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Subject: National Planning Framework Ireland 2040 include The Western Rail Trail as a specified project.

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I would be grateful if you could consider including the provision of a Greenway on the closed railway line along the west coast from Athenry to Collooney in Sligo in the final document.

As a valuable asset currently in state ownership this could be developed as sustainable resource for the local populations of the western corridor and also as a magnet for green tourism, providing a safe corridor for individuals and families. Hopefully this can be developed to connect with closed lines in Sligo and Donegal where similar potential exists.

This I believe would fulfil the National Policy objective number 6 and 23 in the National Planning Framework policy document.

It has a lot of community support throughout Mayo and Sligo and would regenerate the areas it traverses socially and economically whilst preserving the route for future rail development if the economics become viable.

The Western Rail Trail should become a named specified project.

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