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From

Kiltimagh Greenway Group

Some selected quotes from petitioners: here are a few samples of what people have written on the Change.org petition page (over 200 individual comments were made by people on the on line petition these few sum up what petitioners have written on line):

■■■■■■■■■■ a resident of Kiltimagh: *"whilst a velorail will attract tourists for a while, Kiltimagh's people will not gain from it. A walking/cycling path would benefit every one. A perfect, safe place for enjoyment or exercise."*

■■■■■■■■■■ a resident of Kiltimagh *"I want my family to benefit from being able to walk and cycle along the track. We all want to be able to use it."*

■■■■■■■■■■ residents of Kiltimagh *"We live in kiltimagh & would like to keep it for my grandchildren."*

■■■■■■■■■■ from Foxford *"The Velo-Railis a great idea , but a walking cycle track would get far more users, and would be good for both locals and tourists"*

■■■■■■■■■■ a resident of Kiltimagh *"A cycle path would be so beneficial to the tourism as it is a safe and free way to cycle that would bring so many tourists to Kiltimagh and Mayo."*

■■■■■■■■■■ United States: a visitor to Kiltimagh *"We come to Mayo and Kiltimagh for the walks and country feel. Sadly the walks are along traffic roads. It would be a dream to be able to use the old railway as a walking and bike riding trail. "*

██████████ from Dublin, a potential visitor to Kiltimagh *"This is something I would definitely do with the family as they love cycling. Otherwise we've no reason to visit the area."*

██████████ a resident of Kiltimagh *"I agree with this campaign. I think that this is an opportunity that cannot be missed for the community of Kiltimagh."*

██████████ a resident of Kiltimagh *The Velo- rail is a welcome project to the town of Kiltimagh. However I firmly believe that the locals need free access to a walking or cycling track alongside the closed railway*

██████████ a resident of Kiltimagh *"A Greenway for cycling and walking should also be put in place for anyone who wishes to follow route for free. A lot of questionable things have occurred in Kiltimagh in the past don't let history repeat itself"*

██████████ a resident of Kiltimagh *"Free access for all is critical for renewing a sense of community for all. People meeting and greeting along a safe walking and cycling path is something that is lacking for young and old in Kiltimagh town. There are less accessible public spaces in the town than ever before. We have already lost the public playground to intimidating private ownership. We cannot let history repeat itself."*

██████████ a resident of Kiltimagh *"It should be public not private"*

██████████ a resident of Kiltimagh *"The public amenity should be open to the public and not privatised"*

██████████ a resident of Kiltimagh *"It would be a great asset to be able to cycle on it as the roads around the town are not at all suitable for cyclists"*

██████████ a resident of Kiltimagh *"I am signing this because I live in Kiltimagh and it would be great for the town!!*

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Mission statement of the Kiltimagh Greenway Group

The petition asking for a greenway alongside the 12 km velo-rail route at Kiltimagh is seeking to enhance the velo-rail facility and be of huge benefit to the town of Kiltimagh. The petition sent to Mayo county council executive and members and the Oireachtas TDs which represent Mayo, asking for a greenway to be included in the planning process for a velo-rail, is not an attempt to stop the velo-rail but an attempt to complement the facility for Kiltimagh and the whole East Mayo area and to ensure Kiltimagh benefits from the WESTERN RAILTRAIL along the closed railway route from Athenry to Collooney which is the subject of a major campaign in Sligo, Mayo and Galway. The alongside greenway should be welcomed by the Velo-Rail backers as it will increase the number of tourists coming to the town and will open up further opportunities for the IRD to generate income through cycle hire as well as velo-rail cart hire. Central government funding is available for the National Cycle Network to be built, we believe with the right co-operation between the IRD, Mayo County council, the greenway campaigners and the Department of Transport both projects will be a great success and will get full and proper funding as part of the sustainable transport programme to build a national cycle network.

The Kiltimagh Greenway group has been formed to ensure the views of the people of Kiltimagh are being fairly and properly represented to the elected representatives in Mayo and Dail Eirrean. For immediate contact details please contact: Bernice Brennan on [REDACTED] and Triona Walsh on [REDACTED].

The contact Facebook page is Kiltimagh Greenway Group

1.0 Introduction:

This document has been prepared to present to Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in response to the open invitation for submissions and proposals in regard to the national planning framework policy document.

This document focuses on the need for a specific project in the Kiltimagh area to utilise the closed railway which runs from Claremorris in county Mayo to Collooney county Sligo as a greenway as part of the national greenway network, this project would contribute to realising **National Policy Objective 23** *To Facilitate the development of a National Greenways Blueways Strategy which prioritises projects on the basis of achieving maximum impact and connectivity at national and regional level.*

This section of railway is officially classified as closed by Irish Rail. It was closed to rail in the early 1970s and is no longer fit for purpose as a railway line.

This document contains the detailed results of two petitions directed at Mayo county council and the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport in 2017 in regard to the proposed Velorail on the closed railway which runs through the town from Swinford to Claremorris.

On 2nd March 2017 an on line petition was set up on the website change.org asking a question directed at Peter Hynes the county manager. The question being asked was this: For Mayo county council to support putting a walking and cycling path for everyone to enjoy parallel with Kiltimagh Velorail on the closed railway either side of Kiltimagh.

Quote from a Galway resident off the petition:

██████████ from Galway: "My mother is from Kiltimagh and I visit family and relatives there regularly. A greenway would be a great amenity and help with regeneration of the town which has been hit very badly in the downturn"

2.0 Petition objective:

To ascertain the level of support in Kiltimagh and surrounding area for a greenway running parallel with the velorail on the closed railway



2.1 On line petition on change.org

The objective of the on line petition on change.org was to ascertain the level of support for a greenway in the locality of Kiltimagh and to bring this level of support to the attention of both the County Council and Kiltimagh IRD the private company which will run the Velorail.

The petition was clear in its aim: ***Having measured the public response to bring this to the attention of both Mayo County Council and Mayo TDs to ensure that a solution could be found to meet the needs of all the people of Kiltimagh.***

In the period from 2nd March 2017 to 30th April 2017 the on line petition on change.org has attracted huge support in Kiltimagh and the surrounding areas of East Mayo. The petition is still open to signatures.

817member of the public have signed the petition on line on change.org

Over 200 petitioners have left personal comments on change.org

Quote from the petition: [REDACTED] from county Mayo:

"I own a house right beside this railway and would live to see it open for public use not just a fee for use. Promote healthy living by providing a greenway."

2.2 Hard copy of line "traditional" petition

In support of the on-line petition an additional paper (hard copy) petition has been available for members of the public to sign in Kiltimagh in April 2017.

This hard copy paper based petition also asked the same question of Mayo County council. That the council should support the idea and seek funding for a parallel greenway to run alongside the part of the closed railway that is going to be used by a private operator as a velorail in order to make this a fully publicly accessible facility.

This second petition has attracted an additional 166 signatures from the adult population of Kiltimagh and surrounding areas

2.3 Public response to the petitions:

The response to the petition has been overwhelming with 206 Kiltimagh residents signing the on line petition out of a total of 817 signatures. The 166 signatures on the hard copy petition include 134 from residents who gave their address as Kiltimagh with the remainder (32) as addresses in the locality of Balla, Bohola and Claremorris.

It is estimated that 34% of the total population of Kiltimagh have signed the petition asking for a greenway alongside the velorail; the level of support to use the closed railway route as a Greenway as well as a Velo-rail route is overwhelmingly in favour of the idea.

3.0 Analysis of the Greenway petitions:

Table 1.0: Analysis by location of people who have signed the on-line petition on Change.org addressed to Mayo County Council:

For Mayo county council to support putting a walking and cycling path for everyone to enjoy parallel with Kiltimagh Velorail

	numbers	% of total on line signatures
Total number of people who have signed the on-line petition asking for a free to use greenway to be placed alongside the railway where the velo rail is intended to go on 12km of the Western Rail Trail route	817	
Of the total on line petitioners number of people who stated they lived in Kiltimagh	213	26.07%
EASTMAYO FACTOR: of the total on line petitioners number of people who lived in a combination of Kiltimagh, Balla, Claremorris, Castlebar, Foxford, Swinford, Charlestown, Kilkelly, and Knock	298	36%

When the on line petition and the hard copy petition are added together the level of support in Kiltimagh is massive, a total of 379 people who state they live in Kiltimagh (or very close to Kiltimagh) have signed in support of the request to the council to have a greenway running parallel with the velorail section of the closed railway. The 2011 census showed a population of 1127 in Kiltimagh.

This means that the petitions have been signed by almost 34% of the entire Kiltimagh population without accounting for any weighting for minors under the age of 16.

This is a huge proportion of the total adult population, which cannot be ignored either by the planning department or by the elected representatives of Mayo county council or by the elected TDs which represent County Mayo. These people need to be listened to.

Table 2.0 Figures of on line petition and hard copy petition of people who live in Kiltimagh and the surrounding area

TOTAL that have signed the second hard copy paper petition only available to sign in Kiltimagh	166
On line petition plus hard copy petition total numbers who have signed in Kiltimagh only	379
On line petition plus hard copy petition total numbers who have signed in Kiltimagh and the greater East Mayo area which includes: Kiltimagh, Balla, Claremorris, Castlebar, Foxford, Swinford, Charlestown, Kilkelly, and Knock	464

The petition has attracted support from across the region due to the support for the long distance greenway from Athenry to Collooney: The majority of signatures (just over 50%) have come from within Mayo with additional signatures from supporters in both Sligo and Galway. Many of the Mayo petitioners simply stated they came from Mayo and did not identify a townland, village or town they live in.

Table 3.0 on line signatures in Mayo Sligo and Galway

On line petition signatures from counties the closed railway runs through		% share of all the online petition signatures
Mayo	409	50%
Sligo	49	6%
Galway	79	10%
Mayo Sligo Galway combined	537	66%

Table 4.0 on line signatures from within Ireland:

Whilst there was interest in this petition globally with signatures from the United States, Australia and many overseas countries, the vast majority came from within Ireland:

	petitioners signing on line petition	% share of all the online petition signatures
Signatures from within Ireland	714	87%

Support from the Diaspora

Over 100 signatures were received from outside of Ireland, based on the comments left by signatures outside Ireland it has been assumed that many of these people from all over the world had close connections with Mayo and the Kiltimagh area, below are just a few examples:

██████████ **UK** "I visit Kiltimagh 3 - 4 times a year with my family of 3 boys and there is nowhere for them to cycle/run/walk safely - unlike London which is full of open but safe places, which seems ridiculous. This is a much needed facility both for locals of all ages and indeed visitors from all over - Mayo is a beautiful county - don't miss this opportunity to keep Kiltimagh alive, relative and an attractive destination for everyone. PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS HAPPENS"

██████████ **Australia** "Public access need to be maintained along this route."

██████████ **United States** "We come to Mayo and Kiltimagh for the walks and country feel. Sadly the walks are along traffic roads. It would be a dream to be able to use the old railway as a walking and bike riding trail. "

██████████ **United States** "I think it's a great idea - cycling is one of the most participated and family orientated sports in the world - there is a huge appetite for this type of thing - not to mention how safe/great it would be for the locals."

There are many other comments all of which have been downloaded and included in this extensive report to the council and local TDs.

4.0 Further background information which supports the results of the Kiltimagh Greenway petition

Kiltimagh Greenway group would like to cite further evidence which shows the level of support within East Mayo for the Greenway project.

284 Submissions on the county plan asked for a greenway in 2013 and secondly the results of a public survey for the county council in 2012 conducted in the Swinford area which resulted in the **Swinford Area Community Action Plan 2013 -2014”**

4.2 284 Submissions on the county plan asked for a greenway in 2013

When submissions were made on the current Mayo County Development plan 2014-2020, in 2013, the county planning department received 284 submissions on the county plan asking for a greenway on the closed railway to run all the way from Claremorris to the county border at Charlestown.

The county council did not receive a single submission asking for a Velorail on this route.

Whilst Kiltimagh Greenway group recognise that it is an extremely difficult process to change the county plan, the group believes that the new petition shows that public opinion has not changed and there is still overwhelming support for a greenway on the route of the closed railway.

4.2 “Swinford Area Community Action Plan 2013 -2014”

The Kiltimagh Greenway Group has also being made aware of the Swinford Area Community Action Plan 2013 -2014” published in 2012 by Swinford Area Community Futures Steering Group, Mayo County Community Forum and Mayo county development board. Mayo county council were heavily involved in the preparation and support of this document and this document was heavily referenced in submissions made to the county council when the current county plan was being formulated.

One of the key recommendations of this document which was the result of a huge public consultation project was for the following to happen:

“Swinford will develop its walking and cycling routes incorporating the Ox Mountains and River Moy. The Old Railway line will be turned into a cycle path similar to The Greenway in Mulranny.”

(Source of quote page 8 of the “Swinford Area Community Action Plan 2013 -2014”)

It would appear that in Swinford, less than 15 miles from Kiltimagh public support for a greenway is a well established fact.

These two facts: 284 submissions on the Mayo County Plan in 2013 and over 800 people expressing a preference for a greenway on the closed railway which runs through Swinford are recent expressions of public opinion which are reconfirmed in the recent Kiltimagh Greenway petition.

The evidence of public support for this idea in East Mayo is now overwhelmingly in favour of a greenway.

5.0 Acceptance of the Velo-Rail and how a greenway will enhance the project

The petitioners to Mayo County Council and local TDs accept that the Velo-rail idea has been written into the county plan, and changing the county plan which received an overwhelming number of submissions asking for a greenway will be difficult until 2020; however the expectation in the next county plan is that the Council will recognise the overwhelming demand there is for a greenway on this route, which is the accepted international best practice for protecting closed railway routes.

The petitioners accept that Kiltimagh IRD have been very successful in securing seed funding of €180,000 to start the velo rail project and welcome this investment in Kiltimagh.

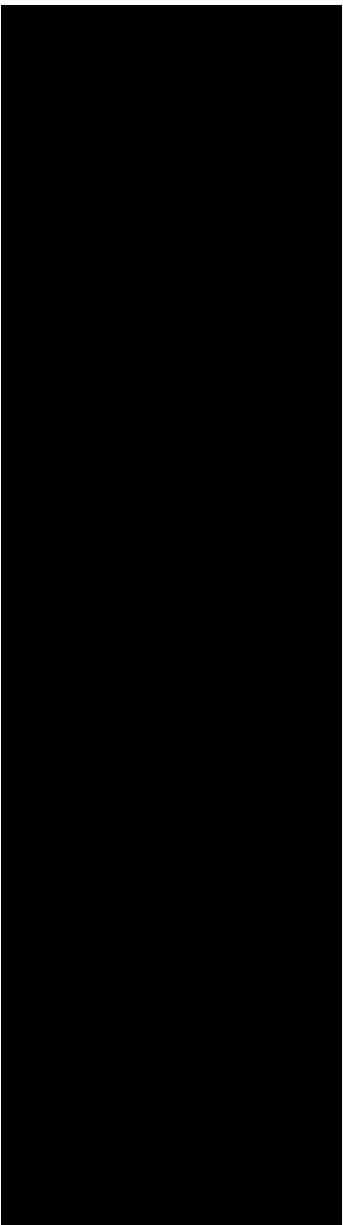
The objective of this petition is not to stop the velorail but to enhance it.

- The Petitioners see no reason why the strip of land which the closed railway runs along which is proposed to be used as the velorail route on the closed railway 6km north and 6km south of Kiltimagh should not also include a free to use greenway for the benefit of local residents. This will also ensure Kiltimagh enjoys the benefits of being part of the national cycle network when the Western Rail Trail on the route of the closed railway is finally accepted as government policy.
- The petitioners do not accept that the route should be socially exclusive only to be used by pay to use velo-rail users.
- The petitioners are also aware of the strong lobby groups in Sligo and Galway campaigning for a greenway on the closed railway: The Sligo Greenway Co-op and in Galway – The Tuam Greenway Action Group are successfully campaigning for the closed railway line to be utilised as a greenway, which will protect the route until such time (if ever) that a railway becomes possible. The Sligo greenway co-op is now in advanced discussions to progress the greenway from Collooney to the county border at Bellaghy with Sligo county council. The Tuam Greenway Action Group is working with Galway county council to progress the Athenry to Mayo county border greenway.
- The petitioners are concerned that East Mayo and Kiltimagh in particular will miss out greatly if a greenway running from Collooney in Sligo to Bellaghy on the mayo/Sligo border is built, and a greenway from Athenry in Galway to the county border with Mayo at Milltown is also built on the closed railway route. The opportunity to link these two proposed greenways utilising the closed railway within Mayo will be obvious to form an integral part of a greenway that will run from Dublin to Achill, the Kiltimagh section of the greenway will be an integral part of a national greenway network if the closed railway from Athenry to Collooney is built as a greenway
- The need for a greenway parallel to the closed railway on the 12km Kiltimagh velo-rail section will benefit Kiltimagh hugely. The proposed linking of the Dublin-Galway greenway with the proposed Western Rail Trail Greenway from Athenry to Collooney and to have a Mayo connection to the Great Western Greenway via the Castlebar – Turlough House greenway is an opportunity Kiltimagh must not miss out on because of the huge passing trade this will bring through the town.

6.0 The petitioners and the comments made on line

Below are listed the names of all the petitioners who signed the on-line petition, on change.org also downloaded are all the comments people made on line after they had signed the petition. These comments are critical for Mayo County Council to read and realise the feeling that exists about this subject. The county manager, the four TDs representing Mayo, the county planner will have received an automated email from every petitioner in regard to this matter so each name can be verified against emails the council have received from change.org

The 817 On line petitioners on change.org listed by town city and by county

The petitioners have been sorted by city/town and then by county				
Name	City	county	Country	date signed on line petition
	Eagle River	Alaska	United States	03/03/17
	Berkeley	California	United States	02/04/17
	Berkeley	California	United States	02/04/17
	Berkeley	California	United States	04/04/17
	Oakland	California	United States	10/04/17
	Gorey	clare	Ireland	02/03/17
	Athenry	galway	Ireland	07/03/17
	athenry	galway	Ireland	20/03/17
	Athenry	galway	Ireland	10/04/17
	Ballinrobe	galway	Ireland	10/04/17
	Ballyglunin	galway	Ireland	06/03/17
	Ballyglunin	galway	Ireland	10/04/17
	Claregalway	galway	Ireland	02/03/17
	Galwasy	galway	Ireland	24/04/17
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	Tuam	galway	Ireland	24/04/17
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	Buffalo Grove	Illinois	United States	06/04/17
	Chicago	Illinois	United States	10/03/17
	Grayslake	Illinois	United States	25/04/17
	Midlothian	Illinois	United States	10/03/17
	Normal	Illinois	United States	11/03/17
	Schaumburg	Illinois	United States	02/04/17
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The hard copy petitioners: These are 166 signatures provided on the hard copy (non internet) petition that was available to sign for non internet users in Kiltimagh in April 2017

This petition allowed those who do not use the internet to add their voice to support the need for a Walking/Cycling (safety) track or greenway to run alongside the section of the closed railway for 6km either side of Kiltimagh going to be used as a Velo-Rail.

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Kiltimagh Petition for a Greenway to be placed parallel with the proposed Velo-Rail Route on the closed railway – also available to sign on line at change.org

Petition to: Mayo county council, Kiltimagh IRD and Mayo TDs Michael Ring, Lisa Chambers, Dara Calleary and Enda Kenny

1. The Kiltimagh Velorail project sponsored by Kiltimagh IRD is being funded by a grant secured with the help of Michael Ring TD.
2. The velo-rail project on the closed railway for 6 km either side of Kiltimagh is welcome and will bring visitors into the town;
3. However, we the undersigned also ask to make the facility socially inclusive for the local community of Kiltimagh and surrounding areas that a walking and cycling track (greenway) should be placed alongside the closed railway so that locals can use the facility as a free to use leisure facility.

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		ellenamora		31/3/17
		1214MCH		31/3/17
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		Kiltimagh			11/4/17
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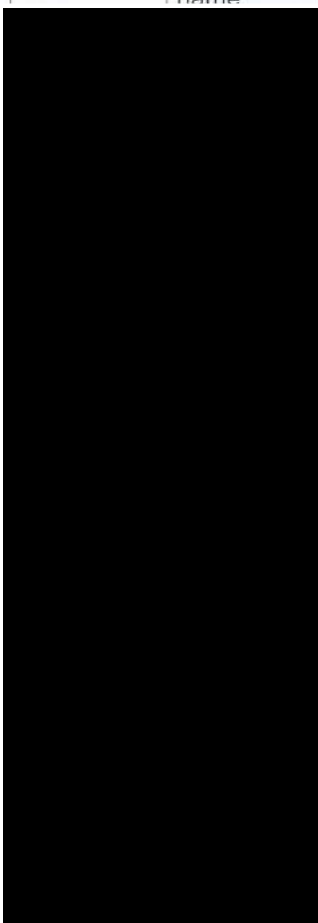
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		Kiltimagh			10/4/17
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		5 Kilmore Heights Kiltimagh			11/4/17
		Kiltimagh			12/4/17
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		Kiltimagh		0879637223	12/4/17
		Kiltimagh			12/4/17
		Kiltimagh		0892211037	20/4/17
		Kiltimagh		0838683713	20/06/17

The comments made on line by 234 of the 817 on line petitioners

The table below has been downloaded directly from the Change.org website. When people sign the on line petition they are invited to make a comment as to why they have signed the petition.

It is strongly recommended that Mayo county council planning executive, TDs who represent Mayo and members of Mayo county council chamber take time to read these comments which have been made by the public. In total of the 817 people who signed the petition 234 people added their own personal comment as to why they supported the petition.

Real people with real comments that politicians and administrators need to listen to, the comments are personal, candid and to the point, the opinions are not necessarily the views of the Kiltimagh Greenway Group but nevertheless are comments made by the public on an open public petition. The public need to be listened to.

	Name	City/town	Country	Signed On	Comment
1		Boyle	Ireland	02/03/2017	Keeping this route exclusively for people with lots of money is unfair to local people. Put in an accessible trail alongside it and everybody gets access to it.
2		Manama	Bahrain	02/03/2017	I am signing because this makes common sense and is in the interest of the community
3		Dublin	Ireland	02/03/2017	Walking brings lots of tourists into an area and improves local economies in a clean, green way
4		Sligo	Ireland	02/03/2017	We need walking and cycling tourism.
5		Enniscrone	Ireland	02/03/2017	It really should happen as a safety measure in any event, to allow access to the velo-rail cars on the track, the planning application for the project has not yet been submitted so maybe it will appear in the Planning application when it is made.
6		Claregalway	Ireland	02/03/2017	I'm originally from Kiltimagh and my heart is still there. I believe this will be a huge boost to the area ☺
7		Dublin	Ireland	02/03/2017	Really important and beneficial to the area.

8		Mallow	Ireland	02/03/2017	I visit Mayo a lot and these facilities are needed!
9		dublin	Ireland	02/03/2017	most of my family are in the Kiltimagh area and this is a great idea for the community !
10		Kiltimagh	Ireland	02/03/2017	It will get more use if multi functional.
11		Mayo	Ireland	02/03/2017	This velorail idea is like something from Huckleberry Finn. Why should we have to pay to go so far, then turn around? Joke! Greenway is the only way
12		Dublin	Ireland	02/03/2017	As a regular visitor to the west of Ireland, with a holiday home, shared by a very large extended family we would love to have a cycle path to augment the velo rail project. This would enhance the facility at very little extra cost but the dividend would be enormous benefiting the local communities.
13		claremorris	Ireland	02/03/2017	IT CAN BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL IN MAYO
14		Dunleer	Ireland	02/03/2017	You know it makes sense
15		Cornwall	Canada	02/03/2017	ita a good idea
16		Liverpool	United Kingdom	02/03/2017	An amenity like this would improve the health and wellbeing of local residents and attract tourists
17		Dublin	Ireland	02/03/2017	I love cycling and we should be continually encouraging the sport in safe off- road areas such as old railway lines, alongside can always etc. It's such a nice way for families to enjoy our beautiful countryside.
18		Corrigeenroe	Ireland	02/03/2017	I am an avid walker and support the objectives of the petition.
19		Wirral	United Kingdom	02/03/2017	As a regular visitor to the West of Ireland, having a cycle way in Kiltimagh will be a great local amenity and will also help attract visitors to the area.
20		West Cossackie	United States	02/03/2017	It's truly needed!
21		Dublin	Ireland	02/03/2017	The west needs more tourist attractions

22		Mayo	Ireland	02/03/2017	It makes so much sense to cater for everyone and make the path alongside the tracks from the start
23		edinburgh	United Kingdom	02/03/2017	A cycle path would open up tourist options and allw locals to cycle safely
24		Dublin	Ireland	02/03/2017	What a brilliant idea
25		Kildare	Ireland	02/03/2017	This would be a great amenity for residents and visitors alike!
26		Kiltimagh	Ireland	02/03/2017	I believe that there should be a walking and cycling path for all of Kiltimagh to enjoy.
27		Leitrim	Ireland	02/03/2017	Its the right thing to do.
28		KILTIMAGH	Ireland	02/03/2017	Greenways have the potential to attract significant large number of tourists and should be as inclusive as possible catering for all. Surely 'Linkage' should be the significant byword used by IRD as in the past when linking the Hotel in Kiltimagh with Hotels in Ballyvaughan and Donegal!!
29		Mayo	Ireland	02/03/2017	I would like a safe place to cycle with my children.
30		Kiltimagh	Ireland	02/03/2017	In order to include everyone it should be open to walking & cycling
31		Ballina	Ireland	02/03/2017	I am signing this because cycling and walking are free to all, great exercise and we need to build a healthy nation and provide safe paths to do so. The Great Western Greenway is a prime example of the prosperity such a path brings to an area.
32		Roosky	Ireland	02/03/2017	Because this is my home town & we need to do anything we can to provide activities for visitors & locals alike.
33		Swinford	Ireland	02/03/2017	To improve all the local towns in south Sligo east mayo and Galway
34		Swinford	Ireland	02/03/2017	We need somewhere to cycling and walk safe
35		Dublin	Ireland	02/03/2017	It's just so important for health and enjoyment for everyone
36		Mayo	Ireland	02/03/2017	We need safe off-road dedicated cycling paths to encourage people to enjoy recreational cycling.
37		Kiltimagh	Ireland	02/03/2017	A walking/cycle path would be a great resource to have for the people of Kiltimagh!

38		Liverpool	United Kingdom	02/03/2017	This would be a great amenity for locals and tourist and get some exercise as well
39		Tuam	Ireland	02/03/2017	The West needs a health infrastructure.
40			Australia	02/03/2017	Public access need to be maintained along this route.
41		Eagle River	United States	03/03/2017	Anytime you can encourage the public to enjoy the out of doors is a major plus!
42		Swinford	Ireland	03/03/2017	This is a great idea and certainly worth a feasibility study at the very least. Towns like Kiltimagh and Swinford are in dire need of some investment and on the face of it, this would provide a resource that locals and tourists can benefit from.
43		Dublin	Ireland	03/03/2017	I'm such a nice guy
44		Kiltimagh	Ireland	03/03/2017	It would be a great asset in keeping the town alive
45		Sligo	Ireland	03/03/2017	We Need A Greenway to get the tourists in in the first place.
46		Charlestown	Ireland	03/03/2017	We need this..a safe place to walk and cycle with our kids.☺
47		London	United Kingdom	03/03/2017	It sounds like a good idea and the right time to do it.
48		London	United Kingdom	03/03/2017	It sounds like a good idea and the right time to do it.
49		Kiltimagh	Ireland	03/03/2017	Think it is much needed in the area and a great idea.
50		Arranmore Donegal.	Ireland	03/03/2017	To restrict this section to Velorail would be a lost opportunity. It would be far more inclusive and add to tourism if in addition a greenway for cycling and walking was included. You would achieve far greater tourism numbers as well as keeping the conduit open for connection with proposed greenway on the rest of the rail route. As a doctor promoting family orientated aerobic exercise is one of the ways of combatting the epidemic of inactivity that is now present in society.

51		Cloughjordan	Ireland	03/03/2017	I'm signing because it makes good sense to max out the opportunities.....
52		KILTIMAGH	Ireland	03/03/2017	gREENWAY FOR DISUSED RAILWAYS.....A NO-BRAINER. FANTASTIC FOR HEALTH, AND TOURISM
53		Charlestown	Ireland	03/03/2017	A velorail is not something I would be interested in but a greenway cycle lane certainly is. Mike
54		Fort Lee	United States	03/03/2017	I think its a great idea - cycling is one of the most participated and family orientated sports in the world - there is a huge appetite for this type of thing - not to mention how safe/great it would be for the locals.
55		Tubbercurry	Ireland	03/03/2017	Kiltimagh will be a more attractive place for residents and visitors
56		Kiltimagh	Ireland	03/03/2017	Kiltimagh deserves a safe walking area and the railway line is ideal for this facility
57		Dublin	Ireland	03/03/2017	It makes sense. Anything that promotes walking is a plus in my book.
58		Mayo	Ireland	03/03/2017	I support a walking and cycling track
59		Knock, Co Mayo,	Ireland	03/03/2017	Safe places to walk are essential in everyour community.
60		galway	Ireland	03/03/2017	We really need more amenities in the west of Ireland that all people can use.
61		Bohola	Ireland	03/03/2017	A walking , cycling path would be brilliant. Safe for families off the road
62		Dublin	Ireland	03/03/2017	A cycle track would be a great addition to the area
63		Kiltimagg	Ireland	03/03/2017	1
64		Manchester	United Kingdom	03/03/2017	brilliant idea, hope it gets passed for everyone to enjoy!!!
65		Mayo	Ireland	03/03/2017	A cyclist
66		Galway	Ireland	03/03/2017	Not everyone will be able to use the rail line. A walking/cycle lane would make it a beautiful socially inclusive experience for everyone. If some are excluded due to the lack of a walk/cycle lane, then it will not be used to its full capacity which would be a shame. Do the right thing first time and see

					the benefits.
67		Kiltimagh	Ireland	03/03/2017	If would be a shame not to make full use of the old railway. Forward thinking.... if it was in Dublin it would happen with out any petition!!樂
68		Dublin	Ireland	03/03/2017	Makes it an ideal location for Walking, Cycling or Hiking for the enthusiast and casual walkers, cyclers' or hikers alike.
69		Dubliln	Ireland	04/03/2017	I lived and worked in Kilkelly for many years before departing for the US. I truly love returning home and there is need for amenities to boost tourist traffic and encourage Ecom-tourism to enhance local employment job creation and jobs to ensure the youth may gain employment locally.
70		Galway	Ireland	04/03/2017	It's beneficial in terms of health and tourism to the local economy
71		kiltimagh	Ireland	04/03/2017	This is a great opportunity to make full use of the old railway line and add to the experience of the Velorail by incorporating a cycling and walking lane so that everyone can walk and cycle in a safe environment. There is also the option for people to use the outdoor fitness park and visit the Museum and Railway Carriages in the same area.
72		kiltimagh	Ireland	04/03/2017	Having a walking and cycling path adjoining the Velorail would appeal to all and enhance the tourism experience also.
73		Dublin and Kiltimagh	Ireland	04/03/2017	I would love to be able to walk through the beautiful countryside around Kiltimagh, safe from high speed traffic.
74		Sligo	Ireland	04/03/2017	This needs to happen as well as the other greenways to consider!
75		Mayo	Ireland	04/03/2017	Great idea and well deserved for the people in the area..
76		Foxford	Ireland	04/03/2017	Rural areas need to develop any attraction to entice tourists
77		Dublin	Ireland	04/03/2017	Regular visitor and cyclist
78		Castlebar Mayo	Ireland	04/03/2017	A Greenway is such a huge asset to an area

79		Kiltimagh	Ireland	04/03/2017	We'll get the most out of the Velorail/railway/greenway.
80		Mayo	Ireland	05/03/2017	The velo rail project is a welcome and imaginative use of existing infrastructure. However not taking the opportunity to provide a walking and cycling amenity in tandem with this would be a foolish waste of an opportunity.
81		Kiltimagh	Ireland	05/03/2017	Why wouldn't I want this project to go ahead to enhance our tourism and get people fit and out and about.
82		Mayo	Ireland	05/03/2017	I'm a local of this town and think it would attract great tourism to the area.
83		Castlebar	Ireland	05/03/2017	Another essential amenity for the local and tourists in the area!
84		Naas	Ireland	05/03/2017	Signing because it makes sense & when you see how other counties do tourism - mayo is a poor cousin
85		Castlebar	Ireland	05/03/2017	Anything that involves getting out and about and meeting up with the locals and also contributes to health and wellbeing has to be a great idea.
86		Killarney	Ireland	05/03/2017	This is a fantastic idea! It would be very well used
87		Ballyhaunis Co Mayo	Ireland	05/03/2017	I think it's badly needed and a brilliant idea.
88		Dublin	Ireland	05/03/2017	it's a great idea to promote outdoors activities
89		Teddington	United Kingdom	06/03/2017	I visit Kiltimagh 3 - 4 times a year with my family of 3 boys and there is nowhere for them to cycle/run/walk safely - unlike London which is full of open but safe places, which seems ridiculous. This is a much needed facility both for locals of all ages and indeed visitors from all over - Mayo is a beautiful county - don't miss this opportunity to keep Kiltimagh alive, relative and an attractive destination for everyone. PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS HAPPENS
90		Tuam	Ireland	06/03/2017	Public amenities should be as broad ranging as possible and cycling and walking are the main national pastime and it would be great to broaden the appeal of this amenity.
91		Belfast	Ireland	06/03/2017	Swinford

92		Balla	Ireland	06/03/2017	Should have been done along time ago.
93		Kiltimagh	Ireland	06/03/2017	Im from kiltimagh this would be a great resource for the town
94		Swinford	Ireland	06/03/2017	I'm signing because I need the exercise and this would be quiet close to where I live
95		Sligo	Ireland	07/03/2017	It is a safe way to cycle and see different places
96		Galway	Ireland	07/03/2017	This is a very valuable resource for locals and visitors alike.
97		Swinford	Ireland	07/03/2017	I highly approve of the Kiltimagh Project because it will encourage people to take walks and cycle on a safe path. Well done to the Kiltimagh IRD for sponsoring this excellent scheme!
98		Dublin	Ireland	07/03/2017	A Greenway cycle and walking trail would go along way to help eradicate rural isolation not to mention the benefits it would bring for both the physical and mental health of the communities along its route. With the childhood obesity epidemic Ireland is now facing more facilities like this are of the upmost importance.
99		DUBLIN	Ireland	07/03/2017	I am from Mayo originally and believe that creating cycle tracks along all the disused railway lines would go along way to aiding tourism in rural areas, create massive health benifits for locals whilst n tandem boast rural economy. It worked along the green way it just needs extending.
100		Co Mayo	Ireland	07/03/2017	This would be a wonderful addition to our town.
101		Kiltimagh	Ireland	07/03/2017	I'm signing because this is opportunity to blow life to our area!
102		Dublin	Ireland	07/03/2017	What a success the Greenway has been. Just do it.
103		Athenry	Ireland	07/03/2017	I want facilities like these
104		Mayo	Ireland	07/03/2017	IT WILL BE A GREAT TOURIST ATTRACTION ALSO VERY SAFE FOR LOCALS
105		Kiltimagh	Ireland	07/03/2017	I'm a local that thinks this would be a great addition for the town and a safer walking route for everyone in the winter months.
106		Kiltimagh	Ireland	08/03/2017	A Greenaway for cycling and walking should also be but in place for anyone who wishes to follow route for free. A lot of questionable things have occurred in kiltimagh in the past don't let history repeat itself

107		Kiltimagh	Ireland	08/03/2017	I am signing this because I live in kiltimagh and it would be great for the town!!
108		Mayo	Ireland	08/03/2017	Great for exercise and taking the kids on a save traffic free route.parents can relax knowing they are safe to run and cycle ahead.great idea
109		Kiltimagh	Ireland	08/03/2017	We want a free greenway in Kiltimagh
110		kiltimagh. mayo	Ireland	08/03/2017	This belongs to the people and should benefit the people of Kiltimagh
111		Kiltimagh	Ireland	08/03/2017	I think this would be a great addition to the town and something that all the local community will make use of use.
112		Balla	Ireland	08/03/2017	That disused railway should belong to the people for their enjoyment
113		Mayo	Ireland	08/03/2017	Land should be greenway & free to public
114		kiltimagh	Ireland	08/03/2017	Its a worthwhile project
115		Kiltimagh	Ireland	08/03/2017	Local facility to benefit all in the community!!!! See what happened to our public playground!!!
116		Kiltimagh	Ireland	08/03/2017	I regularly walk the railway line and believe it should be a free and accessible amenity for everyone
117		Claremorris	Ireland	08/03/2017	I live in Claremorris and do go to Kiltimagh to Maghu's Castle this would be lovely to do aswell make it a day out
118		Kiltimagh	Ireland	08/03/2017	Unbelievable that it is not part of the plan for the old railway line!
119		Millis	United States	09/03/2017	I visit and walk there and my family love it there
120		Templeogue	Ireland	09/03/2017	I think we should guard this asset so that nobody can block the building of a greenway which would be a huge asset for the people of Kiltimagh and East Mayo.
121		Kiltimagh	Ireland	09/03/2017	The Velo- rail is a welcome project to the town of Kiltimagh.However I firmly believe that the locals need free access to a walking or cycling track alongside the closed railway.

122		Dubai	United Arab Emirates	09/03/2017	I'm originally from Kiltimagh and have always loved to walk the old railway line - if this denies me free access then it should not happen.
123		Kiltimagh, Mayo	Ireland	09/03/2017	It would be a great addition to the town and a good way of utilising the abandoned railway for a good cause.
124		Kiltimagh	Ireland	09/03/2017	I agree with this campaign. I think that this is an opportunity that can not be missed for the community of Kiltimagh.
125		Tuam	Ireland	09/03/2017	I believe that it would be a great investment in our health, much better than pills and doctors etc. To exercise in clean fresh air - what could be better?
126		London	United Kingdom	09/03/2017	i want access to safe cycle facilities on my holiday
127		Kiltimagh	Ireland	09/03/2017	It should be public not private
128		Swinford	Ireland	09/03/2017	I live near Kiltimagh
129		Kiltimagh	Ireland	09/03/2017	A cycle/walking path would be a great asset to our town.
130		Claremorris	Ireland	09/03/2017	Because it's so important we look after our community towns and invest in national amenities to offer more opportunities for our children. Plus if we can boost tourism for the area the knock on effect will hopefully increase employment.
131		Swinford	Ireland	10/03/2017	I want to see the Sligo greenway from Collooney to Charlestown extended to Swinford and continue on to Kiltimagh. I do not want to see Swinford and Kiltimagh being excluded and losing out (yet again) The under construction Dublin to Galway greenway will bring huge numbers of tourists to the west, this is a "no brainer" to link up to this and bring them to the north west, Mayo and Sligo. Just look at the Waterford Daise Greenway, all the new business's that have sprung up along the route, B&B's, crafts and coffee shops in old and what was once derelict buildings.
132		castlebar	Ireland	10/03/2017	It makes much more sense than trying to open a commercial railway which will never work.

133		Tuam	Ireland	10/03/2017	Seamus Ruttledge
134		Tubbercurry	Ireland	10/03/2017	Keep the West alive.
135		Dublin	Ireland	10/03/2017	This is something I would definetely do with the family as they love cycling. Otherwise we've no reason to visit the area.
136		Vancouver	Canada	10/03/2017	I believe in connecting all the Greenway trails so as to attract cyclists and walkers around the world to experience the beauty of Ireland.
137		kiltimagh, co. Mayo	Ireland	10/03/2017	A necessary worthwhile project
138		Drogheda	Ireland	10/03/2017	Maigheo Abu
139		Kiltimagh mayo	Ireland	10/03/2017	This would be amazing 4 so many people
140		Peña Blanca	United States	10/03/2017	I use the greens pace here and enjoy it very much. I am fortunate to live where these spaces are used and appreciated by not just by tourists but residents.
141		Charlotte	United States	10/03/2017	I grew up in Kiltimagh and my family back there need this
142		Ballinrobe	Ireland	11/03/2017	East and South Mayo need to be heard.
143		NEWFIELD	United States	11/03/2017	KILTIMAGH IS MY HOME AWAY FROM HOME . I TRAVEL 3000 MILES YEARLY AND SPEND 3 TO 4 MONTHS THERE. WITH THE STATE OF COUNTRY IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO OPEN THE RAILWAY FOR COMMERCE AND SECURITY. DO THE RIGHT THING REMEMBER YOUR FUTURE GENERATION. FOR THEY WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS
144		Kiltimagh	Ireland	11/03/2017	It is a great oppportunity to have a safe cycle/walk path placed alongside a velo rail so that all ages can benefit from a much needed community facility.

145		Balla	Ireland	11/03/2017	Two reasons One it has given life and sole back to small towns like Newport. I run the Greenway a least once a week and it is so well used even in the depths of winter. 2. I would prefer my taxes spent on something that promotes healthy and shows the beauty of Ireland than promoting pubs, Guinness and 'the crack'. Not that there is anything wrong with that!
146		Kiltimagh	Ireland	11/03/2017	A cycle and walking path is such a necessary amenity!!! Walking or cycling on the road is far too dangerous.
147		Strokestown	Ireland	11/03/2017	A greenway benefits everyone, encourages people to get fit and will bring tourists into an area.
148		anai City	United States	12/03/2017	We come to Mayo and Kiltimagh for the walks and country feel. Sadly the walks are along traffic roads. It would be a dream to be able to use the old railway as a walking and bike riding trail.
149		Galway	Ireland	12/03/2017	This is a facility that would be of enormous benefit to the local community and a tourist attraction.
150		kiltimagh	Ireland	12/03/2017	I think it is important for local people and helping maximize usage of the amenity
151		Dublin	Ireland	12/03/2017	I'm originally from there and would love to see a walkway
152		Swinford	Ireland	12/03/2017	We really want this facility
153		Swinford	Ireland	12/03/2017	We really would love this facility
154		Westport	Ireland	12/03/2017	If the Council cannot get their act together then they should hand it to the public. then watch how fast this project will get done.
155		London	United Kingdom	12/03/2017	My family used to live near this area and are all keen cyclists. When I come home to visit, which is often, it would be good to explore areas that are not normally accessible. This greenway and cycle path will be good for tourism and entice visitors to return again and again. It's a no brainer really to promote this!
156		Newfield	United States	12/03/2017	Would be good for Mayo, Kiltimagh and tourism. A great attraction and will bring visitors and income.

157		Kiltimagh	Ireland	13/03/2017	It would be good for the locals
158		Sandhurst	United Kingdom	13/03/2017	Originally from kiltimagh I want to be able to bring my kids home and enjoy the outdoors safety
159		Mayo	Ireland	13/03/2017	I own a house right beside this railway and would live to see it open for public use not just a fee for use. Promote healthy living by providing a greenway.
160		Ballyhaunis	Ireland	13/03/2017	I believe in more facilities for the cyclists and walkers in Mayo. Very good for the obesity issues.
161		Sydney	Australia	13/03/2017	Recreational holidays are a great draw for tourists
162		Mayo	Ireland	13/03/2017	It's a must in in Kiltimagh
163		Kiltimagh	Ireland	14/03/2017	I live beside the railway
164		Maynooth	Ireland	14/03/2017	We should encourage exercise and consider locals
165		Knock	Ireland	15/03/2017	A great way to enjoy & see some of our beautiful country.
166		La Grange	United States	15/03/2017	It will be great to see the railway been made use of.
167		Kiltimagh	Ireland	15/03/2017	I would like to be able to cycle on it as t roads are not suitable for cyclists
168		Galway	Ireland	15/03/2017	My mother is from Kiltimagh and I visit family and relatives there regularly. A greenway would be a great amenity and help with regeneration of the town which has been hit very badly in the downturn
169		Kiltimagh	Ireland	15/03/2017	This would be a great asset to my community as it is a small town and needs to attract tourists to boost the economy!
170		Balla	Ireland	15/03/2017	If you out and free , look around and see
171		Kiltimagh	Ireland	15/03/2017	Bring something into the local area
172		Kiltimagh	Ireland	16/03/2017	Great asset to the town

173		Kiltimagh Mayo	Ireland	18/03/2017	A cycle path would be so beneficial to the tourism as it is a safe and free way to cycle that would bring so many tourists to Kiltimagh and Mayo.
174		Galway	Ireland	19/03/2017	it would be great to explore areas that are not normally accessible. This greenway and cycle path will be good for tourism and entice visitors to return again and again. It's promoting health & being outdoors for children & people of all ages. It's a no brainer really to promote this!
175		Athenry	Ireland	20/03/2017	I live in Athenry and see that the benefits to all towns on the route would be massive
176		Oslo	Norway	21/03/2017	The benefit to people's health and the environment.
177		Dublin	Ireland	26/03/2017	We can't have a privately-run velorail disrupting the entire 100km Athenry to Colooney greenway prospect.
178		KILTIMAGH	Ireland	27/03/2017	<p>Now I personally have nothing against the nice people of Balla, Co. Mayo in fact I'm very pleased for them. But truth be told I wouldn't mind having what they have - and for the very same reasons that they have it. I'd like to be able to enjoy the very same benefits that they now have because on Feb 21, 2017 our Taoiseach Enda Kenny, T.D. has only gone and opened the new and improved 'Neighbour Wood' at Balla, Co. Mayo.</p> <p>This scheme he says has been specifically designed to provide accessible opportunities for recreation and regular exercise for the benefit of current and future generations thereby highlighting the social benefits to local communities. Honestly I don't begrudge it to them but I have to admit that I am a little jealous but more than that I'm a little perplexed.</p> <p>More perplexed really than anything else as the considerable sum of €220,000.00 has recently been allocated to IRD by Mayo Co. Council to facilitate the operation of 'a type of cycle-cart' - it's called a Velorail - to the exclusion of everything else for a period of 12 years. And furthermore it appears access to this publicly owned property will be at their discretion and is only guaranteed to their paying customers. YES, you read that right, 12 years. And YES there will be a charge for the pleasure of using it with profits going back to the company.</p> <p>But the good people of Balla don't seem to have in their midst an anomaly, an established body, a Local Development Company, an IRD, which has</p>

					<p>doggedly opposed their request for the provision of free access to a local outdoor place for families to use where they could walk and cycle in safety and where young and old can experience nature and the environment, to see and enjoy forests and the rich variety of plants and wildlife that exist in these rich habitat. No, the residents of Balla have secured an amenity for their use and pleasure and Good Luck to them.</p> <p>Yet again, it seems that the Local Development Company in Kiltimagh, and remember this is A PRIVATE COMPANY with shareholders, appears to have done another deal with Mayo County Council without any consultation whatsoever with the residents of the town and has in essence locked them out of this traffic-free amenity.</p> <p>And no matter how I see it - it just doesn't look like 'Community' Development to me.</p>
179		Kiltimagh	Ireland	31/03/2017	<p>The community of Kiltimagh deserves full and open access to the line. There are few areas in the town and hinterland where it is safe to walk or cycle as an adult - never mind as a child - away from speeding, unsafe traffic the majority appearing to be oblivious to your right to be on public roads. Many of us spent our childhoods walking up and down the line. Furthermore, it defies belief that this project might indeed appear as an 'obstacle' of the potential development of a great greenway project which is open and welcoming to all.</p>
180		Kiltimagh	Ireland	31/03/2017	<p>Free access for all is critical for renewing a sense of community for all. People meeting and greeting along a safe walking and cycling path is something that is lacking for young and old in Kiltimagh town. There are less accessible public spaces in the town than ever before. We have already lost the public playground to intimidating private ownership. We can not let history repeat itself.</p>
181		Berkeley	United States	04/04/2017	<p>I enjoyed my bike ride along the railway along the greenway from Westport to Achill so much. I would love to have an option that is so safe and smooth in other parts of Ireland. To see parts of the county that is unique, and only accesible by a bicycle was a special and beautiful experience. To see more of mayo via this special means would be incredible.</p>

182		Foxford	Ireland	09/04/2017	The Velo-Rail is a great idea, but a walking cycle track would get far more users, and would be good for both locals and tourists
183		galway	Ireland	09/04/2017	I'm signing because the decision to proceed with velo-rail without a parallel greenway is wrong.
184		Dublin	Ireland	09/04/2017	I think both the velo-rail and a greenway would be a great combination. NB if it is single line, how do you pass to get back?
185		Cavan	Ireland	09/04/2017	Won't use velorail more than once. Will use walking running cycling path frequently
186		Kiltimagh	Ireland	09/04/2017	I live in Kiltimagh and I would like to see a greenway for my grandchildren. This is a good opportunity for our Community.
187		kiltimagh	Ireland	09/04/2017	We live in kiltimagh & would like to keep it for my grandchildren.
188		Mayo	Ireland	09/04/2017	Kiltimagh needs a little something more
189		castlebar	Ireland	09/04/2017	A cycle way is a good idea
190		Dublin	Ireland	09/04/2017	This is very important for Tourism in the area, it will bring Jobs. It will be a boon to Touring Cyclists from many Lands including Irish who want to travel in comfort and safety off road.
191		Dublin	Ireland	09/04/2017	What a great idea. I visited Mayo last year with my family to ride the Greenway. We all had a great time, would love to go back and travel more routes.
192		dublin	Ireland	09/04/2017	This project makes great economic and social sense for the area
193		Castlebar	Ireland	10/04/2017	I'm signing because this is something every town should have, automatic access to a safe and secure walking track!
194		Dublin	Ireland	10/04/2017	I have come across these velo-rail projects in my extensive cycling touring holidays in Europe but the route always has a cycleway running parallel to the track system so that walkers and cyclists can continue to use the alignments. It's win-win for all potential users.
195		Dublin	Ireland	10/04/2017	I love cycle touring, and I wish to tour Ireland, my new home, by bike. I recently cycled on the Waterford cycleway and it was beautiful - I will definitely visit again - it's a great way to bring in visitors to Waterford

				County and to the smaller towns. and if this greenway opens in Mayo, I will definitely visit it as well.
196	ballina	Ireland	10/04/2017	The tourism that would be generated from a route allowing cyclists to use this route also, like the green way from westport to achill would be of great benefit to the area!
197	Prestwich	United Kingdom	10/04/2017	I go home to Mayo several times and interested in this walk
198	Kiltimagh	Ireland	10/04/2017	I want my family to benefit from being able to walk and cycle along the track. We all want to be able to use it.
199	Mullingar	Ireland	10/04/2017	It is a great opportunity for people to get fit in a safe environment both mentally and physically
200	Longford	Ireland	10/04/2017	There couldn't be enough cycle and walking trails in Ireland
201	Sligo	Ireland	10/04/2017	The immense social and business advantages of these greenways is proven by the success of greenways in other locations both within Ireland and in Europe also.
202	Galway	Ireland	10/04/2017	Please include a walking and cycling track (greenway) alongside the velorail. Many people will want to use this facility and with limited number of velo carriers available been able to cycle or walk along this route is a no brainer. Thank you
203	galway	Ireland	10/04/2017	I'm signing because the country needs to promote cycling
204	kiltimagh	Ireland	10/04/2017	whilst a velorail will attract tourists for a while, Kiltimagh's people will not gain from it. A walking/cycling path would benefit every one. A perfect, safe place for enjoyment or exercise.
205	Claremorris	Ireland	10/04/2017	I can see the great potential for tourism here. I have Airbnb with guests who love the area, quite and safe to stay with plenty of walking/cycling roads etc. This would definitely add to the area.
206	Lackagh	Ireland	10/04/2017	Tried and tested amenity which will be a charming addition to an already lovely part of the world.
207	Sligo	Ireland	10/04/2017	I want a Greenway all the way along this former rail route. They offer safe healthy cycling for all and revitalise rural communities. A Greenway will be

					free to use also.
208		Kiltimagh	Ireland	10/04/2017	It would be a great asset to be able to cycle on it as t roads around the town are not at all suitable for cyclists
209		Kiltimagh	Ireland	10/04/2017	I'm signing because, while I applaud the infrastructural dream of those intent on developing a private enterprise, I want to continue to be able to use the amenity as i have been doing for the last five years - even though this may have been trespassing.
210		Tuam	Ireland	10/04/2017	Such a positive thing to do. What an impact this facility would make in so many ways.
211		Galway	Ireland	11/04/2017	Why not share the facilities for everyone to enjoy a safe place to walk, run, cycle and velorail together. Makes perfect sense.
212		Dublin	Ireland	11/04/2017	Makes a lot of sense
213		Ranelagh	Ireland	11/04/2017	It makes perfect sense!
214		Claremorris	Ireland	11/04/2017	It will improve the tourist industry in the area...
215		Galway	Ireland	11/04/2017	I believe everyone should benefit from a cycle/walkway not just commercial venture!
216		BALLYMOTE	Ireland	12/04/2017	The Greenway for everybody, should be prioritised by Minister Ring ahead of a Commercial product for SOME!!
217		Mullingar	Ireland	12/04/2017	Mayo deserves this.
218		Dublin	Ireland	12/04/2017	I love cycling and I love Mayo
219		Kiltimagh	Ireland	12/04/2017	It'd be nice to see it used again
220		Ballyhaunis	Ireland	13/04/2017	I agree with the submission. I would travel with my family from Ballyhaunis to use this greenway
221		Edinburgh	United Kingdom	14/04/2017	I was born in Galway and it is still close to my heart . I am also a keen cyclist who would love to cycle this future path.

222		Edinburgh	United Kingdom	15/04/2017	I've just used the fabulous Deise Greenway and seen how many people were taking advantage of it this week. The local community and businesses are very supportive too. The more of these in Ireland the better! And I'd love to cycle around Kiltimagh with my family one day.
223		Ballindine	Ireland	20/04/2017	Just build the greenway. Velorail my @\$\$!
224		Galwasy	Ireland	24/04/2017	It's beneficial to all.
225		Galway	Ireland	24/04/2017	It's a great way to see the country with no cars in sight.
226		Ballyhaunis	Ireland	24/04/2017	It's an amazing service!
227		Kiltimagh	Ireland	24/04/2017	The public amenity should be open to the public and not privitised
228		Dublin	Ireland	24/04/2017	I would love to go on a cycling holiday to Mayo with high-quality, segregated infrastructure.
229		Dublin	Ireland	24/04/2017	The cycling and walking path is a good long term decision that will benefit the local people and those visiting
230		Sligo	Ireland	24/04/2017	It's a great idea.
231		kiltimagh	Ireland	24/04/2017	i am signing because I feel that its only correct that a cycle way & running track should run along the railway line.
232		Kiltimagh	Ireland	26/04/2017	I think it is very important that a walking and cycling track (greenway) should be placed alongside the closed railway so that all locals can use the facility at our leisure and to ensure connectivity to the proposed greenway.
233		Mayo	Netherlands	27/04/2017	It would provide much needed tourism boost to west
234		Dublin	Ireland	04/05/2017	It's common sense - would benefit the community no end and would bring in many tourists.

We are asking the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport to consider the weight of support there is for this project as part of the National Planning Framework

- 983 members of the public have signed the petition asking for a greenway alongside the velorail as part of the Western Rail Trail at the Kiltimagh section of the proposed Western Rail Trail
- Over 33% of the entire population of Kiltimagh have signed the petition asking for a greenway and for Kiltimagh to be included in the Western Rail Trail project should it get approval
- 575 of the signatures come from within Mayo, there is strong support from within the county for this project
- Over 800 people in the “Swinford Vision for the Future survey” sponsored by Mayo County Council asked for a greenway on this route in 2012 and 284 people made submissions on the current Mayo county plan (2014-2020)

seeking a greenway when open to submissions in 2013/14 (not a single submission asked for a Velo-rail)

- Sligo county council support a greenway on the closed railway from Collooney to Bellaghy and have written the objective into the most recent Sligo county plan
- Galway campaigners are pushing for a greenway from Athenry to the Mayo county border
- Why can't East Mayo have what the people have asked for? This greenway should form part of the national greenway network and be considered within the context of the national planning framework, it is a vitally important section of the Western Rail Trail from Athenry to Collooney (Sligo), Kiltimagh does not want to be the “gap in the trail” simply to accommodate a socially exclusive Velo-Rail project.

This project will help fulfil the following objectives set out in the draft national planning framework policy document:

Page 43: National Policy Objective 6 “Support regeneration of cities, towns and villages of all types and scale in order to accommodate changing roles and functions and enhanced levels of amenity and design in order to exert a positive influence on their surrounding area”.

And

Page 73 National Policy Objective 23 Facilitate the development of a National Greenways Blueways Strategy which prioritises projects on the basis of achieving maximum impact and connectivity at national and regional level.

- There is proven overwhelming public support for this proposal and we ask it be given serious consideration for inclusion as part of the national greenway strategy being incorporated into the National Planning Framework policy. We ask that this project be named as a project within the National Planning Framework policy as a specific project which will help fulfil National Planning Objectives #6 and #23.