

By Email Only

Frank Nevin
Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development
South Dublin County Council
County Hall,
Dublin 24

13 December 2018

Re: Part 8 for the Grand Canal Greenway between the 12th Lock & Hazelhatch

Dear Frank,

Waterways Ireland wishes to offer its support to South Dublin County Council for the development of the Grand Canal Greenway. We have for some time now been working in collaboration with all of the Local Authorities along the route of the Grand Canal, including South Dublin County Council, to take forward plans to upgrade the towpath and in doing so bring economic regeneration to many rural areas.

The Grand Canal offers exceptional potential for the development of a Greenway, linking from Grand Canal Dock, through the vibrancy of the urban stretches, before extending in splendid tranquillity, through local communities all the way to Shannon Harbour. The long, flat reaches of the canal provide for scenic journeys which could be undertaken easily by a wide spectrum of users; whether they are walking, cycling, in a wheelchair or pushing a buggy.

Connections with local communities is a central consideration of Greenway design, and with animated settlements such as Sallins and Robertstown along the route, visitors would have the option to avail of the services and facilities they already offer. The development of the Grand Canal Greenway presents a significant prospect for stimulating entrepreneurship and for developing a truly distinctive, class-leading and sustainable visitor experience. Novel approaches to accommodation, art installations, and products, reflecting the heritage and essence of the canal, could put the Grand Canal Greenway at the centre of consideration for visits by tourists and locals alike.

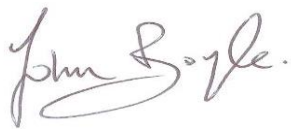
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Waterways Ireland offers its support for the Part 8 application and will work with Council officials to conclude the final route and technical specifications of the Greenway.

Yours sincerely



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