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Hello,

A greenway on the closed railway from Athenry to Collooney will not only protect this publicly owned route in perpetuity it will help fulfill 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 final National Planning Framework policy document.

This project would result in a massive health, welfare and economic benefit to the entire area as it would open up a current eyesore and transform it into a key piece of valuable infrastructure for people in the hinterland all along the route.

I currently have to drive for at least an hour to find somewhere safe to cycle with my kids. This amenity would allow anyone in the vicinity of Galway city, to have access to a greenway within minutes. It would easily pay for itself in a very short time.

Regards,

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