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I wish to make this submission calling for Drogheda's inclusion in the National Planning Framework and for the town to be designated City Status. Drogheda's large population justifies its need to be included in this Process and its demand to be designated City Status. It is currently the largest town in the country and indeed its population exceeds that of Waterford City.

Drogheda's location on the M1 motorway with its ease of access to the cities of Dublin and Belfast make it an attractive location for investment. It has the available landbanks including an IDA business park to facilitate both further growth in Industry and in Population and Housing. Also its proximity to Dublin Airport and its Rail Service along with its Port make it a prime location for the distribution of goods and materials and access to markets, further justifying its inclusion in the NPF.

Drogheda is in a position to meet strategic demands in terms of facilities and infrastructure, the Lourdes Hospital is the main regional hospital for the entire North Eastern Region. The town is also serviced by a Waste Treatment Plant with a capacity to cater for a further increase in population. Also the recent construction of a new Courthouse has added to the Civic facilities that are already available in the town.

Drogheda also has much to offer in the area of Tourism and Recreation with its rich history and folklore associated with the River Boyne and its historic structures such as Laurence's Gate and the Boyne Viaduct and its many fine Golf Courses in the surrounding area. As well as its inclusion in Ireland's Ancient East tourist trail.

These are only a small example of Drogheda's many attributes that justifies its need for inclusion in the National Planning Framework and its demand for City Status.

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Le do thoil cuimhnigh ar an imshaol roimh priontáil an ríomhphost seo. Tá an ríomhphost seo (agus aon iatán a ghabhann leis) príobháideach agus rúnda agus d'fhéadfadh go mbeadh eolas inti atá faoi phribhléid dlíthúil. Ní ceadmhach úsáid an ríomhphost seo d'éinne ach don té ar seoladh chuige é. Munar duit an ríomhphost seo nó an té atá freagrach as é a sheoladh, tá cosc ar chóipeáil agus ar sheachadadh an ríomhphost seo agus aon iatán a ghabhann leis chuig éinne nó úsáid a bhaint as a bhfuil ann; ní ceart an ríomhphost seo nó aon iatán a léamh. D'fhéadfadh do mbeadh cosc iomlán dlíthúil ar sceitheadh nó comhfhreagras nó aon úsáid eile gan chead ar a bhfuil sa ríomhphost seo agus d'fhéadadh sé a bheith ina chion coiriúil.

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