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## Chapter 5: Sustainable Travel and Transportation

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We need safe walking and cycling route provision all over the county.

I want to state clearly that we should NOT try to achieve this objective at the expense of the few remaining and critical natural environments which still exist such as the Barrow track. This river environment must be protected as it is. Ecologists generally agree that the river and river bank are not separate environments and need to be protected as a unit. Many of the invertebrates in the river complete some part of their life cycle on the riverbank and need it. Likewise some of our waterbirds feed on the bank vegetation. Pristine water quality is a direct result of a healthy river ecosystem.

What I am asking for is a close examination of all routes through the county/towns and villages. Opportunities for creating safe cycling and walking routes need to be incorporated into this plan. This will address the climate issue by reducing emissions along with being a huge benefit to the health and well-being of our communities.

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**Documents Attached:** Níl