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**To:** National Planning Framework  
**Subject:** Ireland 2040 Plan Submission

I would like to make a submission to this plan as Drogheda has not been given the proper consideration in planning for our future.

Drogheda is OFFICIALLY the largest town in Ireland, yet it is still being considered as a small town. Waterford is a city even though it is smaller than Drogheda. The population of Drogheda only takes into account the residents of Co. Louth and NOT the greater population that includes East Meath where we and thousands others live.

Even though Drogheda is easily accessed by motorway, train and bus services it consistently gets overlooked for investment and services by the government.

If the greater Drogheda area is considered as a whole and is either granted city or large urban town status that will give us the advantage of be considered in the national planning framework and local control of development which as been taken away from us and given to Dundalk which makes no sense at all.

Finally, I urge you to consider inclusion of Drogheda as a whole incorporating the residents of East Meath such as ourselves in your review to give a true and accurate picture of our town as a whole.

Sincerely,  
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