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Hello

I want to make a submission to this plan as I feel a critical situation is not being given appropriate consideration.

Drogheda is Ireland's largest town, and in all practical considerations - including traffic - it is a city. It should be considered as a city. When people think of Drogheda they think of County Louth, yet there is a very significant population who live in County Meath. We live within the town boundary of Drogheda. We are iswithin walking distance of the town and we avail of ALL services in Drogheda (schools, doctors, shops, water/sewerage etc.) yet we are not counted as part of the population of Drogheda. This is highly unfair and counter-productive. Drogheda has a population that would mirror other cities (especially when one includes the environs within a 10 mile radius). There is a large commuting population that commutes into Dublin by train, bus and car.

It is wrong that Drogheda is considered as any small town in a county. The fact that it is split among two counties puts us at a disadvantage for services and even in elections as no one wants to consider that Drogheda has the population that it does.

I strongly encourage you, and sincerely hope, that the objective view of Drogheda - as a whole - is taken into account and it is considered as another city (and all the services that entails) during this review. To do otherwise does not present a true and valid picture of the town and its potential.

Sincerely yours  
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