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Western Rail Trail, a greenway on the closed railway from Athenry to Collooney

Dear National Planning Framework Policy public submissions,

[REDACTED] of Ballyglunin which featured in 'The Quiet Man' as Castletown Railway Station. All my family on the Niland side had strong connections working with the railway including [REDACTED]. So after consideration I now want to strongly suggest that the best use for this line is to open it as a greenway for walking and cycling. A greenway on the closed railway from Athenry to Collooney will not only protect this publically owned route in perpetuity it will help fulfil National Policy objective number 6 and in particular national policy objective 23 as detailed in National Planning Framework draft policy document. I am asking that the Western Rail Trail becomes a named and specified project as part of the Finalised National Planning Framework policy document.

Both schools, Galway Business School and Galway Cultural Institute would use this facility for recreation as an organised school activity on the activity programme and individually accessed by students and their visiting friends & families from overseas.

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