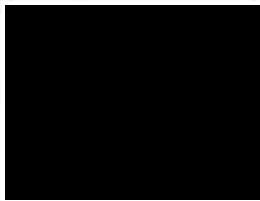


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I note with regret the draft national framework document fails to address city status for Drogheda, despite the advantageous prospects such recognition of status would bring to Ireland's largest town which were extensively documented in the submission that was made at the consultation stage. I am more concerned that failing this, the draft document makes no provision for any strategic plan for Drogheda at all despite the population of Drogheda being over 40000 and growing, and the town having the necessary infrastructure via air, rail, sea and national roads to make it the primary hub for export/import outside of Dublin. I believe that Drogheda needs as a matter of urgency to be afforded special status within the framework document to achieve a just future for the citizens of one of Ireland's most historic and strategically placed urban centres.

Drogheda is clearly the largest town in Ireland as evidenced by Census 2016 yet it is continuously overlooked in successive government plans. What is the rationale for this? What can we as a town do to ensure inclusion in government planning?

Sylvia McCann