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Associated Documents

None of the above

Environmental Reports

None of the above

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The cost and damage to communities and the environment that a proposed new motorway interchange at Ballaghboy on the Quin Rd would create does not appear to have been properly considered in a time where priority should be being placed on sustainable communities and away from car transport. It does not appear that any logical reasons or needs have been provided for this major new piece of road infrastructure with already further significant development proposed for service stations off the motorway nearby and expansion of the Skehanagh link road. The Quin Road has always been used by cyclists and walkers to connect residents with schools

and retail but in recent years this has become no longer possible as the Council have not prioritised sustainable travel alternatives connecting this side of town. Priority should be given to walking and cycling routes along this road for the large populations living here rather than seeking to cut them off further from the town.

Spending considerable sums on roads that communities in the area do not want or even need makes no sense. This objective does not fit with the intentions to reduce car transport, build stronger sustainable communities and protect the existing environment. The proposed location is also home to protected species and is part of a looped walk recreation area for hundreds of people every day. A far better way to spend the enormous sums that would be required to build this interchange would be to connect the eastern side of town to the existing pitches, churches, schools and shops in the area by footpath and cycle path and thus reduce the need for car transport. This would then mean that the existing interchanges would be sufficient for traffic. Roslevan, Knockanean, Gaurus, Gurteen, Ballghboy and Doora have seen enormous residential development and contributions paid to the Council in recent years and share community services but have not seen any improvement in sustainable connectivity.

Location Map



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