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**Sent:** 13 January 2020 13:35  
**To:** 'Aine Stokes'  
**Cc:** Planning - Plan Review  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed roads and motorway N11/M11

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your submission regarding the County Development Plan review.

Regards

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Administrative Officer  
Planning Control.

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**From:** Aine Stokes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 January 2020 21:45  
**To:** Planning - Plan Review  
**Subject:** Proposed roads and motorway N11/M11

To whom this may hopefully 'concern',

We are deeply concerned. We are very perplexed. We are rallying and organising and informing others, who are also responding with deep concern.

Whether you know it or not, the proposed plans to destroy Delgany, the Glen of the Downs Nature Reserve, the Three Trout Stream, the Bronze-Age hillforts at Downhill and Coolagad, the ancient woodlands church, the Norman toll path, the Bellevue Woods and the Bellevue Demesne and La Touche ruins, the beautiful and historic village of Delgany are not going down well, at all.

Parents, nature-lovers, hikers, cyclists, commuters, riders, children, teenagers, Grandparents, small business owners, residents and locals, and non-residents, ex-pats and foreign visitors; there are so many of us who feel there is no way we will stand for this destruction of nature, biodiversity, our ever-decreasing green space, our beautiful old native trees, our already endangered wildlife, many species of which are listed as you might or might not know on the red and amber lists, and many in fact are starting to flourish again in the Glen of the Downs Nature Reserve and also up in Bellevue Demesne.

In this new decade of eco-crisis, where our own children are waking us all up to the scale of the destruction of this planet and climate up to this point, how in the name of anyone could you honestly think that building more roads and another motorway is a solution?!?!?!?

My husband is one of those commuters, who suffers from the stress of tailbacks and traffic chaos from Delgany to town. He drives to work, with much guilt. He cannot realistically get in to work any other way because the foresight of Governments has been so shockingly poor, as to not create solutions to public transport demands. Ask the people! Read the alternative suggestions. They are there if you are interested. Think outside the box for once, and do not go ahead with these plans. You will be met with huge resistance. Young and old. We are not going to let our natural heritage, our right to our natural heritage be destroyed, uprooted, bulldozed and flattened, covered over by cement and hidden forever. Our children have the right to also enjoy these beautiful parts of North Wicklow,

and with them we will join to say NO, however loud that NO needs to be and wherever we need to say it, if it needs to be outside the Dáil so it shall.

We are facing a crisis with climate change. As you probably know. We need to be creative. If you cannot come up with sustainable, green, eco-friendly and commuter-friendly solutions to the traffic chaos (that we are not denying) please seek advice and ideas from our European neighbours, most notably the Scandinavians and German/Austrian/Swiss for example where fjords and glacial valleys and mountains aren't destroyed for cars, but where clever engineering finds a kinder way. More roads and these disgusting routes are not the answer. Please please go back to the drawing board and come up with real, long-term, sustainable and environmentally friendly alternatives. And aren't we trying to get to zero? With emissions.. why with all of these new challenges would you ever even dream of more road? More car? More fumes? More carbon? More concrete? There will still be congestion - or do you all think otherwise? The hundreds of new houses newly built in Greystones and now sadly up near St Laurence's School are only going to add to the problem. More road won't fix it.

Focus your energies and ideas on public transport for us. That's what we want. In this day and age.. and then you will have achieved something great!

Áine Dowling