maria Brogan             | 400 O'Quinn Ave, Donegal Town      |
| Marguerite Wilson        | Drumrooske estate                  |
| James Wilson             | 10 O'cleirigh Avenue,              |
| Deirdre Breslin          | 27 O'cleirigh Avenue               |
| Alicia Rooney            | 6 O'cleirigh Avenue Donegal Town   |
| Tracy Connaghan          | 13 O'cleirigh Avenue               |
| Natalia Shields          | 13 O'cleirigh Avenue               |
| Alex Boyd                | 12 O'cleirigh Avenue               |
| Angie Johnston           | 12 O'cleirigh Avenue               |
| Chloe Nelson             | 396 O'maolchonaire Ave             |
| Bernie Keane             | 27 O'maolchonaire Ave Donegal      |
| Charles & Susan Sheridan | 21 O'maolchonaire Ave Donegal Town |
| May O'Donnell            | 13 O'maolchonaire Ave              |
| Angeline Keeney          | 11 O'maolchonaire Ave              |
| Paul Keeney              | 11 O'maolchonaire Ave Donegal Town |
| Bridget Keeney           | 5, O'maolchonaire Ave Donegal Town |

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| α Bidie & Bernie Byrne | Drumrooske, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal |
| Margaret Mc Gray       | 9 O'Maolchonaire Ave Donegal          |
| John Mc Gray           | 9 O'Maolchonaire Ave                  |
| Jennifer Mc Gray       | 9 O'Maolchonaire Ave Donegal          |
| Oliver Bracken         | 333 O'Maolchonaire                    |
| Caroline Walsh         | 11 O'Maolchonaire Ave Donegal Town    |
| Peter Cullen           | 329 O'Maolchonaire Ave Donegal Town   |
| Philomena Walker       | 329 O'Maolchonaire Ave, Donegal Town  |
| <del>John Cullen</del> | Drumrooske est Donegal                |
| Christine Delany       | 8 O'Cleirigh Ave.                     |
| Kathleen McHugh        | 14 O'Cleirigh Ave.                    |
| Anthony McHugh         | 14 O'Cleirigh Ave, Donegal Town       |
| Pat McHugh             | 14 O'Cleirigh Ave,                    |
| Jimmy Gallagher        | 14 O'Cleirigh Ave                     |
| RORY GALLAGHER         | 14 O'Cleirigh Ave                     |
| Ronan McEl             | 23 O'CLEIRIGH                         |
| Kieran McHugh          | 405 O' Donegal Ave                    |
| John Mc Govern         | 328 O'Maolchonaire Ave Co Donegal     |
| Mary Jane Lee.         | 331 O' Maolchonaire Ave.              |
| Jeannie Kane           | 21 O'Maolchonaire Ave,                |
| Paul Delany            | 422 Drumrooske                        |
| Monan Duffy            | 336 O'Maolchonaire Ave                |
| Alice Mitchell         | Drumrooske est                        |
| Cheslea Duff           | Drumrooske est                        |
| Patricia Duff          | Drumrooske est                        |
| Fayla Duff             | Drumrooske est                        |
| Matthew Mittle         |                                       |
| Anthony Corrigan       | 337 O'Maolchonaire F94N/5/46          |
| Tommye SHERIDAN        | 7 MALCHONAIRE AVE                     |