

Appendix Eight of Western Rail Trail Submission on Greenway Strategy July 2017-07-13

This additional appendix to a submission made the Western Rail Trail Group to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport on July 10th 2017 is being submitted on July 13th 2017 ahead of the July 14th deadline for submissions:

Please note the Sligo Greenway Co-op published a tender for a feasibility study for a greenway on the route of the closed railway from Collooney in county sligo to Bellaghy on the Sligo Mayo border , this is the northern (Sligo) section of the proposed Western Rail Trail from Collooney to Athenry.

The tender was published on July 12th 2017, it is vital this tender is seen by the group considering greenway strategy.

The Sligo Greenway Co-op Ltd is seeking suitably qualified and experienced multidisciplinary engineering consultants to carry out a feasibility study on the possible future Greenway along the disused railway line between Collooney and Bellaghy, Co. Sligo to be used as part of a submission on the project to the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport

The full tender can be seen on

<https://irl.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/publicpurchase.asp?PID=115687>

To my knowledge this tender is being co funded by the Sligo Greenway Co-op and Sligo County council, it shows the level of public commitment there is to this project.

Sligo Greenway co-op <http://www.slilogreenway.com/> was founded in April 2015 and is funded by shares issued to the public to purchase at €1 each.

The co-funding for this feasibility study is coming from membership funds, local businesses who are members of the co-op individual citizens who have purchased blocks of ten shares each even from children who have purchased shares of €1 each and become members of the sligo greenway Co-op

This is real people using their own real money to back this greenway project. If the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport is looking for community involvement and backing of a project then look no further than Sligo.

However, in regard to the strategy for Greenways in Ireland submissions from the public being made on this important process, before the deadline of July 14th 2017. It is very important for the Department to take consideration of what is actually happening in Sligo and makes it a high priority to include the Western Rail Trail in the planning of the National cycle/greenway network.

This document can be added as Appendix 8 to the already submitted Western Rail Trail submission from Brendan Quinn sent on July 10th 2017.