We wish to take this opportunity to make a submission to the NPF regarding Drogheda.

We note submissions by Drogheda Port Company; Fergus O'Dowd T.D.; Senator Ged Nash; Louth County Council et al and concur fully with their observations and proposals.

As a business owner we wish to make a compelling case to Government regarding the single biggest issue facing this country and how Drogheda is <u>UNIQUELY</u> positioned to capitalise on this situation - we are talking <u>BREXIT</u>.

We are asking that Drogheda be promoted as the second tier Financial Center of Ireland - in tandem with the Digital Payments Corridor.

Drogheda has, within a 45 minute commuting distance, the LARGEST population catchment in Ireland (CSO).

Drogheda's mainline rail station provides a fast travelling time of 28 minutes directly to I.F.S.C. The M1 Motorway provides direct access to Dublin Airport; City Centre via Port Tunnel; and the M50.

We would seek to have the IDA recognise this fact by <u>ACTIVELY</u> promoting Drogheda through the provision of Advance Office Buildings via a Public Private Partnersihp.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Drogheda and this country. This opportunity will never come again. It's important that we have people of vision realise the possibility of this "once in a lifetime event".

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