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Finish off the Canal linking Waterford city to Tramore which would link in with the Suir -Barrow and Grand canal waterways.

Finish off the George Lane-Fox canal to Tramore.

The original plan was to link the St.John's river with Tramore to allow safe sheltered passage of barges laden with stone and other goods from the river Suir and port of Waterford without having to take a chance travelling along the more dangerous coastal route. The canal progressed as far as where Sheep's bridge is now just past Blackrock on the Tramore road it was dependent on the famine relief scheme and when this ended so did the canal's progress. The railway then took over. Could you imagine being able to leave Dublin by barge and travel the Grand canal ,down the Barrow up the Suir and along the St.John's/George Lane-Fox canal to Ireland's best seaside resort Tramore? Tramore would be connected with the west,midlands east and North of Ireland through inland waterways.

Similar bigger projects have gotten underway in the border counties because they are a disadvantaged region so why not the South-East too? This would be a great source of tourism for the region.

Project in the border counties

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/first-stage-of-ulster-canal-restoration-due-to-begin-in-april-1.2116030>

Some history on the canal

<https://irishwaterwayshistory.com/abandoned-or-little-used-irish-waterways/waterways-of-the-south-east/the-middle-suir-from-carrick-on-suir-to-waterford/st-johns-pill/lane-fox-and-st-johns-pill/>

I would really appreciate if you could consider this submission.

Kind regards,

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