

I am originally from Bailieborough in Co. Cavan. Once I completed my Accounting Degree in 2006 there was no work in the Cavan area so I had to relocate to Dublin. This was fine but it meant that I had to rent in the city as there is very little means to live in Cavan and work in Dublin and for a country girl this wasn't my ideal plan.

The transport system that supply Bailieborough is quite limited. The Bus Eireann bus service operates from the town at 9.15am which is too late for the people that need to travel to the city. The Bus Eireann service then returns is at 5.25pm which is too early for the people that need to travel home to Cavan. Over the past 20 years there has been an increased number of people from Dublin relocating to the area but they still work in Dublin as there are no jobs for them in the area. This leaves them heavily reliant on their cars as there is also no train service to the area.

The Train to Kingscourt and Cavan town was closed many years ago and it is my opinion that if funding was given to reopen the railway in Cavan area there would be less congestion on the M50 etc.

I personally do not want to live in Dublin as I'm a country girl at heart so would love to relocate but the transport in Bailieborough and Cavan region means that this is virtually impossible.

As well as this if there was a way for the many people in Dublin to live in the counties outside Dublin, and commute by train, would help ease the rising need for houses in the capital, reduce rents and reduce homelessness.

Regards

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