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Submission: I wish to make a formal submission to the review of our Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.

It is exceptionally important to me that the new draft RSES should include plans for a greenway on the closed railway from Athenry to Collooney in order to protect the route in public ownership and to use this publicly owned infrastructure for the economic benefit of our region.

The RSES is an economic review of strategies and objectives. A greenway from Athenry to Collooney would be a massive boost to tourism along the Atlantic Economic Corridor. Tourism is one of our biggest employers in the West of Ireland but to date it is confined mostly to towns and villages along the Wild Atlantic Way. The development of a new greenway which would connect towns and villages from Athenry to Collooney would be transformative in terms of the new tourism activity which would be generated in these locations.