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Dear Madam/Sir,

We operate a successful global tourism brand [www.nextstopwhoknows.com](http://www.nextstopwhoknows.com). Our base is in Boyle, in the NWRA Region, so we naturally have concerns around tourism policy for the Region in the coming decade.

In particular, we see the lack of infrastructure for activity tourism, a sector that has the potential to benefit Western counties if realistic and imaginative policies are adopted by bodies like the NWRA.

We would like to make the following submission in respect of the draft RSES document for the North West Region.

The document ignores the potential for the use of the closed railway line from Collooney to Athenry as a greenway for walking and cycling tourism, and indeed for local amenity.

On page 215 of the draft you list a number of potential routes for greenways, but the obvious one of the closed railway is omitted. It is important to include this route, which would have a significant impact on development in towns all the way from Collooney to Athenry. The proposed Mountain Bike facility in Coolaney would be enhanced by it being served by a greenway; not every member of a family wants to get involved in mountain biking, but most would use the greenway while other family members used the mountain trails.

So we propose that you add this route to the list of greenway routes on page 115, and to the map on page 114.

Yours sincerely,

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