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To whom it may concern,

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.

It is in the interest of the North West to promote a healthy safe amenity like a greenway. People can walk or cycle without the risk of traffic, helping to reduce accident rates while also improving general health. Personally I am put off cycling or walking on our country roads because I don't feel safe. Motorists/traffic flow will benefit by moving a number of cyclists & pedestrians off the roads. Small towns and villages will see increased visitor numbers, which have declined recently through the addition of by-passes & relief roads to improve traffic flow between the larger towns.

Regards,  
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