

Western Rail Trail

Recipient: Iain Douglas county planner, Peter Hynes County Manager, Lisa Chambers TD, Dara Calleary TD, Enda Kenny TD, Minister Michael Ring TD, Minister for transport Shane Ross, Cllr Michael Smyth, Cllr Sea...

Letter: Greetings,

I have just signed the petition for Greenway on the closed for 40 years railway line from Swinford to Charlestown. I want a greenway on this closed railway not a Velo-Rail which is what the county plan proposed. Following extensive public consultation in 2012 The Swinford Vision for the Future survey was published. Over 1,000 people were surveyed in the Swinford/Charlestown area for this really important survey which Mayo county council partly sponsored. One of the main recommendations of the Survey was to create a greenway (walking and cycling trail) on the closed railway from Swinford to Charlestown, connecting two neighbouring Mayo towns with a traffic free pedestrian and cycling route. In 2013 Mayo county council received almost 300 submissions on the county plan asking for a greenway on this route; Mayo County Council refused to adopt this simple idea for the county plan despite massive public support and despite what the Swinford Vision for the Future survey asked for!

Mayo county council did not receive a single submission asking for a velorail yet this is what Mayo county planning executives put in the county plan, ask why they did this?.

Councillors need to ask the county planning executive why this happened. They need to ask the county planners why the closed railway was conveniently labelled as "disused" in the county plan when the National Transport Authority, Irish Rail and Department of Transport define the line as closed. The use of the wrong definition is important, because it means the county plan contains misleading and false information. Ask the county planners why they refused to use the correct definition of the closed railway line as closed.

Has any councillor or any TD got the courage to challenge what the county planning department did when the county plan was sent back to the chamber following submissions. Why didn't any councillors challenge the planning executives when false information about the closed railway line was deliberately kept in the county plan second draft? The use of the wrong definition of the railway line as disused rather than closed meant the county planners could keep the idea of a greenway on the route out of the county plan.

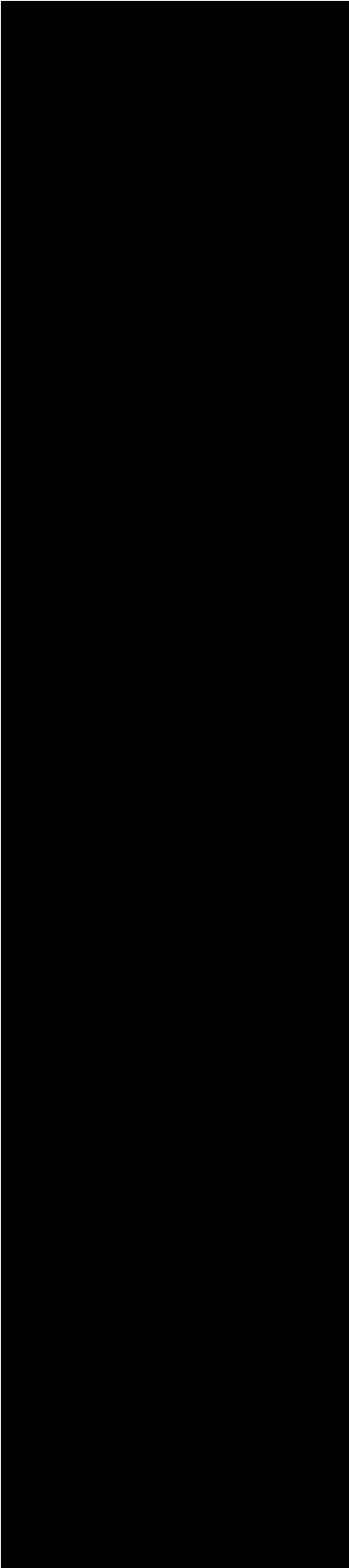
Ask the county management executives why they would not allow the greenway proposal into the county plan. They still need to answer this question and so far are refusing to do so.

Ask the county management why they have wasted public money threatening a greenway campaigner with solicitors letters from the county council solicitors King & McEllin in September 2016. Ask the council county manager how much money was wasted on this process. Yes your county council executive wasted money on sending threatening solicitors letters to a greenway campaigner because he had the audacity to challenge them about the way in which submissions asking for a greenway were handled. Do you know thousands of people want to see a greenway on this route but Mayo county council planning executive, unelected administrators are blocking the will of the people. Go ask your county manager. Why is this happening?

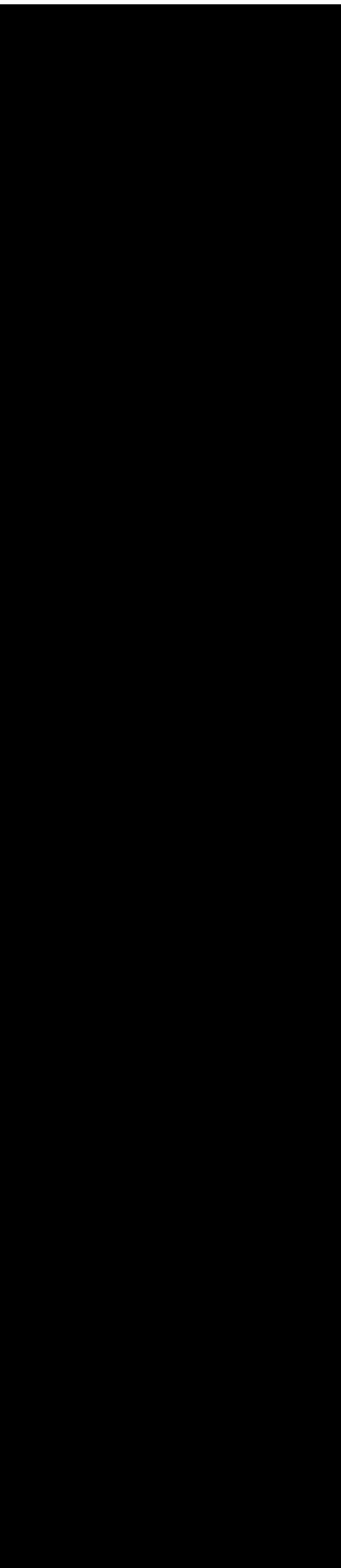
Signatures

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